EAST AFRICA HUNGER EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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World Vision is responding to the impact of hunger in seven countries in East Africa and requires US\$ 181 million to reach 5 million people, including 2.7 million children by April 2023. We have reached more than 8 million people since April 2021.

- A deadly mix of conflict, COVID-19 and the climate crisis have pushed more than 11 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. The economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and the current ripple effect from the war in Ukraine is also driving hunger to unprecedented levels.
- 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 FSNWG Drought Special report (July 2022), about 568,000 children were admitted for Severe Acute Malnutrition treatment in Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia from January to June. About 6.5 million children are projected to suffer from acute malnutrition, of which close to 1.8 million face severe wasting.
- World Vision has reached more than 8 million people, including 4.4 million children, since April 2021. We are already responding with food distributions in multiple countries. World Vision re-declared its multi-country response comprising Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda. We aim to reach 5 million people, including 2.7 million children, by April 2023 through the second phase of the response. World Vision has been implementing a multi-country hunger emergency response in the above-mentioned countries for the last 12 months and has been able to repurpose and raise new funds, to the tune of US \$ 81 million. However, the needs have insurmountably increased and we require an additional US\$ 100 million.

People reached (April - July 2022)





Women 983,126



Boys 1,217,976 Girls 1,256,274







11.7 million

people are experiencing emergency (IPC 4) levels of food insecurity. More than **701,000** people are projected to face catastrophic (IPC 5) levels of food insecurity in the region.



39 million

people are acutely food insecure



12.8 million

internally displaced people



4.9 million

refugees and asylum seekers



9.2 million

reported livestock deaths across the region

Sources: UN OCHA, UNHCR

*The population used for Ethiopia is from September 2021. Currently there are 18 million drought affected people in Kenya, Somalia & Ethiopia with recent FSNWG update showing 6.5 million in Ethiopia.





IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

RESPONSE GOAL

To save lives and address drivers of longer-term impacts of hunger through humanitarian assistance and recovery interventions in East Africa.

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



86,695

People provided with access to clean, potable water



50,586

People that have participated in emergency hygiene promotion activities with appropriate supplies

Improve access to food for affected households



2,910,680

People reached with (in-kind) food assistance



698,607

People reached with cash and voucher assistance



US\$ 14.5 M

Amount of cash and voucher assistance distributed



197,005

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

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



42,835

People reached through primary healthcare support



43,784

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



6,848

Children recovered from severe acute malnutrition



23,978

Primary caregivers benefited from infant and young child feeding (IYCF) promotion and action oriented sessions and counselling

Improve household resilience to food insecurity and livelihoods-related shocks



7,959

Households provided with livelihood physical agricultural assets



3,940

Households growing crops that are resilient to climate hazards/ stresses



support

8,979

People receiving psychosocial support



Ensure protection for children, women, and vulnerable groups including psychosocial

23,314

People receiving prevention messages on prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse and/ or positive coping strategies



People trained in climate change resilient farming practices



Faith leaders engaged in prevention messages on prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse and/ or positive coping strategies

*Based on figures as of 31 July 2022. People reached includes people supported in 7 countries of highest alert from 01 April 2022 through the current reporting period July 2022.



ETHIOPIA



People reached 1,231,989



Children reached 642,781

- Ethiopia's humanitarian situation remains dire and complicated. While the drought in the southern and eastern parts of the country is devastating the livelihoods of pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities, heavy rains in some northern, western and southern parts of the country are causing floods and damages to houses and infrastructure.
- In addition to climate-related emergencies, conflict remains
 the primary driver of humanitarian needs, displacing
 thousands of people. As a result of the worsening drought
 and increased violence, high humanitarian needs are
 expected to last until 2023.

GAPS AND NEEDS

 According to the recent OCHA report, the drought's impact has worsened and expanded. Further UNICEF statement declared that at least 10 million people are estimated to be affected across Somali, Oromia, SNNP, South-West, and in other areas of the country and almost all affected people requiring food assistance and over 4 million people requiring water assistance.

WORLD VISION'S RESPONSE

- Distributed crops seeds to 11,250 drought affected individuals in Oromia region.
- 210 mothers and caregivers of children under five years received Infant and Young Children Feeding (IYCF)
 education through training and cooking demonstration in two woredas of Sidama region.
- Through established case management structures. 65 children received psychosocial support.

KENYA



People reached 180,991



Children reached 105,071

- The National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) undertook the long rains food security assessment that indicated 3.5 million Kenyans are in acute food insecurity as of July 2022 (IPC Phase 3+). Of this number, 707,000 people are in emergency food insecurity (IPC Phase 4), and 2.8 million in Crisis (IPC Phase 3). These worrying numbers include an estimated 884,464 children who are acutely malnourished, out of which 222,720 children are facing Severe Acute Malnutrition.
- Counties in emergency food security are Turkana, Marsabit, Samburu, Isiolo, and Mandera; while Baringo, Laikipia, Wajir, Garissa, Tana River, Kitui and parts of Makueni.

GAPS AND NEEDS

 Access to food and water remains a priority need among the affected communities. Most water points have dried up.

