

# EAST AFRICA HUNGER CRISIS

SITUATION REPORT | MAR 01-MAR 31 2018



## Key messages

- Millions of people are at increased risk of famine or catastrophe in South Sudan, Somalia and Ethiopia. FEWSnet, an international early warning system, stated that South Sudan, Somalia and Ethiopia could be looking at famine or catastrophic levels of food insecurity in various parts of their countries in the new year due to climate change, conflict and political instability.

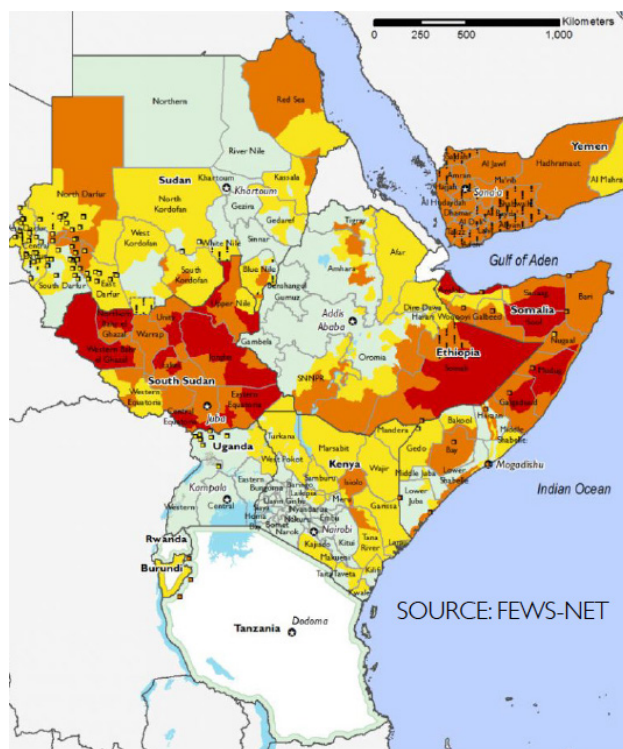
- Children are the worst hit, with their health and development drastically impacted. Already, too many children are going hungry. More than 12 million children in Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan and Somalia are struggling to have enough to eat. 9 million children in Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan and Somalia are projected to be malnourished. Increased hunger will drive ever younger girls into early marriage, and force children out of school, into child labour and into other dangerous ways of surviving.

- Children are on the move. The hunger crisis is exacerbated by drought, conflict and political instability and is forcing people to flee areas affected by conflict, where children are at risk of violence, exploitation and abuse. 4 million people in South Sudan have been displaced, both as refugees and internally. In Somalia, 2 million have been displaced, both as refugees and within the country; in Ethiopia, more than 1.7 million have been displaced internally.

- Large-scale, long-term lifesaving assistance is needed to avoid spikes in malnutrition and death. World Vision is appealing for an additional \$64 million to increase its response across South Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya.

## Food insecurity

Status: February-May 2018



## Humanitarian needs

22 million people in need of humanitarian assistance

12 million children are in need of humanitarian assistance

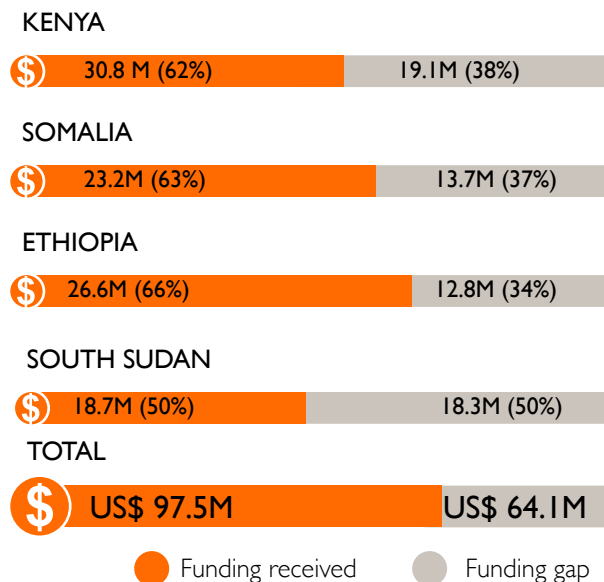
11 million children require protection support

17 million people in need of water, sanitation and hygiene assistance

9 million children are in need of nutrition assistance

16 million people in need of food security and livelihood assistance

## Funding needs (Continued from 2017)



\*All financial figures in US\$

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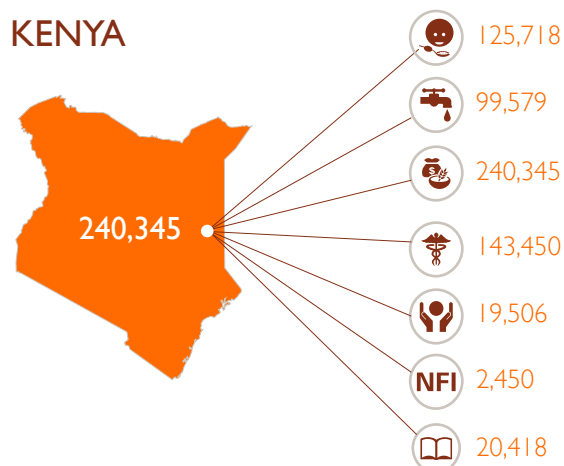
## Situation overview

