KEY MESSAGES

- Immediate action and aid is needed to respond to 2.7 million people including 700,000 children under five years, who are facing starvation and possible famine due to lack of food and water in Kenya.
- The hunger crisis is exacerbated by drought and inter-clan conflict forcing people to migrate and putting children at huge risk of violence, exploitation and abuse.
- Identification of child friendly spaces for the protection of children affected by conflict is critical. Children need a safe environment, where integrated programming including play, recreation, education, health and psychosocial support can be delivered and information about service and support provided.
- World Vision Kenya’s response will help meet the health, nutrition, child protection, peace building, livelihoods, education and water and sanitation needs of those affected by the drought, giving highest priority in our response to children.
- World Vision Kenya is seeking US$16.6 million to provide and scale up life-saving humanitarian assistance to 252,000 people facing starvation in 15 counties in Kenya for the next 12 months.

HUMANITARIAN SITUATION OVERVIEW

- **UN appeal:** Recently, the United Nations and humanitarian partners appealed for US$166 million to address the devastating consequences of drought in northern Kenya. The Flash Appeal will complement the Government of Kenya’s ongoing nine-month response plan (November 2016 – July 2017), which currently faces a funding gap of US$108 million. The Government has allocated US$100 million against the overall estimated requirement of US$208 million.
- **Insecurity:** Kenya is experiencing an upsurge of violence in several regions of the country. This has resulted in deaths of children and women in Baringo, West Pokot, Laikipia, Samburu, Isiolo, Kitui and Marafa. The survivors, especially...
children remain maimed, impoverished, homeless and deeply traumatised.

- **Food insecurity:** There is a declining trend in food security across the affected counties. Currently, 15 counties are in alarm stage and 8 counties are in stressed phase. Three weeks ago, only 11 counties were at an alarm stage.

- **Main Challenges include:** food insecurity, acute malnutrition, water shortage, disease outbreak, livestock loss, increased vulnerability and school dropouts.

**Main humanitarian needs.**

There is a general decline in food availability across the country due to the below average 2016 short rains. Food prices (maize/corn) have increased by 20-35 percent higher than the previous 12 months, while the price of livestock has declined by 15-30 per cent within the same period.

The nutrition status in Kenya is deteriorating with Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) rates above 30 per cent reported in Turkana north, Baringo, Mandera and Marsabit north. GAM rates, a World Health Organization system, helps provide a reasonable way to assess the severity of a crisis. GAM rates of 15 per cent and above are considered critical.

- GAM rates of 15-29.9 per cent have been reported in Isiolo, Turkana South, West and Central.
- An estimated 465,595 children aged between 6-59 months and 43,400 pregnant and lactating women require treatment and management of malnutrition.
- More than 30 per cent of rural water points are nonfunctional resulting in a 5-fold increase in water prices, conflicts over livestock watering points, loss of livestock, and increased risk of malnutrition and infectious disease.

- The number of Kilometers people travel to access clean water increased by 5-10 Kilometers within the past 12 months in most counties.
- The most affected counties are Tana River and Mandera (20 – 30 Kilometers) and among pastoral communities in Marsabit, Turkana and Samburu (7 – 10 Kilometers).

Conflict and insecurity is on the rise due to the drought. Most of the conflict is resource based including humanwildlife conflict. The number of counties worst affected by conflict has risen from 2 to 8 with the most severe being Baringo County which has led to displacement of 5882 children and 10,195 adults.

- An estimated 175,000 children in 10 counties are currently out of school with 90 percent of schools in the country lacking school meal programs
- Risks and incidences of Gender-Based Violence, sexual violence, child abuse and exploitation and child labor have increased.

While the government has committed to fund nearly 54 percent of the National Drought Response Plan, there is need for humanitarian partners to scale-up and support the response on the gap.
**WORLD VISION KENYA ONGOING OPERATIONS**

Total beneficiaries in the 15 counties affected are 457,619; this includes 252,000 who are targeted in the new $16.6M hunger crisis programming.

### Beneficiaries targeted for response.

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*The total beneficiaries targeted for new programming are 252,000 where some people will be benefiting from multiple interventions*

### ONGOING PRE-RESPONSE ACTIVITIES PER SECTOR

#### FAITH AND DEVELOPMENT

- World Vision Kenya has identified potential groups to work with to help raise resources and contribute to conflict resolution and peace building.
- Faith based groups include Christian media, Christian universities, churches and para church groups.

#### WASH

- Two boreholes have been drilled in Marafa programme area.
- Rehabilitation of boreholes, water pans and shallow wells is on-going in Moyale, Wajir and Kilifi Counties.
- Water purification tabs have been distributed to households in Makueni, Isiolo, Kolowa, Bartabwa, Golbo, Mutomo, Lower Yatta, Kalawa, Osiligi and Mwala programme areas where World Vision works.
- Plastic water tanks have been procured and distributed to 10 schools in Bamba, Kilifi Counties.

#### NUTRITION

- World Vision Kenya is conducting mobile outreaches in hard to reach areas in Baringo and Laisamis Counties. This involves mass screening, treatment of minor illnesses and acute malnutrition.
- World Vision Kenya is also conducting on the job training for health workers and community health workers in the field. Plans are in place to scale up outreaches, training of health workers and treatment for acute malnutrition in Turkana, West Pokot, Isiolo and Marsabit.

#### FOOD ASSISTANCE

- World Vision Kenya is reaching out to 138,280 people in four counties in Kilifi, Taita-Taveta, Makueni and Baringo. Cash for work and food for work is provided monthly to 64,400 people in Moyale and Turkana counties.
- Plans are in place to scale up cash for work and food for work programmes in nine additional counties where World Vision Kenya operates, to help reduce food insecurity and protect livelihoods.

#### CHILD PROTECTION

- World Vision Kenya is supporting children affected by conflict in Baringo with safe places to play.
- World Vision is supporting pastors in Baringo to conduct spiritual nurture and psychosocial support while also advocating for child rights and supporting in the coordination of response.

#### EDUCATION

- World Vision Kenya is working with the Ministry of Education to ensure that 343 children that have been displaced as a result of the Baringo conflict are enrolled in neighbouring schools.
- The organisation shall utilise lunch cash vouchers to enhance retention of school going children targeting families in 3 counties namely: Marsabit, Baringo and Turkana.
- Fourteen (14) World Vision long-term development programmes have applied for approval to reprogram funds to respond to the drought.
GAPS AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

- Food security & livelihoods: 11,532,910
- WASH: 775,550
- Education: 68,257
- Other Costs: 2,793,857
- Health and Nutrition: 1,350,000
- Protection and Peace: 79,663

WV KENYA HUMANITARIAN DONORS

-German cooperation
-European Commission
-DFID Department for International Development
-Local income generated by the Kenyan public
-Procter & Gamble
-Sida
-Unicef
-WFP
-World Vision

THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE FUNDS (NEPRF)

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