NATIONAL OVERVIEW

Current Situation | April/May 2021

Kenya received between 51-90 percent of normal cumulative rainfall. However, localised areas in Lamu, Garissa, Tana River, Wajir, Mandera, Marsabit, and Turkana received about 26-50 percent of normal rainfall. The below-average and late start to the short rains resulted in poor harvests across marginal mixed agricultural livelihood zones, as well as declines in rangeland resources in pastoral areas. This has resulted in ‘stressed’ and ‘crisis’ outcomes across northern and eastern Kenya.

According to statistics from the Government of Kenya, about 2.4 million people are staring at starvation resulting from the persistent dry seasons coupled with crop failure during last year’s short rains season amid a maize (staple food) shortage of 5.5 million bags.

World Vision continues to implement its activities to respond to the emergency through interventions like water trucking and multi-purpose cash assistance.

Targeted Beneficiaries

- Drought affected households whose livelihoods and assets were destroyed by the drought.
- Households with people living with disability who are not benefitting from other cash transfer projects.
- Vulnerable elderly people.
- Child-headed households, pregnant women and lactating mothers.
- Households with no alternative income source.

Our hunger response is targeting 249,500 Beneficiaries among them 116,800 Children.

Over 5 Million USD Needed

Number of people staring at starvation 2.4 Million
Objective 1: Promote hygiene and access to clean water to mitigate waterborne diseases that often emerge during hunger crises.

- Proposed rehabilitation of boreholes and water pans in affected counties
- Water trucking to ensure the targeted communities have access to portable water
- Supporting awareness creation on good hygiene practices
- Procurement and distribution of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) items
- Procuring and distributing plastic water tanks (at least 10,000 litres) for water storage at strategic public places

Objective 2: Food and cash assistance to meet household food gaps and prevent loss of lives

- Commodity prices assessment to develop the Minimum Expenditure Basket (MEB) (estimates of basic commodities considered a priority)
- Registering and verifying vulnerable households and children
- Partnering with WFP, USAID, UN agencies, County and National Governments, private partners and other stakeholders for food distribution
- World Vision Kenya is reaching out to households with cash and voucher programming

Objective 3: Health and nutrition to empower communities, households and local governments prevent and treat malnutrition while mitigating poor health outcomes

- Supporting provision and distribution of Ready to Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) and Ready to Use Supplementary Food (RUSF) in the health facilities
- Screening of children as well as pregnant and lactating women (PLWs) for malnutrition
- Partnering with the Ministry of Health, to support integrated mobile health outreaches in hard to reach areas which involves mass screening, treatment of minor illnesses and acute malnutrition
- Tracing and immunising children

Expected Outcomes

- 15,000 households have access to clean water
- Multi-purpose cash assistance provided to 5,000 children and their families
- 98,759 pregnant and lactating women as well as 105,698 children (6-59 months) facing acute malnutrition reached
Objective 4: Agricultural recovery and sustainable livelihoods to support households and communities grow resilient food systems.

- Capacity building of farmers among beneficiaries in the targeted regions
- Supporting farmers and trainer of trainers (ToTs) on conservation agriculture practices as well as disaster preparedness and early warning systems
- Procuring and distributing appropriate agricultural inputs to increase crop production
- Providing training on relevant climate-smart agricultural technologies to increase crop productivity

Train community agents on effective management of finance through Savings for Transformation (S4T) model

Objective 5: Advocacy on child protection.

Working with existing partners including the local administration, area advisory councils, county emergency response committees, and child focused civil society organisations to ensure that children’s needs are considered in light of the hunger crisis.

- Supporting child rights monitoring and reporting during the hunger crisis
- Participating in coordination meetings and support child protection initiatives

Speak for children affected by hunger

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