

WORLD VISION KENYA HUNGER RESPONSE SITUATION REPORT NO.11

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SITUATION HIGHLIGHTS



KEY MESSAGES

- **Acute malnutrition:** 369,277 children in arid and semi-arid counties now require treatment for acute malnutrition. In addition, 36,988 pregnant and lactating women require treatment for malnutrition. Thirteen of the 17 Standardized Monitoring Assessments for Relief and Transition (SMART) surveys undertaken in June and July 2017 recorded critical levels of malnutrition, with Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) rates over the emergency threshold of 15 per cent. Four of the surveys reported very critical levels of malnutrition, with GAM rates of 30 per cent or above recorded in Turkana Central, Turkana North, Turkana South, and North Horr in Marsabit.
- **General election:** The country still awaits the presidential re-election after the Supreme Court annulled the presidential elections scheduled for 26th October. The situation is highly uncertain and the weeks leading up to the re-election require close monitoring.
- **Scaling up response:** In relation to the drought response interventions, the humanitarian flash appeal has a funding gap of US \$19.1 Million. Without additional funding, World Vision Kenya will be unable to optimally support the drought emergency response. Children's health and development will be negatively impacted, and child protection risks will increase if children and their families are unable to get access food assistance, nutrition, child protection, education and water and sanitation and hygiene services.
- **Drought effects on education:** Several schools have reportedly closed due to communities migrating as a result of the drought, while other schools report being overcrowded due to the influx of migrating children and others seeking school feeding. Conflict over resources driven by the drought is another impediment to educational continuity, with 10 counties reporting that insecurity has affected education¹.

¹ UNICEF Kenya Humanitarian situation report



420,674

under 5 children
require treatment
for malnutrition

39,068

pregnant and lactating
women require assistance



2.9 million

people in need of health
intervention



3.5 million

people need access to safe
drinking water, hygiene and
sanitation water



3.4 million

people in need of food
assistance and livelihood
intervention



1.2 million

children in need of
education intervention

HUMANITARIAN SITUATION OVERVIEW

- **Farmers likely to remain in crisis:** The FEWSNET Food Assistance Outlook Brief indicates that the October to December 2017 short rains are not expected to be sufficient to fully restore rangeland resources and livestock productivity across northern pastoral areas, particularly in Turkana, Marsabit, West Pokot, Isiolo, and Mandera. As a result, significant numbers of poor households are still expected to face Crisis (IPC Phase 3) outcomes in March 2018¹.
- **Food security and nutrition crisis:** People in the Arid and Semi-Arid (ASAL) Counties of Kenya are experiencing a food security and nutrition crisis as a result of a protracted drought that has undermined coping capacities and exacerbated vulnerabilities. The FEWSNET food security outlook through January 2018 indicates that in pastoral areas, persistently high staple food prices and low milk production are likely to further reduce food access and consumption at the household level through to mid-October; increasing malnutrition levels particularly for children under 5 and pregnant and lactating women through the end of October. Poor households are expected to increase their reliance on stress-coping strategies, and trekking distances in search of forage and water².
- **Cholera outbreak continues:** Six counties are currently reporting active cholera outbreak and these include Garissa, Nairobi, Machakos, Kajiado, Kilifi and Vihiga. Since January 2,807 cases were reported with 50 deaths (CFR 1.8%). Kala Azar outbreak is still active in Marsabit County with 338 reported cases.
- **Barriers to accessing health care services:** The nurses' strike has had an impact on the delivery of the integrated health and nutrition outreach services that have remained critical in delivering lifesaving services to drought - affected counties.

¹ Kenya Food Security Outlook June 2017 – January 2018

² Kenya Food Security Outlook June 2017 – January 2018

WHAT WORLD VISION IS DOING

To ensure children and their families are protected from a looming calamity, World Vision Kenya's response has reached 247,227 people affected by drought through emergency response and normal programming/early recovery supported by donors and World Vision Support Offices with \$8.7 million. Security in some parts of the country is a challenge in delivering the expected outcomes.



NUTRITION

Malnutrition screening, treatment: World Vision Kenya, United Nations Children Fund and Kenya Red Cross supported the Ministry of Health to conduct mass screening across 92 sites/villages in Turkana South for active case findings and referral where 1,655 children and 558 adults were reached. Among the children screened 441 children and 113 pregnant women and lactating mothers were admitted to Integrated Management for Acute Malnutrition programme for rehabilitation.

Food assistance to combat malnutrition: A total of 70,637 children under five years, pregnant women and lactating mothers were reached through blanket supplementary feeding project in Baringo (29,526 beneficiaries) Moyale (17,367 beneficiaries), Turkana South (23,744 beneficiaries) a total of 428.69 MTs of food was distributed.

Learning about nutrition: Through the Nutrition Sensitive Programming Project, 88 beneficiary groups from Kilifi County received training on 33 nutrition sensitive topics including integrating agriculture, nutrition, water and sanitation using a guide for Community based Facilitators.



EDUCATION AND CHILD PROTECTION

- **School feeding programme:** 5,358 boys and 6,015 girls in 34 primary schools in Taita Taveta benefited from the distribution of 22.891 MT of cereals, pulses, oil and salt.



WASH

- **Providing clean water:** A total of 88,734 people are expected to benefit from the rehabilitation of boreholes, shallow wells, water trucking in schools, pipeline extension and hygiene promotion in West Pokot, Baringo, Wajir, Turkana and Marsabit. Work is continuing on these projects.
- **Hygiene and sanitation training:** 6,280 participated in hygiene and promotion events organized by World Vision trained faith leaders and community health volunteers
- **Water trucking:** 1,797 school children benefited from water trucking provided to 8 schools. Additionally, 8,589 people in 8 communities benefited from water trucking activities.

RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

- **Water purification:** In Baringo County, 1,350 school children from the 9 schools learned about water treatment for household use. Each school benefited from 480 purification sachets from Proctor and Gamble. To ensure sustainability and continuity of the Proctor and Gamble water treatment project, 10 local business persons were linked up with a local distributor to enable them stock the products in their shops. The purifiers were also distributed to 1,040 households in Marsabit County.
- **Clean water for pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers:** Distribution of 1,800 jerricans and 80,000 aquatabs distributed to 1,100 pregnant and lactating women and in Baringo and Turkana counties.

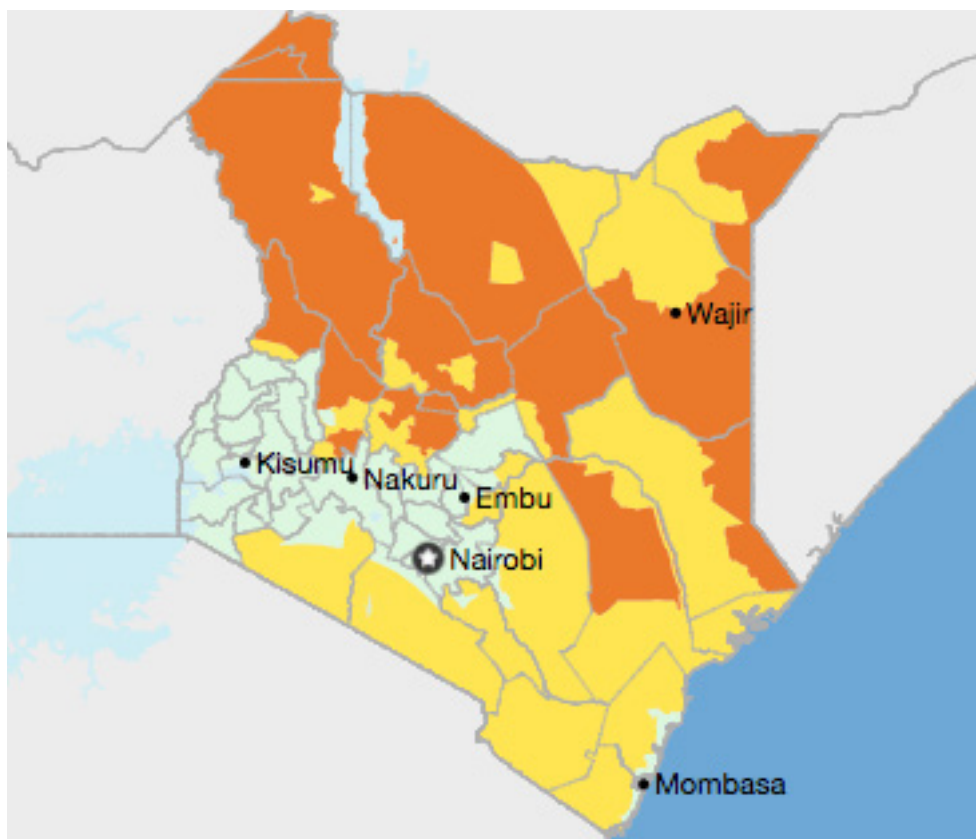


FOOD ASSISTANCE

- **Cash assistance:** 655 households benefited from unconditional cash transfer of Kshs. 2,500 through Mwatate – Taveta Drought Action Project. Meanwhile, in Kilifi County, 31,490 households have received an initial unconditional cash transfer through the project dubbed 'Chakula kwa Jamii', in partnership with the Ministry of Devolution and Special programs, World Vision Kenya and the World Food Programme.

FOOD INSECURITY IN KENYA

FEWS-NET PREDICTED FOOD SECURITY OUTLOOK OCTOBER 2017-JANUARY 2018



■ 1: Minimal
 ■ 2: Stressed
 ■ 3: Crisis
 ■ 4: Emergency
 ■ 5: Famine



247,227

people reached with food security and livelihood support



123,000

people reached with water, sanitation and hygiene support



135,819

children and women reached with nutrition support



247,227

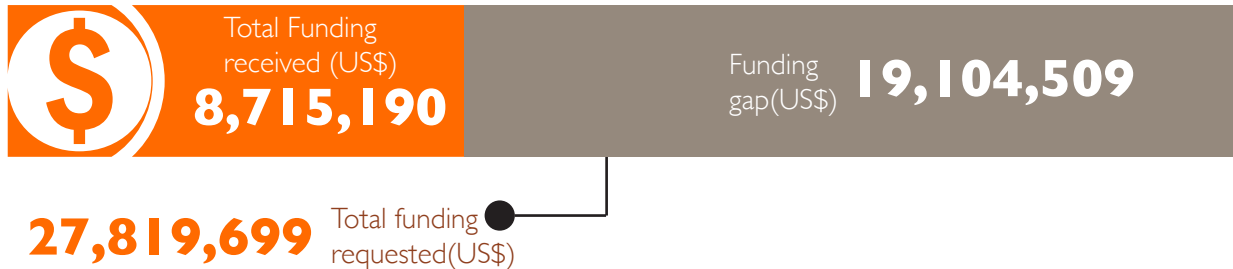
people reached with non food item interventions



21,063

children reached with child protection and education interventions

GAPS AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS



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