KEY HIGHLIGHTS

• More than 8 million in need: An estimated 8.5 million people require relief food assistance due to the lingering effects of the 2015-2016 drought and poor rainy seasons in 2016 and 2017. Additionally, 10.5 million people will require support for regular access to safe drinking water and some 2.2 million households will require livestock support through end of 2017. The net requirements to address identified food and non-food needs for the remainder of the year is US$487.7 million, making 2017 humanitarian requirement 1.259 billion.

• Children increasingly malnourished: Some 3.6 million moderately malnourished children and pregnant and lactating mothers are expected to require supplementary feeding by the end of the year. An estimated 375,000 children will become severely acutely malnourished until the end of 2017.

• Water-borne disease outbreak: Acute watery diarrhoea (AWD) has been on increasing trend, with new geographical areas being affected. A WHO report shows that in the week ending in August 6, 2017, a total of 491 cases were reported from five regions: Amhara, Tigray, Somali, Oromia, and Afar. Since the beginning of 2017, 40,457 cases, including 817 deaths, have been reported.

• Need to scale up response: In order to meet rising needs, World Vision aims to scale up its response. Already in the 2017 drought, World Vision Ethiopia has secured US $22 Million, of this US $18.1M is the in kind resources and administration costs for food assistance of Joint Emergency Operation Program in 12 drought affected districts. World Vision is providing nutrition support, water, sanitation and hygiene, health, education and livelihood/food security projects in the drought affected areas.

HUMANITARIAN SITUATION OVERVIEW

• Food distribution approved: In mid-August, the government approved the distribution of fifth round relief food (cereals, pulses and oil), targeting 3.3 Million people. Without this decision, some of the worst affected households would have likely moved to catastrophe (IPC 5) and of acute malnutrition and mortality would have risen.
• **Flood alert:** The National Flood Contingency Plan released last month revealed that more than 1.5 million people are projected to be affected by flooding during the summer’s rainy season, with nearly 500,000 people expected to be displaced. Recent forecast of Ethiopian meteorological agency indicated that flooding incidence will likely to continue occurring until end of September 2017.

• **Increasing need for therapeutic feeding:** From January to June 2017 (the latest data available), a total of 172,265 children under age 5 were admitted and treated for severe acute malnutrition (SAM) across the country. The number exceeded projections by 25 percent. The rising malnutrition rates are expected to continue, particularly in the Somali region, as well as in the southern belt of Oromia and SNNP.

• **Fall army worm Infestation:** An FAO report shows that as of August 11, 2017, fall armyworm is present in six regions of Ethiopia: Amhara, Benishangul Gumuz, Gambella, Oromia, SNNP and Tigray. A total of 411 woredas/districts across the country are affected by the pest. Currently, out of the 2.7 Million hectares of maize planted, some 600,296 hectares are infested, accounting for approximately 22% of the total area planted.

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**WHAT WORLD VISION IS DOING**

During the reporting period from 10 to 30 August, World Vision Ethiopia conducted the following activities:

### FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

• **Seeds for needy households:** 2,672 families in Jarso, Dolo and Shshemene received 66.8 MT of improved cereal seeds. More seeds are being purchased through two new projects, with the aim of providing families with seeds in Melka Bello, Jarso and Habro.

• **Agricultural training:** 790 community members and 52 government staff learned about improved agriculture methods and business models during training.

• **Support for veterinary service:** Livestock medication and materials valued at US $55,622 were delivered to government agriculture offices to help a projected 16,750 families receive veterinary services.

• **Fall army worm prevention:** To help 244,692 farmers combat the fall army worm, US $11,127 was utilized to support government and community prevention efforts through the purchase of chemicals and materials like sprayer, clothing, etc.

• **Supporting flood affected:** 72 families who have affected by flash flood in World Vision’s Boset Area Programme have received house utensils, blanket and sanitation detergents valued at US $5,100.

### HEALTH & NUTRITION

• **Addressing Child Malnutrition:** 145 severely malnourished and 175 moderately malnourished children received treatment in 14 health institutions of South Ari, Kocbere and Gedeb. The service includes emergency medication and nutrition supplements. Food shortages are still the critical issue in new nutrition response areas like Melka Bello.

### EDUCATION AND PROTECTION

• **Scholastic materials:** Melka Bello Area Programme purchased scholastic materials which includes exercise books, pens, pencils, etc. with US $4,456 to support children critically affected by drought. The school supplies will be distributed in the weeks to come.

### WASH

• **Rehabilitating shallow wells:** 15,450 people are benefiting from the rehabilitation of 7 shallow wells in World Vision’s area programme in Kochere.

• **Acute watery diarrhoea (AWD) response:** 8,000 people in Somali region are benefiting from 1,600 water filters that were distributed to families, helping reduce the risk of transmitting water borne diseases.

• **Projects in the works:** World Vision is supplying and installing a submersible water pump for Jinka Hospital, after the hospital’s old pump failed and water has not been working. Additional projects will aim to prevent acute watery diarrhea through community mobilizations, disease identification, medical equipment and drug provision and the distribution of water purification tabs in to A/Tsebelal, Enderta and Dembiya Aps.

### FOOD ASSISTANCE

• **Food assistance:** In this reporting period, 248,802 people benefited from the fifth round JEOP food distribution handled. Accordingly, 2,333MT wheat, 22MT pulses and 70MT oil was distributed to the target beneficiaries in the 12 project woredas of Oromiya and SNNP.

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1 MILLION+ reached with assistance
533,792 people reached with food security and livelihood support

257,464 people reached with food assistance

315,404 people reached with water, sanitation and hygiene support

27,135 children reached with child protection and education interventions

17,090 people reached with health and nutrition support
GAP AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

$22.1 M RECEIVED
$37.3 M REQUESTED
$15.2 M FUNDING GAP

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