- Ethiopia:** More than 350,000 severely malnourished children under age 5 will require urgent nutrition assistance, along with 3.48 million children and pregnant and lactating women who require assistance to combat moderate malnutrition. The scale and geographic location of the emergency nutrition response in 2018 remains in the southern and southeastern belt of the country, with pockets of need in the north and east. The nutrition needs are caused by protracted drought, a high number of internally displaced persons and high food insecurity.
- Kenya:** According to Kenya Food Security meeting, 2.55 million people require food assistance from March to August 2018. This includes 2.35 million people who are in crisis and emergency drought classification, and 200,000 people who are in stress drought classification.
- South Sudan:** An estimated 6.3 million people - or half the population - currently faces 'crisis', or worse food security levels. That number will likely increase by another 1 million in the next three months, according to the latest projections. There is a continued risk of Famine levels of food insecurity in parts of the country. Large-scale humanitarian assistance is needed urgently to save lives. Further, assistance should be complemented with unhindered humanitarian access and action to end the conflict.
- Somalia:** Children are facing desperate situations as drought persists, preventing families from having enough to eat or drink. The situation is particularly devastating for children in the northeast and northwest, along with those who have been displaced - where malnutrition rates have exceeded critical levels of Global Acute Malnutrition of 15 percent. Drought has also caused a scarcity of fresh water and led children to drink from life-threatening water sources. An outbreak of Acute Watery Diarrhea (AWD)/cholera is being reported in the areas of Banadir, Hiraan, Lower Juba and Middle Shabelle.

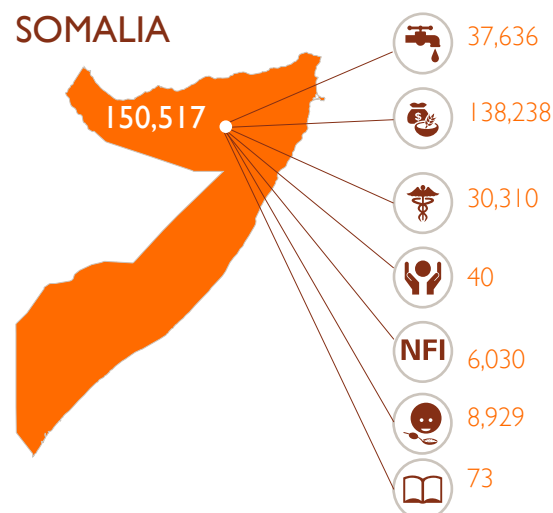
## Response achievements

Reporting period MAR 01-MAR 31 2018

### KENYA



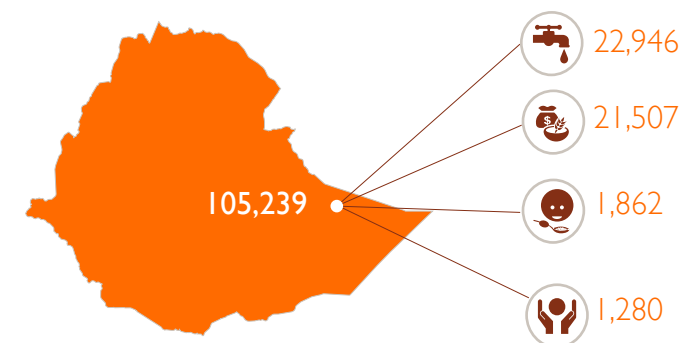
### SOMALIA



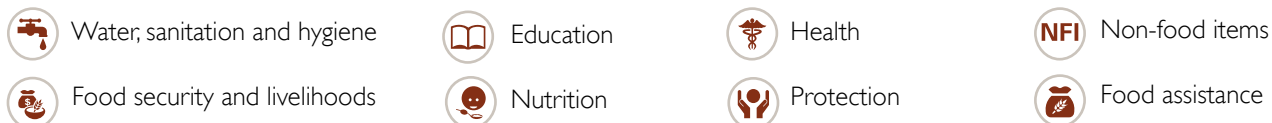
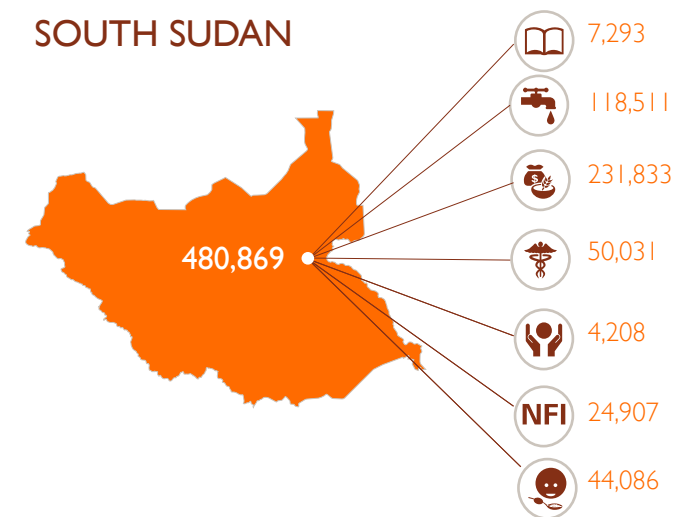
**976,970** : Total number of people reached in March 2018

