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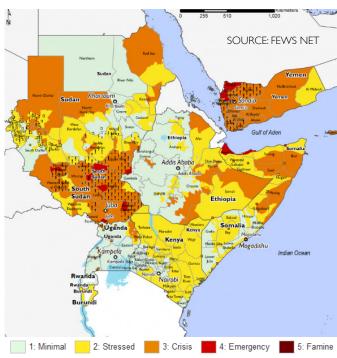
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Key messages

- Overall humanitarian needs: Close to 30 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance in East Africa with more than 50% being children. Drought and conflict are the largest drivers of displacements in the region leaving children and their families vulnerable and reliant on life saving humanitarian aid.
- Food insecurity: An estimated 15 million people across East Africa are at risk of not having enough food to eat due to climatic shocks that were experienced through 2018 which resulted in poor harvests. Constant threat of conflict and displacements has disrupted people's livelihoods leading to inability to focus on income generating activities.
- Children on the move: Natural disasters and conflict have forced millions of children and their families to flee their homes. Children fleeing these scenes of violence are exposed to exploitation and abuse and require extra protection and psychological support.
- Funding: World Vision is encouraged by the support and the good will of its donors and partners in supporting longterm and sustainable programmes in emergency contexts. Refugees need more assistance to engage in income generation activities that would make them self-sustainable. This enables vulnerable families without a means of earning an income to have access to livelihood opportunities and sufficiently support their families.

Food insecurity

February - June 2019



Gaps and needs

- Funding needs: Response plans are being revised with new funding requirements. World Vision is also mobilising for resources to be able to close the gap on unmet funding needs to be able to reach more people in need.
- **Sustained funding:** In view of the number of people in need of humanitarian assistance in East Africa and the funding needs, World Vision appeals for concerted action and renewed efforts in funding for 2019 for both lifesaving and livelihoods programmes.

Humanitarian needs



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Situation overview

Ethiopia: While the country continues to respond to the needs of drought affected populations, large populations are also displaced by conflict throughout the country (at least 2.4 million).

Kenya: The country is highly vulnerable to the effects of the El Niño phenomenon, which is expected in 2019 to hit the country and may lead to climate-related emergencies

Rwanda: World Vision has been part of an inter-agency contingency planning task force led by UNHCR and the Ministry in charge of disaster management, to provide a timely response to the possible influx of refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Somalia: An estimated 4.2 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance, with lives and livelihoods for most poor households constantly threatened by factors such as conflicts that's resulting into mass displacements.

South Sudan: December 2018 marks five years since the outbreak of the current conflict in South Sudan, which has resulted in an 4.4 million people displaced, substantial macroeconomic decline, and widespread acute food insecurity.

Sudan: The country faces a complex set of humanitarian needs ranging from responding to the needs of refugees, IDPs, people returning to areas of relative safety as well as host communities. East Darfur state in particular faces the burden of not just South Sudanese refugees but also a significant amount of voluntary returnees.

Tanzania: There are an estimated 285,000 Burundian and Congolese refugees living in Tanzania as at December 2018. More than 50% (199,741) are from Burundi and an estimated 84,246 are from the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Uganda: South Sudanese refugees: West Nile is still receiving South Sudanese Refugees. In December 2018, 271 South Sudanese arrived in West Nile. They have been resettled in Omugo, an extension of Rhino camp

Response achievements

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