

## Situation Report #12 | March 2022

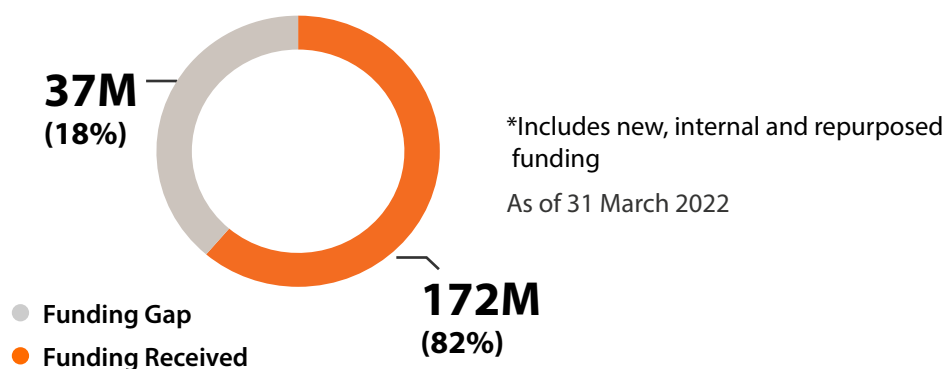


World Vision is responding to the impact of hunger in seven countries in East Africa and requires **US\$ 209 million\*** to reach **7.3 million** people, including **3.4 million** children.

## Key messages

- **A deadly mix of conflict, COVID-19 and the climate crisis have pushed more than 9 million people across seven countries in East Africa to the very brink of a hunger crisis.** Of critical concern are vulnerable children who are experiencing high levels of malnutrition.
- **Conflict is the leading driver of hunger globally.** Every country where World Vision works in East Africa is either in conflict or neighbouring a country in conflict. The region has also endured substantial climate shocks, undermining people's ability to feed themselves, and the economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic are driving hunger to unprecedented levels. Conflict and weather shocks have resulted in multiple instances of large-scale displacement in northern Ethiopia, Sudan, Somalia and areas of South Sudan.
- **Humanitarian needs are immense and the impact on children, including safeguarding risks, is enormous.** This challenging period could also erode human and economic development gains that have been made towards the global 2030 Sustainable Development Goals across the region.
- **World Vision is deeply concerned for millions of children in East Africa, who are enduring a devastating hunger crisis.** According to the Food Security and Nutrition Working Group special report of 10 February 2022, an estimated 5.5 million children are acutely malnourished, including more than 1.6 million who are extremely acutely malnourished, in Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia.
- **World Vision has reached more than 6.3 million people, including 3.5 million children, through its East Africa Hunger Emergency Response.** We are already responding with food distribution in multiple countries. World Vision has re-declared its multi-country response comprising Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda. We aim to reach approximately 7 million people, including 3.4 million children. World Vision has been implementing a multi-country hunger emergency response in the above-mentioned countries for the last 12 months and was able to repurpose and raise new funds, to the tune of US\$ 172 million. However, the needs have insurmountably increased and we require an additional US\$ 37 million.

## Funding summary (US\$) \*



## Key concerns



**9.1 million**

people are experiencing emergency (IPC 4) levels of food insecurity. More than **560,000** people face catastrophic (IPC 5) levels of food insecurity in the region.



**31.2 million**

people are acutely food insecure



**Fragility in the region is acute.**

Continued conflict in Ethiopia, protracted conflict in South Sudan, Sudan and Somalia threaten human and economic development gains.



**COVID-19** aftershocks

ripple through communities with declining income opportunities, lost livelihoods and diminished purchasing power.



**Poor rainy seasons** and

below average rainfall for 3 consecutive seasons in parts of the East Africa region have resulted in below-average crop production, poor rangeland conditions, and rising cereal prices.



**12.6 million**

Internally displaced people



**4.9 million**

Refugees and asylum seekers

## Strategic objectives



1. Improve access to clean water, hygiene and sanitation promotion services to mitigate waterborne diseases



3. Increase access to curative and preventive quality emergency health and nutrition services



5. Ensure protection for children, women and vulnerable groups, including psychosocial support for reproductive age girls and women.



