KEY HIGHLIGHTS

• Humanitarian Requirement: In Ethiopia, 12.5 million people are now in need of food assistance. Since the revision of the Humanitarian Requirements Document (HRD) in August 2017, the humanitarian context in Ethiopia has continued to deteriorate. As a result, 4 million more people have been added to the number in need of food security assistance. The 4 million are former Productive Safety Net Programme (PSNP) – an early recovery programme – clients. The country is now requesting $1.4B to respond to the needs. The increase is related to:
  » Unprecedented internal displacement due to conflict and flooding
  » Deteriorating nutrition situation necessitating further blanket supplementary feeding programmes
  » Crop failures in eastern Amhara, most parts of Oromia and SNNP regions
  » Increasing fall armyworm infestation
  » Lingering effects of the 2015-2016 El Niño-induced drought
  » Poor October-to-December 2016 and March-to-June 2017 rainy seasons

• Prospect of ‘Meher’ Production: In many agricultural producing areas of the country, the Meher seasonal harvest started in the month of October and is expected to continue until December 2017. The harvest is expected to improve the availability of food in many drought affected areas. However, large areas of Somali Region are expected to remain in Emergency (IPC Phase 4) or Crisis (IPC Phase 3) between August 2017 and January 2018. A sustained increase in humanitarian assistance is required to prevent households from moving into Catastrophe (IPC Phase 5) in Somali Region.

• Disease Outbreak: Acute Watery Diarrhea (AWD) still remains a public health threat in Ethiopia, with increasing cases between reported. The recent resurgence predominantly occurred in the northwest regions of Amhara, Tigray, and Afar regions. Since the start of the year, 47,340 total cases have been reported with 859 deaths.
HUMANITARIAN SITUATION OVERVIEW

- **Internally Displaced People:** The shelter and the non-food item (NFI) cluster of Ethiopia in its September bulletin indicated that 231,000 internally displaced households in Ethiopia are in need of Shelter/NFI. Over $17M has been mobilized so far this year for the IDP response, with about a 48% unmet funding gap for the sector. Currently Ethiopia has over one million internally displaced people. Since the beginning of September; tensions along the Oromia and Somali regional border intensified and resulted in a significant additional numbers of internally displaced people (IDPs).

- **Increasing Need for Therapeutic Feeding:** Given the onset of the typical lean season and the protracted drought across the southern belt, coupled with the stretched relief food pipelines, the new revised Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) caseload has been raised to 375,000 severely malnourished children under age 5 and 3.6 million moderately malnourished children and pregnant and lactating women. In Somali region, high numbers of acute malnutrition continue to be reported. Without timely food distribution, water provision, drugs and staff available, the nutrition situation could further deteriorate in the region.

- **Security:** Security has been tense and violence triggered in Oromiya zones following Oromo – Ethiopian Somali conflict. Several zones and towns were affected by demonstrations and violence. A clan conflict in Amaro district has forced World Vision’s area project in Amaro to suspend operations. As a security measure, all travel to and from affected areas are being tracked and some travels to risky areas is being restricted.

1 Shelter and NFI Cluster bulletin, October 2017

WHAT WORLD VISION ETHIOPIA IS DOING

- With the increasing humanitarian need, which was verified by the recent HRD released in July 2017, World Vision Ethiopia has revised its response plan to contribute to the national response. The new drought has critically affected 32 areas that World Vision is implementing programmes and 12 other areas where World Vision is not currently operational.

- The revised response plan includes providing nutrition support, water, sanitation and hygiene, health, education and livelihood/food security projects in the drought affected areas with a target budget of US $37.3 M to address 1.46M beneficiaries.

FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

- **Improved Seed distribution:** 6.5 tonnes of cereals, 26 tonnes of Irish potato seeds and 128 kg of vegetable seeds were distributed to 1,433 families in Habro, Melka Bello and Jaros areas.

- **Community training:** 50 community members in Dolo Ado, in the Somali region, attended training on improved agricultural practices.

- **Small scale Irrigation:** Irrigation canal construction in Dolo Ado is 95% complete and is expected to benefit 100 families who work on 50 hectares of communal land.

WASH

- **Rehabilitation of springs:** The rehabilitation work of 4 springs has been completed and a remaining 6 are under construction. The completed 4 springs are benefiting 2,000 people.

- **Rehabilitation of shallow wells:** 1,800 people are benefiting from the rehabilitation of 3 shallow wells in Kochere.

- **Construction of Water Supply System:** The construction of 100m³ reservoir is 90 per cent complete and 4 water points have been constructed in Shashemen. 6,000 people are expected to benefit.

- **Sanitation and Hygiene related trainings:** A total of 251 sanitation and improved hygiene promoters have been trained at Bena Tsemay Woreda.

- **Water Management training:** WASH Committees have been set up in 7 villages Kochere. 49 committee members have been trained.

- **Acute Watery Diarrhea (AWD) Response:** More than 10,000 people in the Tigray region are benefiting from a project that promotes water treatment and safe water management to prevent the further spread of AWD. Treatment centres are also being supported. A second project is expected to begin in November.

- **Water supply system upgrading:** The construction of 4 water supply system expansion at Melka Soda and Dugda Dawo Woredas is continuing. Currently the construction progress of 3 water supply systems is 90% complete – as 7 water points have been completed, 2 cattle water troughs set up, and 2 reservoirs are at finishing stages. More than 21,000 people are expected to benefit from this project.

FOOD ASSISTANCE

- **Food Aid:** 6th round food distribution completed in the reporting period. Accordingly, 3,498,960 MT wheat, 349,896 MT YSP and 104,969 MT oil were distributed to 248,802 people in the 12 project woredas of Oromiya and SNNP.

- **Children Receiving Food:** 15,442 Registered Children in World Vision Program Areas have been served with different responses. These includes food assistance and medical supports. The response actors are World Vision Ethiopia, local government and the community, World Food Programme and the government’s Joint Emergency Operation Program.
**HEALTH & NUTRITION**

- **Addressing Child Malnutrition:** 439 severely malnourished and 129 moderately malnourished children have received treatment in targeted health institutions of South Ari, Kochere, Gedeb and Melka Bello. The service includes emergency medication and nutrition supplements.

- **Government Staff Training:** Different trainings were conducted in October 2017. 111 Health Extension Workers (HEWs) learned about severe acute malnutrition management and 16 HEWS attended a refresher training of Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF).

- **Community Mobilization Sessions:** 48 community mobilization sessions were conducted in different project areas.

**FOOD SECURITY STATUS IN ETHIOPIA**

Source: FEWSNET

- **1,229,593** people reached with assistance
- **1.46M** people targeted in planned response
- **385,542** people reached with water, sanitation and hygiene support
- **34,324** people reached with health and nutrition support
- **533,792** people reached with food security and livelihood support
- **257,464** people reached with food assistance
- **18,471** children reached with child protection and education interventions
GAPS AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

- In response to the 2017 drought, World Vision Ethiopia has secured US $23.7 Million. Of this, US $18.1 M is in kind resources and administration costs for food assistance of Joint Emergency Operation Program in 12 drought affected districts.

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Total funding received (US$): 23,661,879

Total funding gap (US$): 13,621,375

Total funding requested (US$): 37,283,254

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