WORLD VISION'S RESPONSE

- Reached more than 13,700 individuals through integrated nutrition outreaches, this includes 12,000 children under five years and Pregnant & Lactating Women (PLW) that underwent screening, identification and referral for treatment; as well as 1,000 PLW caregivers reached with capacity building in Kilifi, Wajir, Garissa, Tana River, and Mandera Counties.
- Trucked water to more than 21,000 of the most water stressed people in the affected counties providing them with safe water for household utility.
- Distributed USD 943,115 during the April-June period to 35,474 people (5,912 households).

SOMALIA



People reached 563,151



Children reached 324,034

- Somalia is in a serious crisis, with seven million people (nearly 50 percent of the population) in (IPC Phase 3 & above) including 213,000 people facing famine (IPC Phase 5) as of July 2022. Over 918,000 people are estimated to have been displaced this year alone in Somalia, largely driven by the drought. This ongoing humanitarian crisis is likely to worsen in the weeks and months ahead.
- An estimated 1.5 million Somali children under 5 years old face the risk of acute malnutrition (representing 45 percent of the total population of children), 386,400 of them will likely be severely malnourished by the end of the year, if emergency aid is not delivered.

GAPS AND NEEDS

- Food prices continue to increase due to the prolonged drought, high global food prices, increased demand, and high fuel prices that are leading to fluctuations in transport costs.
- Sanitation facilities are limited, with a severe shortage
 of waste disposal areas in most camps and settlements
 inhabited by the affected community members. Scaling up
 sanitation and hygiene promotion, including distribution
 of hygiene kits and chlorination of existing water sources
 is critical to avert additional disease outbreaks.

WORLD VISION'S RESPONSE

- Distributed food and cash assistance to 195,430 people to improve household food security.
- Supported treatment of 16,905 pregnant and lactating women and children under five with moderate and severe acute malnutrition.

SOUTH SUDAN



People reached 1,024,633



Children reached 628,720

- Floods and its effects are continuing to be felt in communities across South Sudan particularly Upper Nile and Greater Bahr el Ghazal regions.
- Sub-national and localized violence persisted in different areas of the country, impacting the movement of goods and people along the main supply routes, and driving up displacements.

GAPS AND NEEDS

Since the beginning of the war in Ukraine, increased global fuel prices, the weakening of the South Sudanese Pound (SSP) and obstacles to trade have led to significant hikes in fuel and food prices in South Sudan.

WORLD VISION'S RESPONSE

- Distributed food to more than 274,000 people and cash to 62,000 people.
- Supported treatment of more than 15,000 children aged 6-59 months with acute malnutrition through World Vision supported nutrition facilities. 1,300 children under five received primary healthcare support through curative consultations.
- More than 4.600 children attended World Vision supported Child Friendly Spaces (CFS).
- Sensitised more than 9,800 community members through awareness sessions on protection related issues.

SUDAN



People reached 633,303



Children reached 237,565

The unstable political situation is leading to more displacements thus there is need for extra efforts from humanitarian actors to curb the situation.

GAPS AND NEEDS

- Needs still remain high around food security and livelihoods, Health and WASH.
- The food assistance rations need to be prepositioned and distributed monthly in the target areas because of acute level of hunger in the communities.
- There is need to provide more plastic sheets for displaced communities for shelter support.
- World Vision Sudan has managed to raise US\$45.5 million and currently has a funding gap of US\$14.9 million for scale up of its hunger response.

WORLD VISION'S RESPONSE

Distributed 17.000 metric tonnes of monthly food rations and commodities to more than 633,000 people.

TANZANIA



People reached 30,414



Children reached 13,422

- Price inflation on food and non-food essentials have continued to worsen food insecurity for many families.
- Acute food shortages are more likely to occur in the northern parts of the country.
- Due to the lack of food at household level for affected communities, there have been reports of increase in school dropouts. World Vision, through internal funding, decided to urgently support some . schools in the affected areas by providing lunch to school to keep children in school and continue their education.

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

Provided hot meals to more than 13.000 children from 33 schools. Of this children, 6,962 were girls and 6,934 were boys. These children are from Ruvu Remit and Ketumbeine Area Programmes.

UGANDA



People reached 16,200

- There are reports of deaths as a result of increasing hunger needs and inadequate access to food in Karamoja.
- There has been unfavorable weather conditions in the last three seasons in the region due to late onset of rains (delayed), erratic and unreliable rains with very poor distribution patterns that have on several occasions affected crop production and productivity coupled with increased crop pests and diseases.
- Insecurity as a result of cattle rustling continues to put stress on the already dire food security situation as vulnerable comminity members are being deprived of their livelihoods.
- Staple food prices have continued to rise as a result of poor harvests and low food production coupled with the low purchasing power of affected community members

GAPS AND NEEDS

Available resources are not sufficient to meet the growing needs to urgently provide affected community members with emergency food.

WORLD VISION'S RESPONSE

- Distributed 16.7 metric tonnes of assorted crop seeds including cowpeas, sorghum, green grams and iron rich beans.
- Distributed USD 69,130 to 1,200 households in Kotido district



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