2. Improve access to food for affected households



4. Improved sustainable livelihoods to support households and communities to multiply resilient food systems

## People reached\*



**6,390,226**



**Adults 2,885,049**



**Children 3,505,177**

(as of 31 March 2022)



**185,881**

People reached with access to clean, potable water



**3,331,297**

People reached with (in-kind) food assistance



**261,654**

Children reached with supplementary and therapeutic food



**129,403**

Children reached through management of Severe Acute Malnutrition & Moderate Acute Malnutrition



**1,644,762**

People reached with cash and voucher assistance



**US\$ 41.3M**

Amount of cash and voucher assistance distributed



**94,900**

People reached through primary healthcare support



**372,523**

Children receiving hot meals and/or dry rations through school feeding



**154,920**

People reached through provision of livelihood assets



**4,799**

People receiving psychosocial support

\*The impact numbers take into account the risk of double counting.



Ibo fetching water from a water kiosk outside of her house. World Vision built a water system to bring water closer to the people at the IDP site where she lives.



## ETHIOPIA

- The humanitarian situation across Ethiopia has continued to deteriorate due to the consequences of conflict, violence, economic inflation and natural disasters.
- Close to 7 million people living in the lowlands of Oromia, Somali, SNNP (Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples) and Southwest regions continue to experience the effects of drought, ongoing since late 2020. The situation is not expected to improve rapidly and will require a continuous engagement over the months to come. (Source: OCHA humanitarian bulletin Ethiopia, 23 March 2022).

### GAPS AND NEEDS

- Displaced and recently returned populations are especially having significant difficulty meeting their food and non-food needs.
- Given the current severe drought and uncertainty around the performance of the March to May 2022 rainfall season, large-scale emergency food, nutrition, livelihood, and non-food interventions including water, health, and sanitation access, are critically needed to urgently mitigate an acceleration in food insecurity and nutritional outcomes.

### WORLD VISION'S RESPONSE

- Provided multipurpose cash worth US \$ 286,614 for 28,716 drought and conflict-affected people in Oromia for basic needs.
- Reached more than 1,900 people through provision of vaccines for prevention and drugs for treatment of livestock diseases..
- More than 300 children reached through World Vision-supported Child Friendly Spaces (CFSs) and home visits.

## KENYA

- There is an elevated likelihood that the March to May 2022 long rains in northern and eastern Kenya will be below average. There is anticipated severity of acute food insecurity in the coastal, northern, and eastern regions of Kenya, with affected communities requiring humanitarian assistance.
- Due to poor rainfall and low crop production, 3.4 million Kenyans are facing acute food insecurity. Cumulatively, there has been below-average rainfall across most of the country, resulting in below-average crop production activities and below-average regeneration of forage. Livestock bodily conditions are also below average across most pastoral areas.
- In Kenya the mid-season assessment estimated that over 1.4 million livestock had died across the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands regions of Kenya (FSNWG Drought Special Report issued 10 February 2022).

### GAPS AND NEEDS

- Affected communities in Mandera, Wajir, Turkana and Tana River counties urgently require food, shelter and sanitation support.

### WORLD VISION'S RESPONSE

- Reached more than 7,000 people through hygiene promotion campaigns in Mandera, Wajir and Tana River counties.

## SOMALIA

- An estimated 4.8 million people (or 31% of the total population) are already experiencing Crisis or worse (IPC Phase 3 or higher) outcomes.
- Further and faster deterioration of the food security and nutrition situation is expected during the April to June 2022 projection period, when more than 6 million people (or 38% of the total population) are expected to face Crisis or worse (IPC Phase 3 or higher) outcomes, including 1.7 million people likely in Emergency (IPC Phase 4) and over 81,000 people likely in Catastrophe (IPC Phase 5).

### GAPS AND NEEDS

- Access to food and water remains the priority concern.
- Access to basic health care services is difficult especially for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). Shortage of water has led to an increase in the reported cases of waterborne diseases.

### WORLD VISION'S RESPONSE

- World Vision expanded nutrition-specific interventions to three fixed health facilities in Dolow and Luuq districts in response to the gaps created by the withdrawal of a local NGO who used to provide essential malnutrition treatment services.
- Emergency water trucking for life-saving is ongoing in Luuq. Dollow Wajid, Bardale, Hudur, and Burhakabo District. World Vision and its partners are delivering clean water to an estimated 51,000 community members.
- Finalised construction of two 10,000 litre elevated steel water tanks to benefit 3,000 people with clean water.