**584,485** : Total number of children reached in March 2018

### ETHIOPIA



### SOUTH SUDAN



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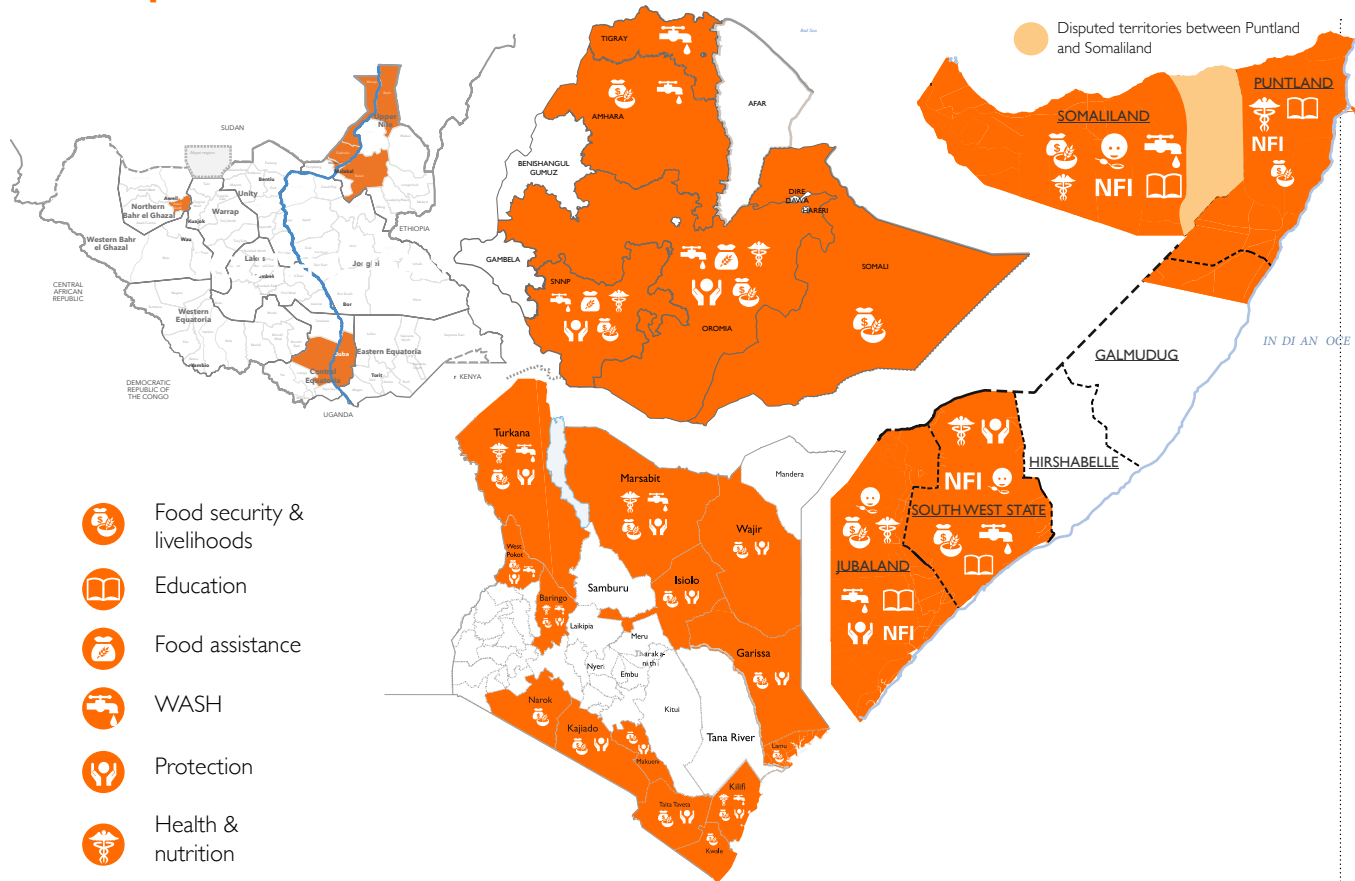
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## Response locations



- Food security & livelihoods
- Education
- Food assistance
- WASH
- Protection
- Health & nutrition

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