

# WORLD VISION KENYA HUNGER RESPONSE SITUATION REPORT NO.9

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## SITUATION HIGHLIGHTS



420,674

children under age 5, pregnant women and lactating mothers require treatment for malnutrition

83,110

children under age 5 are severely malnourished



2.9 million

people in need of health intervention



3 million

people need access to safe drinking water



3.4 million

people in need of food assistance and livelihood intervention



1.2 million

children in need of education intervention

## KEY MESSAGES

- Rise in need: Humanitarian support is still needed to respond to 3.4 million people including 700,000 children under age 5 who are facing starvation due to lack of food and water in Kenya. The number has risen from the previous 2.7 Million recorded in February 2017. 500,000 people are reported to have fallen into emergency phase (IPC4), with some parts of the country having now experienced three consecutive failed rains.
- Acute malnutrition rising: Compared to February 2017, the overall nutrition situation remains of great concern. In some counties, the rates are still deteriorating. A July 2017 assessment report recorded 420,674 children ages 6 to 59 months requiring treatment for malnutrition, up from 344,000 reported in February 2017. The highest global acute malnutrition rate of 37% was recorded in Turkana South.
- Food security situation worsening: Low annual maize yields were recorded, due to drought conditions and the fall army worm invasion, leading to an increase in food insecurity for families reliant on agriculture. The outlook for the next three months is worrying. Livelihoods are already under significant stress which will only deepen as the dry season unfolds. Conditions are likely to deteriorate. Drought impacts are particularly severe in the counties of Isiolo, parts of Wajir (West and South), Turkana and Tana River.
- General election: The Kenya General elections were held on 8 August 2017 and presidential results declared four days later. Due to protest in the aftermath of the election, there were reports that some areas of Nairobi and Kisumu were unable to access food items. The situation continues to be monitored.
- Drought interventions must be scaled up: Due to rising needs, humanitarian and government responses must increase to protect people from starvation. Currently, more than 200,000 people are benefiting from World Vision's activities related to food assistance, nutrition, child protection, education and water and sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services. World Vision is appealing for an additional \$19 million US to scale up its response to meet the needs.

## HUMANITARIAN SITUATION OVERVIEW

- **Food security challenges:** The country experienced shortened long rains season which was poorly distributed in terms of time and space further worsening the food security situation. Staple food prices in both urban and rural markets have steadily risen since January and are 20 to 60 percent above the 5-year average. Drought conditions were further worsened by Fall and African Armyworm infestations that have already affected about 69,000 hectares of croplands.
- **Drought increases risks children face:** With the on-going drought, children are increasingly vulnerable to separation from their families, at a high risk of dropping out of school, of partaking in child labour, being married early, being sexually exploited, becoming pregnant and finding other negative coping mechanisms. There is evidence of increased numbers of children on the streets who left their homes to seek livelihood opportunities in towns and cities. During the first half of 2017, about 13,195 children were identified as separated while 1,629 children as unaccompanied minors in Garissa and West Pokot Counties. In addition, a total of 15,957 children have been displaced since January due to direct impacts of the ongoing drought.
- **Nutrition interventions working:** Despite the high levels of Global Acute Malnutrition where one might expect high mortality rates in Turkana, mortality surveys from Turkana are not currently showing elevated mortality levels, meaning the impact of the scaled up nutrition and health response in protecting children against malnutrition related mortality has been successful.
- **Conflict and insecurity:** In East Pokot sub-county (of Baringo County), humanitarian access has been severely constrained in 2017 due to on-going inter communal conflict and security operations. To respond, World Vision Kenya has been operational in the area providing lifesaving assistance to the affected communities including provision of non-food items and psychosocial support to children, in partnership with the church.
- **School enrolment:** According to 2017 June SMART survey in Turkana, 30% of school going age children are out of school. Factors affecting enrolment across the country remain as lack of school meal program, distances to school, conflict and migration, child labour, teenage pregnancies and marriage.

## WHAT WORLD VISION IS DOING

To ensure children and their families are protected from a looming calamity, World Vision Kenya's response has already reached 400,000 people affected by drought through emergency response and normal programming/early recovery supported by donors and World Vision support offices with \$9 million US. World Vision Kenya is seeking an additional \$19 million US to scale up life-saving humanitarian assistance to 335,680 more people facing starvation in 15 counties for the next 6 months. The interventions will include health, nutrition, child protection, peace building, livelihoods, education and water needs of those affected by the drought, giving the highest priority in our response.

During the period under review, 20 Jul to 09 Aug, response activities were slowed due to the Kenyan general election. Still, the following activities were conducted from 20 Jul to 09 Aug:



### HEALTH & NUTRITION

- **Nutritious food for children under age 5, pregnant women and lactating mothers:** In Turkana South and Laisamis in Marsabit county, 21,673 children and women were reached through blanket supplementary feeding programmes.



### WASH

- **Distribution of the Jerry cans and aquatabs** was done reaching 5,100 households in Marsabit, Turkana and Baringo counties to enable them store and consume safe water at home. At least one person per household has been sensitized on the use of the aquatabs and storage of the treated water.
- **Sanitation and hygiene awareness:** Children in two primary schools in Wajir learned about sanitation and hygiene thanks to information walls.
- **Water management training:** 20 water user committee members in Marsabit learned about water resource management during a training session.