Amyalew Zenebe, World Vision's Emergency Health Coordinator for Ethiopia, delivering medical kits at Gerba Health Centre in Kalu district.

## SOUTH SUDAN

- More than 8.3 million people were in need of humanitarian assistance one year ago. The number had increased to 8.9 million as at February 2022. In this period, the number of children in need of humanitarian assistance has also increased from 4.3 million to 4.6 million.
- Many people in Upper Nile State are in dire need of food assistance mainly because of the floods and localised conflict that disrupted agricultural activities as well as the harvest.

### GAPS AND NEEDS

- The affected population is in urgent need of clean drinking water, hygiene and sanitation services and integrated nutrition support including maternal and infant care.

### WORLD VISION'S RESPONSE

- Reached more than 141,000 people through food assistance, including more than 18,000 children reached through school feeding.
- Reached more than 1,400 children through management of acute malnutrition, including maternal and young childcare.
- More than 23,000 children attended World Vision-supported CFSs.
- Reached more than 700 community members through awareness sessions on child protection.

## UGANDA

- According to Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET) data, exceptionally dry conditions are causing early declines in livestock productivity, while rising food prices and below-average harvests are expected to drive further declines in food availability. Crisis (IPC Phase 3) outcomes will persist through to at least May 2022 in large parts of Karamoja.
- According to UNHCR/OPM, the number of new monthly arrivals of refugees and asylum seekers was 57% higher in February 2022 compared to January 2022, with the total number in Uganda reaching an estimated 1,595,405 as of 28 February 2022.

### GAPS AND NEEDS

- There is increasing need for food and cash assistance for affected communities.

### WORLD VISION'S RESPONSE

- Distributed US \$168,591 to more than 7,400 people to meet their immediate food needs.
- Distributed food to more than 234,000 people in March 2022 in partnership with WFP.

## SUDAN

- In March, WFP and FAO in a joint statement indicated that the estimated number of people who will require food aid will double to 18 million. This is attributed to shrinking access, affordability and availability of food.
- An estimated 9.8 million of the people in need have been assessed as acutely food-insecure and will require food assistance. At least 2 million people in need are living in the four World Vision operational areas of South Darfur, East Darfur, South Kordofan and Blue Nile states.

### GAPS AND NEEDS

- In 2022, the Sudan Hunger Crisis Response has a target of US \$ 60 million. From this, about 83% (US \$ 50 million) of the funding required has been secured from WFP. There is currently a funding gap of US \$10 million to cover recovery food security, livelihood activities and WASH services.

### WORLD VISION'S RESPONSE

- More than 700,000 community members in all the four operating states are currently receiving cash and food assistance support.
- World Vision managed to reach more than 80% of the planned caseload to 375,000 people distributing \$925,000 in cash transfers and 2,135 metric tonnes of food commodities.

## TANZANIA

- In September 2021, the Tanzania Meteorological Agency issued an alert that 14 districts in the country are likely to face food insecurity due to prolonged dry spell. Further analysis revealed that 437,000 people representing 13% of 3.4 million people are in Crisis (IPC phase 3) or above in Mkinga, Handeni, Monduli and Longido district councils located in the Tanga and Arusha regions. Furthermore, there has been an inflation in prices; a situation that makes food accessibility a huge problem among vulnerable families.

### GAPS AND NEEDS

- Vulnerable families affected by the crisis need urgent access to food, and humanitarian food assistance should be prioritised.

### WORLD VISION'S RESPONSE

- Distributed 20 metric tonnes of maize flour and 5 metric tonnes of beans to support more than 1,000 vulnerable households.
- Distributed food to more than 3,600 schoolchildren.



*A new East Africa Hunger Emergency Response (EAHER) plan that projects new programme participants and funding targets is being finalised and will be included in the next report.*





World Vision conducts a health and nutrition outreach programme in collaboration with WFP, in northern Kenya. Andrew Morley, the President and CEO of World Vision International recently met with health workers and local community members involved in the programme, which is aimed at preventing and treating malnutrition in children, pregnant women and other vulnerable people who have been adversely affected by the drought.

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