Key messages

- **7.8 Million predicted to be in need:** Though the 2018 official Ethiopia humanitarian needs have not been officially released, Cluster Coordinators and key UN and NGO partners are meeting to consider sector-specific response priorities for the first six months of 2018. The projected needs are for 7.88M people of relief food or cash assistance; 2.4M households with livestock support; 3.5M cases of moderate acute malnutrition; 350,000 cases of severe acute malnutrition; 6M people without safe drinking water; 1.6M internally displaced persons due to different factors.

- **Fourth successive season of underperforming rains:** If the predicted erratic and underperforming spring rains materialize, in the current drought belt, it will be the 4th successive year of underperforming rains in some of these areas.

- **Public health concerns:** Prevalent outbreaks of acute watery diarrhea (AWD) and measles are pending public health problems. In 2018 only, AWD cases have been reported from Somali and Dire Dawa. Within January and February 2018, a total of 552 Measles cases were reported (191 confirmed).

- **Priority areas in need of assistance:** The January nutrition hotspot classification identified 463 districts nationwide as priority areas for humanitarian response in 2018, of which 216 are in greatest need - Priority 1 (P1), 161 Priority 2 (P2) and 86 Priority 3 (P3). The geographic footprint remains the same as in 2017, with few additional P1 districts identified in northern and north eastern Amhara and in Afar regions.

Food insecurity

- **Minimal**
- **Stressed**
- **Crisis**
- **Emergency**
- **Famine**

Humanitarian needs

- **8.5 million** people in need of humanitarian assistance
- **2.2 million** people are food insecure
- **1.2 million** people displaced as a result of drought and conflict
- **3.6 million** children are in need of nutrition assistance
- **10.5 million** people in need of water, sanitation and hygiene assistance
- **1.9 million** children require education support

Gaps and needs

- Based on the January 2018 classification, 28 of the 58 World Vision long term development area programmes (48%) along with 63% of the grant-only project areas are classified as hot spots in need of humanitarian assistance. This need is similar to 2017 but the cause has shifted (drought and mass displacement).
- The key need sectors, which were not well funded in 2017, were education, protection, health and nutrition. These sectors are expected to remain in need of more funding in 2018.

Funding needs (Continued from 2017)

- **Food security & livelihoods**
  - $2.9M (49%) of $3.0M (51%)
- **Health and Nutrition**
  - $1.01M (17%) of $4.99M (83%)
- **Food assistance**
  - $18.1M (100%)
- **Water, sanitation & hygiene**
  - $2.1M (34%) of $4.0M (66%)
- **Child protection and education**
  - $141.179 (14%) of $858,821 (86%)
- **Total**
  - $US$ 24.5M
  - $US$ 12.8M

*All financial figures in US$
Response highlights

**WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE**

- **Shallow wells**: 3 productive shallow wells were drilled at Malle Woreda and hand pump and head works were installed.
- **Construction Waldaya Misoma WSP at Melka Soda woreda**: 100% finalized and going to handover for community and government.
- **Hygiene promotion**: Different hygiene promotion activities were undertaken in 5 woredas, which includes training 551 hygiene promoters and 30 HEWs on improved hygienic practice.
- **Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) committees**: 11 WASH committee, with 7 members each, were established and members trained on operating and maintaining of WASH schemes.

**FOOD ASSISTANCE**

- **Food distribution**: 176,918 people have received food that was distributed in seven priority woredas in Oromia and SNNP. Accordingly, 2,653.7MT of wheat, 265.3MT of YSP and 79.6MT of oil were distributed.
- **Children receiving assistance**: 13,125 affected Registered Children in World Vision Ethiopia Area Programmes have been served with food assistance and medical support, thanks to support from JEOP and WFP.

**HEALTH AND NUTRITION**

- **Nutrition assistance**: 300 severely acute malnourished children received assistance from nutrition in Kochera, Melka Belo and Habro woredas.

**FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS**

- **Seeds for farmers**: 767 quintals of improved cereals seed distributed to 1,148 households (234 are female headed) in Amaro woreda.
- **Livestock distributed**: 103 improved breeds of goats and sheep were distributed to 15 households who lost their livestock due to internal conflict in Amaro area.
- **Peace building training**: 625 community members representing different segments of Amaro community attended peace building training.

**EDUCATION AND PROTECTION**

- **School supplies**: 1,800 school bags, 3,602 children clothes, 39,624 exercise book and 12,612 ballpoint pens were distributed to children whose schooling was affected by internal conflict.

**RESPONDING TO DISPLACED PEOPLE**

- **Two projects supported by World Vision Canada and World Vision Singapore started operating in Tulo IDP are in responding to people’s needs of water, sanitation and hygiene and education.**

Response achievements

**Response February 01-February 28, 2018**

- **21,057** people reached with food security and livelihoods
- **3,900** children reached with food security and livelihoods
- **963** people reached with health and nutrition services
- **962** children reached with health and nutrition services
- **7,059** people reached with education and protection services
- **7,059** children reached with education and protection services
- **530** people reached with clean water and sanitation
- **130** children reached with clean water and sanitation
- **176,918** people reached with food assistance
- **94,578** children reached with food assistance
- **106,629** children reached with life-saving humanitarian assistance in February 2018
- **742,993** children reached with life-saving humanitarian assistance since January 2017
- **1,279,721** people reached with life-saving humanitarian assistance since January 2017