

WORLD VISION KENYA HUNGER RESPONSE SITUATION REPORT NO.15

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SITUATION OVERVIEW



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Improving or stabilized areas:** In five of the 23 Arid and Semi-Arid Land (ASAL) counties, the drought trend is improving while the trend is stable in nine other counties. Areas of the country are still struggling in the aftermath of the 2017 challenges where Kenya faced multiple humanitarian challenges which included severe drought, disease outbreaks, refugee influx, flash flooding, industrial strikes by health workers, resource-based conflict and elections-related insecurity.
- Drought status, January 2018:** Six counties (Isiolo, Kajiado, Tana River, Garissa, Kilifi, Wajir) are in alarm drought status and seeing a worsening trend. Five counties are in Alert drought status are Mandera, Kitui, Marsabit, Taita Taveta and Tharaka Nithi. Additionally, 13 of the 23 ASAL Counties (56%) are experiencing normal drought status.
- Population in need:** Currently 3.4 million people are in need of assistance, but this figure is likely to reduce.
- Performance of the short rains, 2017:** Rainfall was poorly distributed in space and time with below normal totals rainfall in some areas. Consequently, recovery has been less complete than hoped, and not sufficient to sustain households through the hot dry months ahead (January to end of March, 2018). Some areas however recorded improvement after the long rains but this may shortlived.
- Current vegetation condition:** Generally better than this time last year but below normal in several counties. Significant drought stress continues in some areas.
- Acute malnutrition:** Counties where malnutrition remains high: Isiolo, Mandera, Marsabit, Kajiado, and Samburu.
- Fire in Kijiji Village in Langata Nairobi:** An estimated 6,000 people and 850 school children were reportedly affected by the fire that broke out on 28 January 2018. World Vision Kenya's response included provision of tents to support psychosocial counselling in addition to 500 pieces of non-food items. An assesment was conducted to determine the extent of the damage, keenly looking out for the plight of children including determination of the number of unaccompanied children.



3.4 million

Total number of people in need of food assistance and livelihood interventions



1.8 million

children are in need of humanitarian assistance



3.5 million

people in need of water, sanitation and hygiene services



420,674

children under-5 projected to be malnourished



400,000

refugees and asylum seekers hosted in Kenya in 2017



588,000

children require education support



2.9 million

people require health support

WHAT WORLD VISION IS DOING

To ensure children and their families are protected from a looming calamity, World Vision Kenya's response has aided the affected people through emergency response and normal programming including early recovery, supported by donors and World Vision Support Offices.

NON FOOD ITEM KITS

- **Responding to fire in Kijiji Village, Nairobi:** In partnership with National Disaster Operation Centre, National Disaster Management Unit, Nairobi County Government an inter-agency rapid assessment was conducted. World Vision Kenya provided 500 Non Food Items kits to the most affected households.

NUTRITION

- **Nutrition screening and treatment:** In partnership with Ministry of Health, World Vision Kenya facilitated integrated health and nutrition outreaches for mass screening of 2,613 children under five and pregnant and lactating women. A total of 188 active cases of malnutrition were linked to stabilization centers in Kilifi, Turkana and Laisamis Counties.

WASH

- **Water purification:** Improving water quality: Through the Procter and Gamble (P&G) emergency drought response grant, World Vision aims to improve water quality consumed in 2,833 households within Marsabit and Turkana. The project distributed 1,800 buckets and 1,800 filter cloths to beneficiaries within Golbo and 135,720 water treatment sachets. This intervention will ensure the people drink safe treated water. In Turkana, 39 Community Health Volunteers trained on the use of P&G packs for water treatment at household level.
- **Supporting child health clubs:** In Marsabit, two school health clubs comprising of 58 children were sensitized on hand washing, menstrual hygiene, environmental hygiene and body hygiene.
- **Clean water trucking:** In Marsabit, 12 water trucks were sent to health facilities, one school and community water points, reaching 3,000 community members and 150 school children.
- **Improving Water Quality:** Through the Laisamis nutrition emergency project, 1,000 households benefited from water purifiers targeting under five children who are in nutritional programs at dispensaries and Mother to Mother Support groups.

LIVELIHOODS

- **Setting up farm ponds:** The Taita Taveta, 10 farm ponds were set up. The equipping of the farm ponds has contributed to food security, sustainability and will address recovery, thus serving 150 households and 27 registered children.

