

# GLOBAL HUNGER RESPONSE

Situation report #5 | November 2022

The world is facing a massive hunger crisis. Tens of millions of children and their families are confronted with starvation. Conflict, climate change, COVID-19, and rising costs are interacting to create new and worsen existing hunger hotspots, reversing the gains families have made to escape poverty.

Nearly **50 million people** are on the edge of famine in 45 countries. World Vision is responding to this global emergency with a **US\$2 billion** appeal – the largest in organisational history.

Food assistance and other life-saving support is immediately needed to prevent the deaths of thousands of people. Despite efforts from the United Nations (UN) and agencies like World Vision, needs continue to outpace international funding for response efforts. World Vision's Response is targeting **22 million people in 26 countries of highest concern**.<sup>\*</sup> Elsewhere World Vision continues to monitor the situation and adapt our programming and response efforts where cost-of-living price shocks are hurting the most vulnerable.

<sup>\*</sup> East Africa Emergency Hunger Response: Ethiopia, Sudan, South Sudan, Kenya, Somalia, Tanzania, Uganda; West Africa Emergency Hunger Response: Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Chad, the Central African Republic (CAR), Mauritania; Sierra Leone; in the Middle East and Eastern Europe: Afghanistan, Syria, Lebanon, Yemen; in Southern Africa: the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Angola; in Latin America and the Caribbean: Venezuela, Guatemala, Honduras, Haiti; in Asia Pacific: Myanmar, Sri Lanka.

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People reached

 **16,758,068**



**Men 3,368,163**

**Women 4,278,980**



**Children 9,110,925**

**Boys 4,261,359 Girls 4,849,566**

<sup>\*</sup>Based on figures as of 23 November 2022. People reached includes people supported in GHR's 26 countries of highest alert from 01 March 2021 through the current reporting period (31 October 2022).

## Situation overview



Across the globe, the number of people enduring hunger crises remains on the rise. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and World Food Programme (WFP) project a likely further deterioration in 19 hotspot countries between now and January 2023 – chief amongst them Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Nigeria, South Sudan, Somalia, and Yemen.<sup>1</sup> Without urgent action, they predict that an estimated 45 million people in 37 countries will face such deprivations that 'they will be severely malnourished, at risk of death, or already facing starvation and death' by the end of 2022, including 970,000 who will face 'catastrophic' (IPC 5) conditions.<sup>2</sup>

Girls and boys are deeply vulnerable to and affected by this growing global crisis. In 2022, an estimated 45 million children are suffering from wasting, while 149 million have stunted growth and development due to a chronic lack of nutritious food in their diets.<sup>3</sup> This level of

severe hunger has an impact on all aspects of a child's life, jeopardising their immediate and long-term health, well-being, and future.

The steadily increasing hunger witnessed around the world is a product of a toxic combination of conflict, successive and sustained economic shocks, and weather extremes that adversely affect food security at the national, regional, and global levels. Heightened food, fertiliser, and fuel prices, in part due to the ripple effects of the war in Ukraine, are continuing to exacerbate humanitarian needs, drive up the cost of response efforts, and stretch the coping mechanisms of families to their limits.

<sup>1</sup> WFP and FAO. [Hunger hotspots report](#). October 2022. (p vii, para 2)

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> UNICEF. [The state of food security and nutrition in the world 2022](#). November 2022

## Key concerns

- The situation in the Horn of Africa remains dire. Now multiple consecutive failed rainy seasons have stretched livelihoods to a breaking point, driving up hunger, severely reducing access to safe water, and displacing a growing number of people – now more than 1.7 million – from their homes. Nearly 2 million girls and boys across **Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia** require urgent treatment for life-threatening severe acute malnutrition and 15 million are missing school.<sup>4</sup>
- The resumption and intensification of hostilities in the eastern **Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)** has led to increasing new and recurrent displacement, leaving women and children exposed to extreme violence and protection risks, and enduring dire conditions.<sup>5</sup> The DRC has the second largest population of severely food insecure people in the world (26 million living in IPC 3 or worse conditions).<sup>6</sup> Recent events and resultant increased displacements and humanitarian access constraints threaten to exacerbate food insecurity, poverty, and the hardships women and children face.<sup>7</sup>
- In the **Sahel**, the climate crisis is combining with increasing instability and the low level of investments in development to create a disempowering mix that is heavily taxing Sahelian communities. The UN Special Coordinator for Development in the Sahel and the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) have warned that if the climate crisis is not addressed, it will worsen the armed conflicts, continue to destroy livelihoods, and compound the food insecurity and displacement of people in this region.<sup>8</sup>
- Across **Northwest Syria**, 4.1 million people<sup>9</sup> rely on food assistance delivered through the UN's cross-border mechanism. The deteriorating economic situation is driving heightened food insecurity and new internal displacement. Air strikes continue to hit internally displaced person (IDP) settlements and access routes to these locations, causing child casualties. As needs escalate, humanitarian actors require more access not less. UN Security Council re-authorization of the cross-border mechanism before 10 January 2023 remains critical to preserving this lifeline for Syrian women and children and continuity of food assistance, the cholera response, and protection services.
- Soaring food and fuel prices continue to drive protests and widespread social unrest in **Haiti**. Further exacerbating this crisis, the country is now experiencing a resurgence of cholera, with the Haitian health authorities reporting 821 confirmed cases, 188 deaths, and 9,685 suspected cases as of 15 November,<sup>10</sup> and children under 15 making up nearly 40% of cases.<sup>11</sup> Cholera puts the lives of already malnourished children at heightened risk, in a country now reporting 19,200 people living in IPC 5 conditions, at risk of death from starvation.<sup>12</sup>



