**KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Improving conditions:** The vegetation condition, water availability and access to water improved in most ASAL counties in Kenya. Food production indicators in a number of counties have almost returned to normal. Water sources are within seasonal norms and distances to water points for both households and livestock are close to seasonal norms. Milk production and livestock prices are also improving. However, full recovery from the effects of the previous drought have not yet been fully realized. Several counties are still experiencing dry weather conditions, particularly, Isiolo, Garissa, Kajiado and Tana River which are classified in the alarm phase.

- **Water sources:** Water sources across many counties have improved compared to the previous month. Many open water sources are being replenished and return distances from households to water sources have reduced significantly. However, Isiolo, Kajiado and Tana River continue to experience severe water shortage, where most shallow wells and water pans remain dry.

- **Acute malnutrition:** Recent National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) surveillance data using Mid Upper Arm Circumference shows Kajiado, Isiolo, Garissa, Kajiado and Tana River requiring close monitoring.

- **Other food security challenges:** Generally, no major insecurity incidences were reported, except intermittent resource-based conflicts between pastoralists. A few cases of flooding were reported in Marsabit, Meru and Narok affecting access to markets and services and damaged infrastructure and property.

- **Disease outbreaks:** According to the latest Ministry of Health (MoH) disease outbreak situation report, seven counties (Nairobi, Garissa, Embu, Kirinyaga, Mombasa, Turkana and Wajir) have ongoing cholera outbreaks. Since January, 2017, 3,967 cholera cases have been reported with 76 deaths.
WHAT WORLD VISION IS DOING

NUTRITION

• Food assistance for children under 5 and their families: In Laisamis and Baringo, 29,196 children under five years and pregnant and lactating women were reached through a blanket supplementary feeding project. The total tonnage of food distributed was 198,872MTs.

• Nutrition screening and treatment: In partnership with Ministry of Health, World Vision Kenya facilitated integrated health and nutrition outreaches for mass screening of 2,666 children under five and pregnant, and lactating women. In response, 172 active cases of malnutrition were linked to stabilization centers in Kilifi, Turkana and Laisamis Counties.

• Nutrition training: In Laisamis, 62 women were reached through Mother to Mother Support Groups to enhance nutrition and health well-being. The mothers were trained on Community Led Total Sanitation, the importance of breastfeeding and optimal maternal and child nutrition. Forty Community Health Volunteers were also trained on health management information system to help bridge the gap in documentation and reporting.

WASH

• Water purification: In Turkana, 34 community health volunteers (CHV) were trained on the process of water treatment at household level involving the use of Pur sachets and hygiene kits. Treatment sachets were provided to 1,373 households. 38 CHVs were also trained to help promote sanitation and hygiene practices.

• Providing clean water: A total of 1,846 school children are benefiting from a water pipeline extension in West Pokot sub-county that was completed and is currently serving four schools. The extension of the pipeline has increased access to improved drinking water source for children attending school.

• Building water kiosks: Under the Orwa WASH Mtelo water project, two 50 cubic metres masonry tanks, four water kiosks with overhead storage and four cattle troughs were completed. This has greatly increased availability of water both for human and livestock use.

• Sanitation training: In Marsabit, 59 School Management Committee (SMC) members from three schools were sensitized on proper sanitation practices. Six community dialogue forums were conducted benefiting 437 community members with peace and sanitation messages.

• Water pipeline extension: In Kilifi, three sites were handed over to contractors to extend an existing water pipeline to further enhance access to water for more people and livestock.

LIVELIHOODS

• Agricultural support: The Taita Taveta response purchased 10 drip irrigation kits for distribution to 10 farm ponds. The equipping of the farm ponds will contribute to food security, sustainability and will address recovery.

“I realized if I could change, then everyone could change. You have to learn to be honest, to be humble,” says 18-year-old Ayen (in red), a refugee peace club member in Kakuma, Kenya. More than 2000 children and young adults have taken part in World Vision’s peace building activities, where they learn how to resolve conflict through non-violent means, celebrate diversity, deal with difficult emotions, challenge biases and develop leadership skills. The refugee peace builders then organise community events where the same messages are shared with peers, caregivers and community members.

The programme aims to expand in 2018.
NUMBER OF PEOPLE REACHED THROUGH RESPONSE & EARLY INTERVENTION

People reached in 2017

- **300,496** people reached with food security and livelihood support
- **137,233** people reached with nutrition activities
- **57,550** people reached with water, sanitation and hygiene support
- **21,063** children reached with child protection activities
- **2,000** people reached with peace and conflict resolution activities
- **2,400** children reached with non-food item kits

Total Funding & Food Value

| Total Funding & Food Value Received (US$) | 20,923,816 |
| Total Response Budget (US$) | 40,028,265 |
| Funding Gap (US$) | 19,104,509 |

Funding received and gap for different sectors:

- **Food security and livelihoods**: $12,511,962 - 47% gap of $14,281,757
- **Water, sanitation and hygiene**: $2,714,914 - 65% gap of $1,500,000
- **Nutrition**: $5,409,148 - 79% gap of $1,450,000
- **Education and protection, peace and conflict resolution**: $206,792 - 10% gap of $1,860,000
- **Non-food items**: $12,572 - 100% gap
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