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. According to the Government of Kenya, the current number of people needing assistance is expected to rise to 4 million by July 2017.
- 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. An estimated 30,000 households have moved across the border from Turkana County into Uganda due to the drought.
- To ensure children and their families are protected from a looming catastrophe, World Vision Kenya’s response will continue to meet the health, nutrition, child protection, peace building, livelihoods, education and water needs of those affected by the drought, giving highest priority in our response to children.
- World Vision Kenya is already reaching 205,619 people affected by drought through normal programming supported by donors and support offices with US$ 9.1M. The program is seeking an additional $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

- 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. Livestock deaths have been reported in 10 counties with livestock body conditions being poor leading to low milk production and poor market prices. This has been attributed to long distance to water, poor quality forage, migration and diseases.
- The nutrition status in the county is deteriorating, with GAM rates above 30 percent reported in Turkana north, Mandera and Marsabit north, and GAM
WHAT WORLD VISION IS DOING

HEALTH & NUTRITION

• WV 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. Out of 362 children screened from six sites in East Pokot, 66 percent were acutely malnourished with 29 percent severely malnourished and 38 percent moderately malnourished.

• From integrated outreaches conducted in Laisamis County, out of 183 children under five years screened, six percent were admitted for Severe Acute Malnutrition, while 29 percent of children with moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) were admitted in supplementary feeding program. Of the 29 pregnant and lactating women screened, 37 percent were admitted to treat MAM in the supplementary feeding program.

WASH

• 2,341 HHs and nine health facilities in Marsabit County, were reached with 666,000 litres of water through water trucking.

• Rehabilitation of boreholes, water pans and shallow wells is on-going in Moyale, Wajir and Kilifi Counties.

• Distribution of water purification tabs to households is in progress in Makueni, Isiolo, Kolowa, Bartabwa, Golbo, Mutomo, Lower Yatta, Kalawa, Osiligi and Mwala. In Golbo 1,200 HHs were reached in collaboration with the Ministry of Health.

• Ten schools in Bamba, Kilifi County received plastic water tanks.

FOOD PROGRAMMING AND LIVELIHOODS

• About 138,280 people in four counties, that is, Kilifi, Taita Taveta, Makueni and Baringo are benefitting from cash for work and food for work. A total of USD 801,978 and 380MTs of cash transfers and food distribution respectively were completed in January and February 2017.

• WV Kenya plans to replicate cash programming in nine counties where it is operational to reduce food insecurity and protect livelihoods.

• Through cash donations by Kenyans and a match from World Vision’s National Emergency Preparedness Response Fund (NEPRF), WV Kenya is reaching 400 HHs in Turkana West and South through cash transfers.

EDUCATION & PROTECTION

• Over 800 children affected in the Baringo conflict can now play in eight safe spaces (schools and churches). Pastors are conducting spiritual nurture and psychosocial support while also advocating for child rights and supporting with the response coordination.

• A total of 330 non-food items kits containing blankets, mosquito nets, soap and water containers were distributed to 330 Households in Baringo who were displaced by conflict in Baringo.

• WV Kenya is working with the Ministry of Education (MoE) to ensure that the 343 children that have been displaced as a result of the Baringo conflict are enrolled in the neighbouring schools.

• The organisation is in the process of procuring food for schools in Narok, Kilifi and Taita Taveta Counties targeting approximately 122 schools.

$ 16.6M required

252,000 people targeted for humanitarian assistance

rates of 15-29.9 percent in Baringo East, Isiolo, Turkana South, West and Central. In Turkana county mass screening conducted by ministry of health in a hot spot area of Kibish in North Turkana revealed that 55 per cent of the screened children were identified as acutely malnourished.

• About 70 percent of water pans have dried up in the 23 counties affected by the drought, most people in these counties are relying on the available boreholes. 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). In some areas, water cost per jerican has raised to Kshs. 70/- and waiting time up to 5 hours.

• Data from the SMS-based drought monitoring system indicates that up to 114,398 children enrolled in 930 schools in 13 counties are not attending school due to the drought, and a total of 1,099 schools (48 per cent) reported having no access to water and 61 per cent of schools (559) do not have an ongoing school meals programme.
205,080 people reached with food security and livelihood support

7,546 people reached with water, sanitation and hygiene support

574 people reached with health and nutrition support

NFI 2,400 people reached with non food item interventions

4,291 children reached with child protection and education interventions
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Local Income Generated by the Kenyan Public

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