Anyeli, 4, washes her hands at the kitchen sink at their home in Danli, Honduras, keeping her safe from infection. According to UNICEF, unsafe water and sanitation can lead to malnutrition or make it worse, and malnourished children are more vulnerable to waterborne diseases like cholera. UNICEF estimates that inadequate access to minimum water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) is estimated to account for around 50% of global malnutrition.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> UNICEF, WFP, FAO, and IFAD. "The world cannot afford to ignore drought in the Horn of Africa," 18 November 2022.

<sup>5</sup> UNICEF, "DRC humanitarian situation report – Upsurge of violence in Rutshuru territory – 08–14 November 2022," 21 November 2022.

<sup>6</sup> WFP, "Achieving long-term food security in DRC is all about building resilience," 7 November 2022.

<sup>7</sup> WVI, "World Vision warns of worsening humanitarian crisis for children and families in renewed East Democratic Republic of Congo conflict," 8 November 2022.

<sup>8</sup> UN and UNHCR. "UN warns of worsening conflict and displacement in Sahel without immediate climate action," 16 November 2022.

<sup>9</sup> Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), "North-West Syria situation report," 20 October 2022.

<sup>10</sup> Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), "Cholera outbreak in Hispaniola #6," 18 November 2022.

<sup>11</sup> OCHA, "Haiti 2022 cholera flash appeal," 15 November 2022.

<sup>12</sup> ACAPS, "Haiti: Deterioration of humanitarian crises in Port-au-Prince," 7 November 2022.

<sup>13</sup> UNICEF, "4 things you need to know about water and famine," 1 September 2022.

**RESPONSE GOAL:** To reduce acute food insecurity and improve the resilience of 22 million of the most vulnerable people in countries experiencing growing hunger and the threat of famine

**IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS**

**Improve access to food for affected households**

- 4,515,352** People reached with cash and voucher assistance
- US\$161,126,376** Cash and voucher assistance distributed
- 686,576\*** Children receiving hot meals and/or dry rations through school feeding
- 6,875,266\*** People reached with (in-kind) food assistance

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

- 1,012,307** People reached through primary health-care support
- 388,503** Children reached through management of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) and moderate acute malnutrition (MAM)
- 21,624** Children recovered from SAM
- 121,336** Primary caregivers benefited from infant and young child feeding (IYCF) promotion and action oriented sessions and counselling

**Improve access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene promotion services to mitigate water-borne diseases**

- 1,732,987** People with access to clean, potable water
- 328,421** People that have participated in emergency hygiene promotion activities with appropriate supplies
- 2,029** Faith leaders engaged on hygiene promotion activities

**Ensure protection for children, women, and vulnerable groups including psychosocial support and provision of dignity kits for reproductive age girls and women**

- 214,182** People receiving prevention messages on Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) and/or positive coping strategies
- including 6,284** Faith leaders engaged in disseminating prevention messages on PSEA and/or positive coping mechanisms
- 125,860** People receiving psychosocial support

**Household resilience to food insecurity and livelihoods-related shocks**

- 3,242** Households provided with conditional cash or vouchers to procure agricultural physical assets
- 34,939** Households provided with livelihood physical agricultural assets
- 13,685** Households growing crops that are resilient to climate hazards/stresses
- 10,412** People trained in climate change resilient farming practices

## RESOURCE HIGHLIGHTS



Jackline, a South Sudanese refugee living in Uganda is happy with her full basin of freshly harvested tomatoes. World Vision Uganda supports refugees in Omugo settlement to meet their nutritional needs through vegetable growing.

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