**Key messages**

- **Food security outlook**: Eastern parts of Somali region, border pastoral areas of the Oromia region particularly (Guji and Borena), as well as East and West Hararghe, and Gedeo in the SNNP region will continue to face Crisis levels (IPC Phase 3) of food insecurity through to January 2019. This is largely attributed to delayed onset of the Kiremt (June to September) rains and extended dry spells experienced through the month of August.

- **Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)**: Ethnic violence has displaced an estimated 140,000 people from the country’s western region of Benishangul-Gumuz region into East and West Wollega zones of Oromia region. According to the emergency response plan, food, shelter and household items as well as health are the most critical.

- **Overall humanitarian needs**: According to the revised Humanitarian and Disaster Resilience Plan (HDRP), at least 17 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance. Of these, 7.9 million people require support either in the form of food or cash assistance.

- **El Niño forecasted from end of 2018**: The World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) has issued an alert warning of a 70% chance of El Niño phenomenon from November and this will persist into early 2019. UNOCHA is monitoring early warning information and keeping partners informed.

- **Favourable rains in southern Ethiopia**: According to WMO, El Niño-like events will likely have a positive impact on the October-December 2018 short rains over southern Ethiopia, which is generally considered to be dry. This is being attributed to the above-normal precipitation likely in parts of southeast equatorial of Africa.

**Food security outlook**

October 2018 - January 2019

**Gaps and needs**

- **Focus shifts to returnees**: With displaced families beginning to return to their homes in Gedeo and West Guji, southern Ethiopia, the focus is now shifting to assisting those returning, after months of conflict, to rebuild their lives and lost livelihoods.

- **Critical sectors of support**: Support in the sectors of livelihoods, education, food and protection will help families get a headstart. Based on needs assessment, World Vision is revising its response plan in order to prioritise the pressing needs that have been identified.

**Humanitarian needs**

- **7.95 million** people in need of humanitarian assistance
- **4.3 million** children in need of humanitarian assistance
- **8.2 million** people in need of water, sanitation and hygiene assistance
- **4.5 million** people are in need of nutrition assistance
- **4.3 million** children in need of humanitarian assistance
- **7.5 million** people in need of health assistance
- **2.8 million** people are in need of shelter and non-food items

**Funding needs**

- **Food security & livelihoods**
  - $4.8 M (80%)
  - $1.2 M (20%)
- **Health and Nutrition**
  - $2.6 M (44%)
  - $3.3 M (56%)
- **Food assistance**
  - $18.1 M (99%)
  - $61.277 (1%)
- **Water, sanitation & hygiene**
  - $4.2 M 70%
  - $1.9 M (30%)
- **Child protection and education**
  - $198,991 (20%)
  - $801,009 (80%)
- **Programme Management**
  - $221,249 (100%)
- **TOTAL**
  - **$30.4 M**
  - **$7 M**

*All financial figures in US$
Response highlights

**WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE**

**Capacity building training:** 67 Health Extension Workers (HEWs) from Kochera, Bulehora and Gelan woredas were trained on improved hygiene practices, safe water management, and prevention of water-borne diseases. In addition, an estimated 2,986 internally displaced persons and returnees in Bule Hora and Gelana woredas participated in the Global Handwashing day where they were sensitised on the importance of washing hands.

**FOOD ASSISTANCE**

A total of 207,660 people affected by conflict in Gedeo and West Guji received food assistance through the Joint Emergency Operation Plan (JEOP).

**FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS**

- **Purchase of seeds:** 6,800 families in Borica and Shshego woredas were provided with a variety of improved seeds that included teff, wheat and haricot seeds to boost their food production. These families also received cash to enable them purchase vegetable seeds. In total US $ 66,199 was transferred.

- **Cash-based programming:** 80 families affected by floods in Gelana woreda of Oromia, received US$140 each under the cash-based programming using the Last Mile Mobile Solution (LMMS) system.

**NUTRITION**

- **Targeted feeding:** 1,015 children under five years with cases of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) received appropriate care and management in the outpatient therapeutic programmes. In addition, 130 children and 110 pregnant and lactating mothers with Modern Acute Malnutrition (MAM) received therapeutic treatment and care through the Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TFSP).

- **Trainings:** 127 Health workers in Gedeb, Kochera, Jeju, and Dilla Zuria zones were trained on Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) in emergency situations. Training also providing health workers with a reorientation of integrated management of malnutrition including supplementary feeding programme.

**PROTECTION**

463 primary school children returning to their homes in West Guji, after months of conflict, received learning materials such as books and pens that boosted their return to school. 1,077 girls and women also received dignity kits that contained sopa, shampoo, sanitary pads and clothes.

**HEALTH**

World Vision supported the Government’s efforts to respond to the outbreak of contributed Acute Watery Diarrhoea (AWD) in Habro woreda of Oromia targeting to reach 15,000 people. The funding was primarily used to purchase medical supplies.
**Response locations**

- **Tigray**
- **Amhara**
- **SNNP**
- **Oromia**
- **Somali**

**Monthly achievements**

- **Tigray**
  - October: 350,172 people
  - September: 78,505 people

- **SNNP**
  - October: 231,491 children
  - September: 27,147 children

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