KEY MESSAGES

- Kenya is currently experiencing delayed onset of long rains as well as inadequate rainfall where it has rained. Dry conditions across the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs), are negatively impacting livestock productivity, and delaying land preparations and planting, further affecting the food security situation.
- Immediate action and assistance 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 Government of Kenya estimates that the current number of people requiring humanitarian assistance will rise from the current estimate of 3 million to 4 million by July, 2017.
- A government-led cash transfer initiative to alleviate the impact of the drought on vulnerable communities is being implemented through partners like WFP, World Vision and other key humanitarian players.

HUMANITARIAN SITUATION OVERVIEW

- Despite delayed onset, the long rains started in various parts of Central, Eastern and North-Eastern Kenya which temporarily eased dryness and water shortages. However, decreased rains are forecast across most drought affected counties and the outlook is not expected to improve seasonal dryness and have meaningful impact on crop production. In the drought-affected counties of Garissa, Isiolo,
WHAT WORLD VISION IS DOING

HEALTH & NUTRITION

- WVK is working with WFP to enable blanket supplementary feeding program in Turkana South, East Pokot in Baringo County.
- Through integrated health and nutrition outreaches in Laisamis, children under 5 years were screened for malnutrition. Those with severe acute malnutrition (SAM) cases admitted to the Outpatient therapeutic program (OTP) and moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) cases admitted into the supplementary feeding program (SFP). Pregnant and lactating mothers (PLMs) were screened as well.
- In Baringo the Ministry of Health staff have been supported to do breast feeding mother support group (BMS) monitoring in IDP camps and in health facilities in East Pokot in order to promote breast feeding in emergencies.

WASH

- Masonry tanks constructed in select schools in Bamba, Kilifi County are being used for water storage and distribution by partners that are doing water trucking (Mombasa Cement in collaboration with the County Government).
- Distribution of PUR for water treatment was done in Osiligi, Kajiado County benefiting affected households.

FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

- A total of 544.30MTs of food was distributed in the month of March 2017 reaching 60,305 people through food for work project in Moyale and Turkana.
- WFP is supporting the Government to register households targeted to benefit from unconditional cash transfers. The cash transfer is part of the Government response to the current drought targeting 13 ASAL counties. WV Kenya has shared with WFP the budget estimates for this exercise covering Kilifi, Taita Taveta, Makueni, Baringo, Moyale and West Pokot.

EDUCATION & PROTECTION

- 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 inaddition to supporting with the response coordination.
- Non-food items kits containing blankets, mosquito nets, soap and water containers were distributed to households displaced in Baringo who were displaced by recent clashes.
NUTRITION STATUS IN KENYA

RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

205,080 people reached with food security and livelihood support

9,440 people reached with water, sanitation and hygiene support

1,020 people reached with health and nutrition support

NFI 2,400 people reached with non food item interventions

GAPS AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS (in millions US$)

$ 16.6M requested for assistance

1.9M Nutrition
0.64M Peace building and conflict
0.63M Education
1.3M WASH
12.1M Food security and livelihood

children reached with child protection and education interventions
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