KEY MESSAGES

• Despite improved delivery of emergency humanitarian assistance in many parts of Somalia, the food security situation and nutrition continue to deteriorate rapidly. A combination of severe food insecurity, high acute malnutrition, and high disease burden continues to plague millions. (FSNAU/ FEWS NET, 29th May 2017).

• Over 6.7 million people, more than half of the population of Somalia, are in need of protection and humanitarian assistance. Of these, 3.2 million people are in crisis and emergency phase and 3.5 million are in stress phase. It is estimated that more than 1.5 million women of child-bearing age are in need urgent care. Of these, 130,000 are pregnant.

• An estimated 4 million children are in need of urgent need for humanitarian assistance (UNICEF). Mortality rate and levels of acute malnutrition are critical (15-30%).

• Even with the onset of rains in some parts of Somalia, an estimated 4.5 million people are in need of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). Major disease outbreaks are spreading, with over 42,721 cases of Acute Watery Diarrhoea (AWD) / Cholera and nearly 7,000 suspected cases of measles reported since January, exceeding the 2016 caseload.

• More than 714,000 people have been displaced due to drought since November 2016, including 8,000 and 3,000 new arrivals in Mogadishu and Baidoa respectively. This is in addition to 7,000 people who have only recently crossed into neighbouring Ethiopia and Kenya (UNHCR, May 2017).

• To respond to the growing needs, humanitarian actors in Somalia launched a revised humanitarian response plan this month to prevent famine. The revised plan now seeks US$1.5 billion to reach 5.5 million people in 2017.

• Despite the challenges, World Vision International (WVI) has assisted a total of 330,143 people in drought-affected areas of Somaliland, Puntland, Jubaland and South West State since January 2017. In view of the deteriorating situation, more assistance is needed to match the increased needs.

6.7 million
people in need of humanitarian and protection services

4 million
children are in need of humanitarian assistance

$ 37M
required by World Vision for humanitarian assistance

4.5 million
people in need of water, sanitation and hygiene services

363,000
children under-5 are acutely malnourished

71,000
children under-5 are severely malnourished

714,000
people displaced due to drought

*All financial figures in US dollars
HUMANITARIAN SITUATION OVERVIEW

• The humanitarian situation continues to deteriorate in most regions of Puntland, Somaliland, Jubaland and South West State. According to the FSNAU Food Security Alert of May 2017, the pasture and water shortage and significant loss of livestock in north-eastern and central regions, worsens the already precarious situation. A typical livestock offtake (high livestock mortality and distress sales), accumulated debts, destitution and displacements have characterised most of the livelihood zones and communities.

• The rainfall received in April and May are expected to ease the severe water and pasture shortage in some pastoralist and agricultural pastoralist areas. However, the rains must continue through June in order for significant recovery of water and pasture is realised.

• Protracted insecurity continues to impact food security and access to the most affected populations in rural and urban Somalia. Mogadishu and other major towns remain the epicentre of frequent and active attacks by insurgents. However, the risk is spreading towards other areas considered low level conflict areas including Qandala town in Bari and Bossaso and Galkayo towns in Puntland. Although access and security challenges exist, humanitarian assistance continue to reach more people from 0.5 million people in January to nearly 1.8 million in end of March, representing a scale up equivalent to 17 percent to 62 percent respectively.

• With continued displacement of populations due to drought, UNICEF reports that about 80,000 children enrolled in schools (9 percent) have been forced out of education due to school closures and children migrating with families. This is being observed more in Bay, Bakool, Gedo, Sool and Sanaag regions, with up to 30 percent of the children enrolled being affected. This creates a risk of children being exploited and recruited into armed groups.

• From January to the end of April, Puntland, Somaliland, Jubaland and South West recorded 34,526 (about 80%) cases of AWD / Cholera with 625 deaths (CFR – 1.8%) the Ministry of Health reports show (Ministry of Health Situation Report for week ending 21st May). The overall trend shows an upsurge of new cases with the outbreak spreading to new villages and districts.

• The World Vision advocacy team continued to lobby for increased access to difficult places in Somalia through the Somalia Access Task Force. This is complemented by both local and international advocacy efforts including co-leading (with Oxfam) the global call on averting famine in Somalia and leading the East Africa Hunger Crisis advocacy initiative.

WHAT WORLD VISION IS DOING

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Health

• Puntland: 10,311 patients in 47 villages attended World Vision supported health centres and mobile clinics from 12 May to 01 June. Since March, a total of 32,978 people have been reached by 12 health teams.

• Jubaland and South West State: 3,606 patients treated through hospitals, maternal and child health sites and general health posts from 12 May to 01 June. World Vision supported treatment of new cases of Acute Watery Diarrhea and no deaths were recorded. More than 27,000 patients (51% children under age 5) benefitted.

• Somaliland: More than 7,600 patients benefitted from 18 health centres and 5 mobile clinics supported by World Vision since March. In the past three weeks, health teams treated 2,287 people.

Nutrition

• Across Somalia, a total of 61,250 children were screened for malnutrition. 4,730 were diagnosed with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and 15,500 with Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM). Over 200 children diagnosed with SAM related complications were referred to the stabilisation centres.

• World Vision Somalia supported distribution of 55 metric tonnes of vitameal to 10,420 individuals.

WASH

• In response to AWD/Cholera outbreak, water has been trucked to 175,700 people since January 2017.

NON-FOOD ITEMS

• Hygiene materials and household utensils delivered to 4,050 people in Burco, Waajid and Baidoa.

FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOOD

• Food aid: More than 126,900 people benefitting from 866 MT of food rations in Waajid, Baidoa, Dongaroyo, Garowe, Gobobjiyan, Jariban, Burtinle and Eyl.

• Conditional cash transfers: 7,700 beneficiaries received unconditional cash for 15 days work in Dongaroyo, Waajid, Baidoa and Odweyne.

• High energy biscuits: 2,650 new arrivals received nutritious high energy biscuits in Waajid and Baidoa since March to 1st June.
SOMALIA ACUTE FOOD SECURITY SITUATION OVERVIEW (April-June 2017, Most likely scenario)

- **1 million+** people targeted for life-saving assistance
- **330,140** people reached with assistance

- **42,721** reported cholera cases
- **715** deaths as a result of cholera (Data as of 31 May 2017)

- **14,394** reported cholera cases

**RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS**

- **126,960** people reached with food security and food assistance
- **68,255** people reached with health assistance
- **196,900** people reached with water, sanitation and hygiene services
- **1,380** children reached with education interventions
- **61,260** people were reached with nutrition services
- **NFI** **10,200** people reached with non food items

Source: FSNAU
GAPS AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

$37M requested for hunger crisis response

$11.7M Received

$25.3M Unmet requirements

31% 69%

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