



10,288,766

PEOPLE RECEIVING HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE



Men 2,009,878

Women 2,585,389

Children



5,633,499



Boys 2,750,351

Girls 2,883,148

World Vision is responding to the impact of hunger in seven countries across East Africa. Since April 2021, we have reached more than **10.2 million** people including **5.6 million** children.

- **April 2023 marked two years since World Vision declared the East Africa Hunger Emergency Response following the growing food insecurity in the region.** So far, more than 10 million people have been reached, including 5.6 million children responding through a multi-sector approach in seven countries (Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda). In the face of unprecedented global demands for humanitarian funding, crises in East Africa are receiving limited international attention, despite urgent, growing and life-threatening needs. World Vision is calling on national governments, regional institutions, humanitarian actors and donors to urgently address hunger crisis in Eastern Africa and more forcefully communicate its breadth and severity. This is not peculiar to the region as the world is facing its worst hunger crisis in modern times. In Africa, the Middle East, Asia and Latin America, there are more than 49 million

people at risk of starvation or vulnerable to famine or famine-like conditions

- **A deadly mix of conflict, COVID-19, high cost of living and climate change have pushed more than 10 million people across seven countries in East Africa into a deepening hunger crisis.** Of critical concern are vulnerable children who are experiencing high levels of malnutrition.
- **Conflict is one of the leading drivers of hunger globally.** Every country where World Vision has a presence 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 hunger crisis has weakened community livelihoods in the region, and families are resorting to negative coping strategies to survive.** Families

living in fragile and conflict-affected contexts are at heightened risk of food insecurity. During drought, loss of family livestock and food scarcity puts a strain on economic livelihoods and leads many families to apply negative coping mechanisms such as relying on their children to supplement their family incomes.

- **The humanitarian needs are immense and the impact on children, including protection needs, 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. The number of children at risk of dropping out of school across Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia, due to the impact of the crisis, has tripled leaving vast numbers of adolescent girls at increased risk of sexual and gender-based violence including undergoing female genital mutilation and being forced into marriage.

IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

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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



426,285

People provided with access to clean, safe drinking water



302,736

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

Improve access to food for affected households



4,977,066

People reached with (in-kind) food assistance



2,952,073

People reached with cash and voucher assistance



US\$ 125M

Amount of cash and voucher assistance distributed



462,063

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

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



379,026

People reached through primary healthcare support



286,106

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



37,063

Children recovered from severe acute malnutrition



117,903

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

Improve household resilience to food insecurity and livelihoods-related shocks



12,944

Households provided with livelihood physical agricultural assets



10,703

Households growing crops that are resilient to climate hazards/ stresses



11,959

People trained in climate change resilient farming practices

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



21,130

People receiving psychosocial support



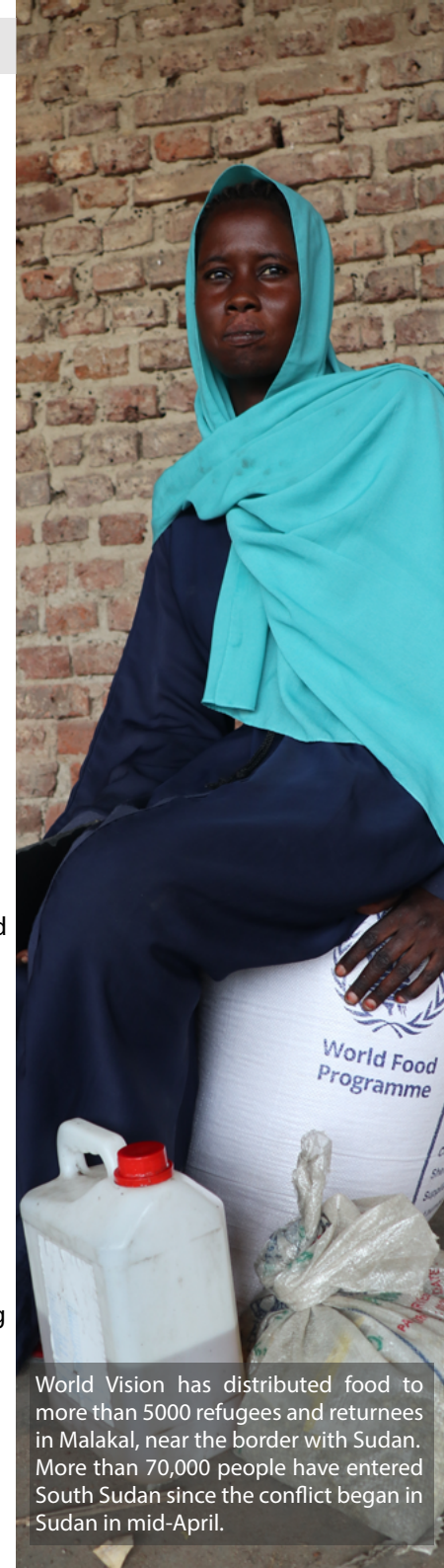
48,786

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



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



World Vision has distributed food to more than 5000 refugees and returnees in Malakal, near the border with Sudan. More than 70,000 people have entered South Sudan since the conflict began in Sudan in mid-April.