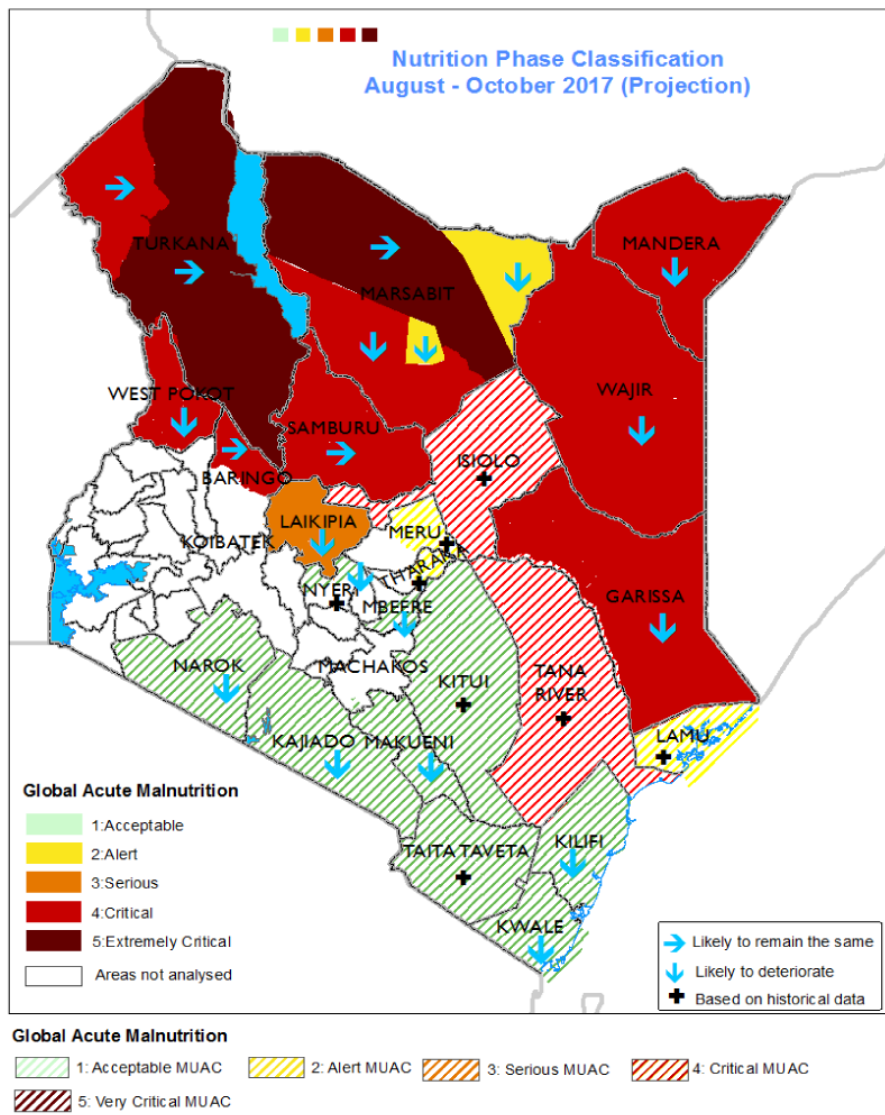


**335,680**  
people targeted  
for life-saving  
assistance



**400,000+**  
people reached with assistance  
through normal programming  
and response interventions

## NUTRITION STATUS IN KENYA



## RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS



**248,427**

people reached with food security and livelihood support



**47,625**

people reached with water, sanitation and hygiene support



**33,812**

children and women reached with nutrition support

**NFI**

**2,400**

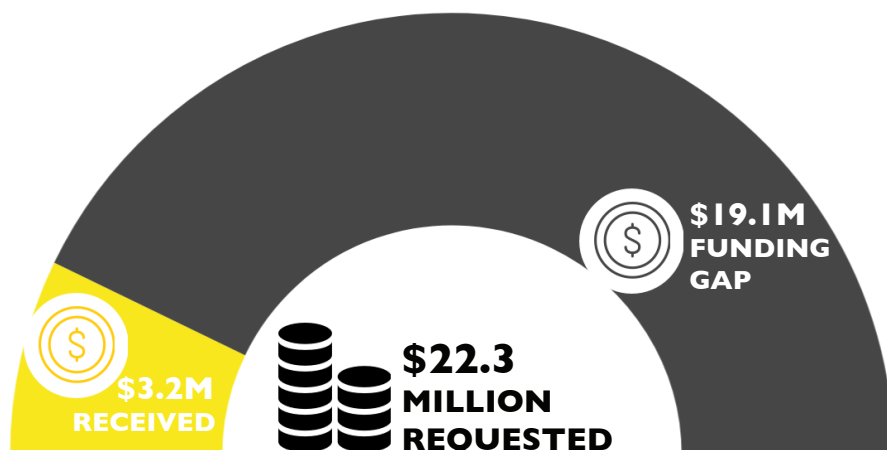
people reached with non food item interventions



**21,063**

children reached with child protection and education interventions

## GAPS AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS (in millions US\$)





## WORLD VISION KENYA HUMANITARIAN DONORS AND PARTNERS



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