KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Rising needs:** Following a multi-agency assessment conducted in June 2017, the government of Ethiopia launched a revised Humanitarian Requirements Document (HRD) on 07 August 2017. As per the revised document, at least 8.5 million people will require relief food assistance in the second half of 2017; some 3.6 million moderately malnourished children and pregnant and lactating mothers will require supplementary feeding; some 10.5 million people will require support for regular access to safe drinking water and some 2.2 million households will require livestock support.

- Food Security and Livelihood: Excessive livestock deaths and lack of other income earning opportunities mean that Emergency (IPC Phase 4) outcomes are expected to continue in the Somali region until January 2018 with the possibility of Famine (IPC Phase 5) outcomes in Dollo and Korahe zones in August if emergency food assistance is not provided. Preliminary results from a Belg assessment in June show that 11 to 15 million people may need food assistance in the second half of the year.

- **Lifted state of emergency:** The Parliament of Ethiopia has lifted the country’s 10-month-long state of emergency. In October 2016, at the beginning of the state of emergency, the government promised deep reform in response to the year-long protest in which several people died. The reforms included tackling corruption, cabinet reshuffles, and a dialogue with opposition political parties. The government also pledged youth job creation and good governance.

- **Increasing Need for Therapeutic Feeding:** Partners estimate that 375,000 children will become severely acutely malnourished by the end of 2017. Government and partners estimated $478 million US in food and non-food items is required to adequately address the situation.

HUMANITARIAN SITUATION OVERVIEW

- Increasing Need for Therapeutic Feeding: Partners estimate that 375,000 children will become severely acutely malnourished by the end of 2017. Government and partners estimated $478 million US in food and non-food items is required to adequately address the situation.
• Disease outbreak: Infectious diseases outbreaks, especially in the south-eastern parts of Ethiopia, are still continuing. Currently, the outbreak of acute watery diarrhoea (AWD) is active in Amhara, Oromia, Tigray and Somali Regions. Since January 2017, more than 37,459 cases including 784 deaths been reported from six regions of Somali, Oromia, Amhara, Afar, SNNP and Tigray. The use of water from unprotected/unsafe Holy Water sites, rivers and ponds was the main cause of the outbreak.

• Worsening food security: The humanitarian situation is worsening in Ethiopia due to the poor performance of spring rains this year; especially in the current southern drought belt where rains failed for the third consecutive season. Oromia, Somali and SNNP are the most affected regions, with Somali region being the worst affected. A recent FEWS NET report indicated that especially in Dollo, Korahé, Afdër, and Jarar zones high levels of acute malnutrition, excess mortality among children, and a heavy reliance on emergency food aid have been seen. The amount of aid provided is inadequate to fully address emergency needs, and in some zones even food assistance delivery was interrupted. Food security outcomes could deteriorate further over the coming weeks, to extreme levels, unless additional assistance is provided quickly.

WHAT WORLD VISION IS DOING

HEATH & NUTRITION

• Addressing child malnutrition: 389 severely malnourished and 650 moderately malnourished children were treated at 9 World Vision supported health institutions in South Ari that received emergency medical and nutrition supplements.

• AWD response: Supplies worth $10,471 US were provided to Habro area to address case management of Acute Watery Diarrhea.

WASH

• Drilling of new shallow wells: World Vision has mobilized its own drilling rig and crew to South Omo Zone and is undertaking drilling of the planned 10 shallow at Male and Bena Tsemay Woredas. To date, the drilling of 4 shallow wells has been completed and hand pumps are now being installed.

Rehabilitation of shallow wells: 1,500 people are benefiting from the rehabilitation of 3 shallow wells in Kochere. An additional 25 shallow wells in Kochere and Amaro will be rehabilitated in the months to come.

FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

• Seeds for needy households: 8,553 vulnerable households in Goro and Shshemene area programmes received 3,392 quintals of improved wheat, teff, and maize and haricot bean seeds.

• Community training: 50 small scale irrigation users took part in business skill training.

FOOD ASSISTANCE

• Food assistance: A total of 129,555 people in 12 districts in Oromiya and SNNP have received food assistance as 7,307 MT wheat, 736 MT YSP and 220 MT oil were distributed.

• Children receiving food: 7,525 children in World Vision Area Programmes have been served through different responses. These include food assistance and medical support.

1,061,005 people reached with assistance

“I was expecting 800 kg of wheat from my plot [of land], but the result was heartbreaking,” says 50-year-old Fasuma, a mother of seven who lives in drought affected Jarso district, in Oromia region.

Fasuma received 100 kg of potato seeds from World Vision. After planting them, she harvested 800 kg of potatoes. She kept some for meals and sold the rest for 12,000ETB ($513 US). She is now planning to grow potatoes twice a year.

“I am very happy to see and have this many potatoes,” says Nure, Fasuma’s 15-year-old son.
**FOOD SECURITY STATUS IN ETHIOPIA**

- **464,212** people reached with food security and livelihood support
- **257,464** people reached with food assistance
- **295,104** people reached with water, sanitation and hygiene support
- **27,135** people reached with health and nutrition support
- **17,090** children reached with child protection and education interventions

**RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS**

- **$ 21M** requested for humanitarian assistance

**WORLD VISION AREAS OF OPERATION**
GAP AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

in millions US$

$6.6M FUNDING GAP

$14.7M RECEIVED

$21 MILLION REQUESTED

WV ETHIOPIA HUMANITARIAN DONORS AND PARTNERS

**USAID**
FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

**Global Affairs Canada**
Affaires mondiales Canada

**OCHA**

PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION

**Edward Brown**
National Director, WV Ethiopia
E-mail: Edward_Brown@wvi.org
Skype: fasteddyw

**Getenew Zewdu**
Response Director
E-mail: Getenew_Zewdu@wvi.org
Skype: getenewzewdu

**Alex Whitney**
Integrated Programs Director
E-mail: alex.whitney@worldvision.org.uk
Skype: AlexdaWhitney

**Meron Aberra**
Communications & External Engagement Manager
E-mail: Meron_Aberra@wvi.org
Skype: maberral