East Africa Hunger Emergency Response

Humanitarian needs

Acute food insecure people

48,028,235

11 million

Internally displaced persons (IDPs)

4.9 million

Refugees and asylum seekers

Key Concerns

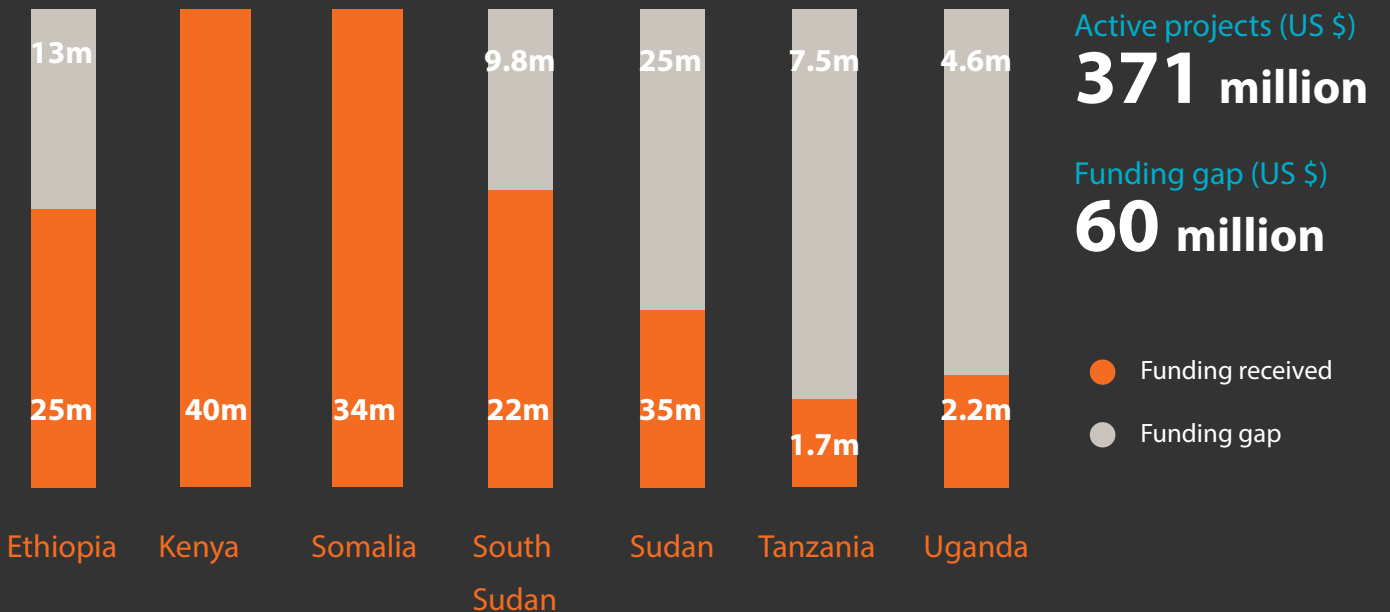
Approximately 4.9 million children are malnourished in drought-affected areas in Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia. This is inclusive of about 1.4 million children who are severely acutely malnourished in the Horn of Africa.

The region has also endured substantial recurrent climate shocks, undermining people's resilience and ability to feed themselves. The economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ripple effect from the war in Ukraine has driven hunger to unprecedented levels.

The Impact on children and the growing humanitarian needs, including safeguarding risks, are enormous. This challenging period could also erode human and economic development gains that have been made towards the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals across the region.

Response funding (US \$)*

*Response offices are currently reviewing their plans. Updated funding gaps will be published in the next report.



Bringing vital healthcare services directly to those in need. World Vision's mobile clinic reaches the Matalamin IDP in Baidoa, Somalia, providing accessible and much-needed medical assistance.



East Africa Hunger Emergency Response

Response highlights

ETHIOPIA

- Supported 2,000 households with agricultural inputs
- Rehabilitated five shallow wells providing more than 5,000 people with clean water
- Distributed WASH non-food items to 5,100 households
- Trained 261 individuals on climate change resilient farming practices

KENYA

- Provided lifesaving food assistance for more than 469,000 people

SOMALIA

- Cash amounting to US \$ 6.4 million distributed to more than 418,000 people and in-kind food distributions to more than 34,000 people.
- Access to safe and clean water was provided for household and livestock consumption and essential health services were also provided to more than 14,000 people.

SOUTH SUDAN

- Cash transfer amounting to US \$ 104,620 distributed to 62,240 people and food distribution provided to more than 308,000 people.
- Provided hot meals and take home dry rations to more than 91,000 school going children.

SUDAN

- World Vision has partially resumed its operational presence in Sudan since the conflict broke out on 15th April. In the reporting period, 179,202 MTs of mixed commodities was distributed to 51,155 beneficiaries (21,486 being children) in South Kordofan. Our operations in Sudan continue to be limited to areas where it is deemed safe for our staff and local volunteers to work in. Our work is currently limited to distribution of life-saving food commodities to the community.

TANZANIA

- World Vision Tanzania provided school meals to more than 32,000 children.

UGANDA

- Trained 500 individuals in savings groups on climate smart agricultural practices of the promoted crops and livestock through extension workers.
- Provided case-by-case support for 67 children in need of protection services.
- Trained 45 Community health workers in screening, identification and Integrated community management of mild and moderate cases of acute malnutrition.
- Distributed food to more than 171,000 people and cash worth US \$ 145,424 to more than 17,000 people.

Per country reach

April 2021 - May 2023

Sudan



442,954



1,027,158

Ethiopia



1,755,729



3,312,276

South Sudan



1,012,427



1,745,082

Somalia



1,323,288



2,385,528

Uganda



325,512



502,435

Kenya



561,689



945,748

Tanzania



211,900



310,539



Total people reached



Children reached

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World Vision donated 1,000 Finnish Baby Aid Kits to health facilities in Burtinle District, Somalia. Birthing kits are intended to encourage mothers to deliver at health facilities, thereby reducing maternal and newborn mortality rates.

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