FOOD ASSISTANCE

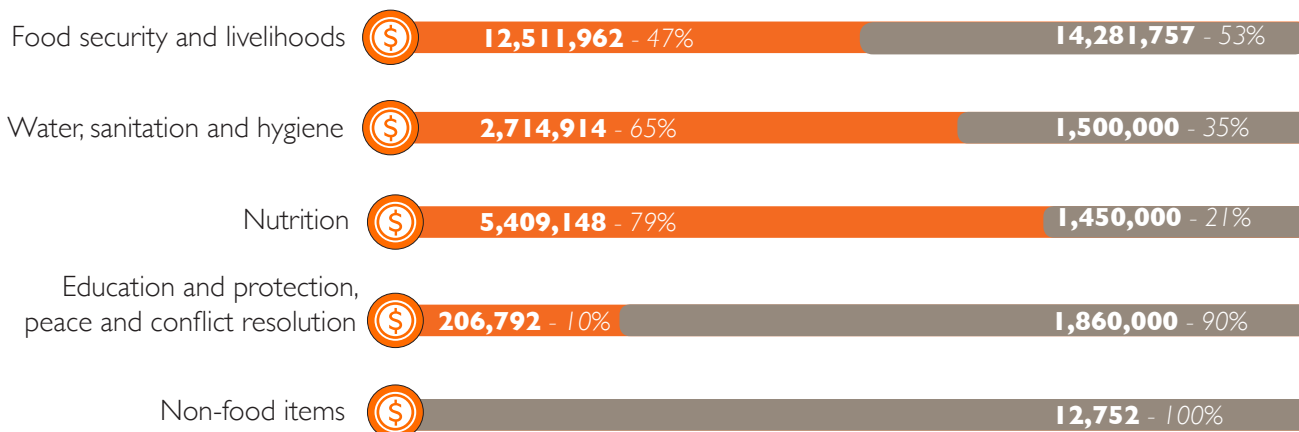
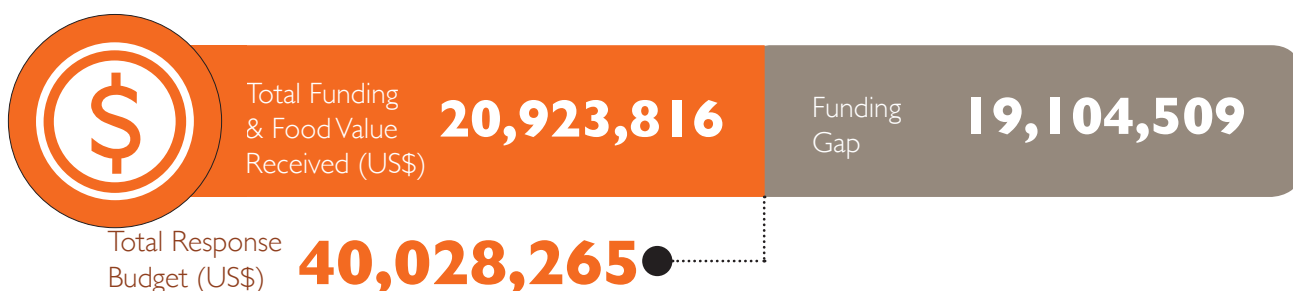
- **Food assistance for children under 5 and their families:** In Laisamis and Turkana, 62,288 children under five years and pregnant and lactating women were reached through a blanket supplementary feeding project. The total tonnage of food distributed was 367.82MTs. The distribution of food continues in Baringo.
- **General food distribution:** In Kajiado, World Vision Kenya is providing 2,600 of the most affected people with general food distribution.



CASH TRANSFERS

- **Cash helps families buy essential food items:** Through the protection ration project in Laisamis and Turkana, the project reached 26,938 beneficiaries with a monthly cash transfer of Kshs. 4,000 each [USD 40]. The programme aims to scale up household food security support to address the increasing vulnerability among households, and prevent the sharing of nutrition supplements provided for the treatment of acute malnutrition through the Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition Programmes (IMAM).
- **Cash for assets:** In Taita Taveta, 5,208 households registered under Cash for Assets project were compensated for the achieved work. In West Pokot 12,400 beneficiaries were reached under Chakula kwa jamii.

NUMBER OF PEOPLE REACHED THROUGH RESPONSE & EARLY INTERVENTION

People reached since 2017



 Funding received (US\$)  Funding gap (US\$)

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