**Key messages**

- **Crop condition:** In Ethiopia, Meher crops that were planted in June and July, are favorable following timely and adequate moisture from Kiremt seasonal rains except in some parts of northern Afar and Somalia region. Currently, harvesting crops underway for sesame. According to the MoA, a total of 12.5 million hectares of land is covered by different crops, and good production is expected regardless of localized hazard (flood, crop disease and pests).

- **Desert locust:** A Desert Locust infestation has been ravaging crop and pasture-land, as well as trees and other vegetation since June 2019 in parts of Afar; Amhara, Somali and Tigray regions. The swarms have produced hopper bands that have covered more than 174 square kilometers (in 56 woredas and 1085 kebeles) and are consuming approximately 8,700 metric tons of green vegetation every day. Support is required to control the devastating impact of desert locust. The current infestation is expected to cause considerable loss of green vegetation, which has direct impact on food security in terms of food gap, livestock pasture and the whole livelihood system the affected rural community.

- **Floods:** Due to heavy and prolonged rains throughout October, Ethiopia has witnessed repeated episodes of flooding in its Afar, Oromia, SNNP and Somali regions. OCHA estimates put the number of displaced at 202,202. Somali has been the most affected region with 127,524 of its inhabitants displaced. The National Meteorology Agency forecasts that above-normal rainfall will continue to prevail across south and south-western Ethiopia, increasing the risk of flash floods.

**Desert locust outlook**

As at 28 October 2019

- Swarms
- Bands
- Groups
- Adult
- Hoppers

**Gaps and needs**

- **The 2019 Ethiopia Humanitarian Response Plan, which requires US$1.06 billion to help 8 million people, is only 73.8 per cent funded. The biggest contribution currently comes from the Government of Ethiopia, which has provided $288 million for the food sector on top of contributions from international donors. More funding is urgently required for nutrition, health, shelter, protection, education and other needs.**

- **World vision Ethiopia has consolidated its 180 days response plan for 2019 response. The plan requires US $ 84.02 m of which 78.9 m funded so far:The funding gap is US $ 5.16 m.**

**Humanitarian needs**

- **8.86 million people in need of humanitarian assistance**
- **4.2 million children in need of humanitarian assistance**
- **6 million people in need of health assistance**
- **6.6 million people are in need of nutrition assistance**
- **7.3 million people in need of water, sanitation and hygiene assistance**
- **Approximately 8,700 metric tons of green vegetation consumed by locusts every day**

**Funding needs**

- **Food security & livelihoods**
  - $1.8 M (32%)  
  - 3.6 M (68%)

- **Health & Nutrition**
  - $1.2 M (17%)  
  - 5.8 M (83%)

- **Food assistance**
  - $60.3 M (100%)

- **Water, sanitation & hygiene**
  - $3.8 M (100%)

- **Protection**
  - $1.9 M (100%)

- **Education**
  - $2.5 M (89%)  
  - 310,000 (11%)

- **Shelter and Non Food Items**
  - $7 M (100%)

**TOTAL**

- **US$ 78.9 M**
- **US$ 5.2 M**

*All financial figures in US$
Response highlights

**WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE**
- Distribution of WASH NFIs (jerrycans, washing basin, bucket, soaps and water treatment chemicals) conducted to 4,596 returnee households or 30,979 people in Kercha and Birbirsa Kajawa districts of West Guji Zone. Moreover, 1,217 flood affected households in Somalia region received WASH and Non- Food Items (NFIs).

**FOOD ASSISTANCE**
- 118,050 beneficiaries received food in regular JEOP program. Moreover, 159,536 returnees in Gedeo-Guji received their monthly food ration.

**HEALTH**
- Under the SWAN consortium project, the imported the humanitarian Medical Supplies were delivered to the SWAN central warehouse. Six types of health commodities such as Cholera kits for case management in health facilities, Cholera kits for community case management, Trauma kits, and RH kits are ready for distribution to Woredas.

**FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS**
- In Mena Sibu Woreda of Oromia region, 2,450 households received their Cash for multi-purpose need which is 1,500 Ethiopian birr. Through the same project, 3,500 households have been targeted for the same benefit at Boklomnyo and Dollo of Liben Zone in Somalia regional state.

**EDUCATION**
- In the reporting period, 998 children (Boys-527, Girls-471) are attending Accelerated School Readiness (ASR) class in Abaya Woreda.
- 21 Temporary Learning Centers (TLCs) were completed and handed over to respective woredas Education offices Kercha-7, Hanbela Wamena-6, Bule hora-6, Birbirsa Kojowa -2 of Oromia region.

**NUTRITION**
- In partnership with health offices of Jarso, Melka Belo and Dila Zunia woredas; 16,185 under five children and 15,910 PLW were screened for Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM). Accordingly 607 under five children treated in Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and Outpatient Therapeutic Programme (OTP) sites, 10 Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) complicated cases refereed to Stabilization Centre (SC) sites and 682 MAM cases linked with TSFP service.
- 74 Health Extension Workers (HEW) and 49 Health works trained on IYCF-e and community Based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM in Melka Belo and Jarso Woredas.

**Response achievements**

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**Food assistance**
- 277,586 people reached with food assistance
- 166,551 children reached with food assistance

**Nutrition**
- 29,750 people reached with food security & livelihoods
- 18,742 children reached with food security & livelihoods assistance

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