SITUATION HIGHLIGHTS

- Food insecurity stubbornly persists: Drought conditions remain critical in Garissa, Isiolo, Kajiado, Kilifi, Marsabit, Narok, Samburu (East), Tana River, and Wajir (South and West). Water stress is acute, milk production and livestock prices are well below normal, and livestock mortality is still high. In some Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASAL) areas, particularly in the northwest and in parts of the coast, conditions returned to normal following significant off-season rainfall in August and September. However, in all ASAL counties, staple food prices remain well above normal at a time when market dependence is also high in the wake of successive poor seasons. In the coming months, several parts of the country are likely to experience near-average rainfall, except parts of Northeastern and Southeastern Kenya, according to the October 2017 forecast.

- Acute malnutrition: Almost 420,674 children require treatment for acute malnutrition. In addition, 39,068 pregnant and lactating women require treatment for malnutrition. Thirteen of the 17 Standardized Monitoring Assessments for Relief and Transition (SMART) surveys undertaken in June and July 2017 recorded critical levels of malnutrition, with Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) rates over the emergency threshold of 15 per cent. Of these, four surveys reported very critical levels of malnutrition, with GAM rates of 30 per cent or above recorded in Turkana and North Horr in Marsabit.

- Presidential Election: The main opposition party boycotted the repeat presidential election held on the 26 October. The election was marred by violence in major cities and affected projects across the country.

- Scaling up response: To respond to the drought, World Vision Kenya’s Flash Appeal has requested US $19.1M. Without additional funding, World Vision Kenya will be unable to optimally support families impacted by the drought and be unable to mitigate the risks of a worsening situation for children.

1 National drought early warning bulletin, October 2017
HUMANITARIAN SITUATION OVERVIEW

• **Food security crisis:** The food security and nutrition situation in Kenya has deteriorated significantly since March 2017, due to late onset and below-average March to May long rains, high staple food prices and the Fall Army Worm infestation. An estimated 3.4 million people are food insecure, including 2.6 million who are severely food insecure (Crisis IPC Phase 3 and above) and a further 800,000 people under stress (IPC Phase 2).

• **Malaria outbreak:** At least 30 people died of malaria in Marsabit and Baringo counties during the first week of October. Seventeen of them - mostly adults below 40 years and children - were from Dukana, North Horr, Ileret and Loiyangalani wards in Marsabit county, while 13 were from Tiaty sub county in Baringo county. Malaria cases are still being reported in Lamu County, with expectant mothers at high risk of infection due to lack of antenatal care following the nurses’ strike and the rains pounding the Coast.

• **Barriers to accessing health care services:** The nurses’ strike has had an impact on the delivery of the integrated health and nutrition outreach services that have remained critical in delivering lifesaving services to drought-affected counties. The political situation in the county has also hampered all services.

WHAT WORLD VISION IS DOING

To ensure children and their families are protected from a calamity, World Vision Kenya’s response has reached 391,345 people affected by drought through emergency response and normal programming/early recovery supported by donors and World Vision Support Offices with US $8.7 million. Insecurity and political interference, due to the presidential elections, hampered delivery of some programmes.

NUTRITION

• **Nutrition screening and treatment:** Through the Turkana and Laisamis Nutrition projects, World Vision Kenya collaborated with other partners and supported the Ministry of Health who conducted mass screening 24,918 children and 4,986 adults were reached. Among the children screened 7,432 children and 1,705 Pregnant and Lactating Women were referred for treatment due to at risk of malnutrition and rehabilitation.

• **Nutrition training:** In Turkana and Laisamis, 74 health workers and 22 Community Health Workers were trained on Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition (IMAM) Programme and 84 Community Health Workers on optimal nutrition.

• **Food assistance for children under 5 and their families:** 84,352 children under five years, Pregnant and Lactating Women were reached through blanket supplementary feeding project in Baringo (35,017 beneficiaries), Marsabit (21,290 beneficiaries) and Turkana South (28,045 beneficiaries) a total of 484,047 MTs of food was distributed.

WASH

• **Water purification:** Through the P&G Sanitation and hygiene drought response project in Turkana South, 135,720 water treatment sachets have been supplied to the office. 1,033 beneficiary households are currently being identified for distribution.

• **Clean water for schools, health care institutions:** To increase access to improved drinking water source for schools and health institutions in West Pokot, 150 plastic tanks were procured and distributed to 150 schools and construction of masonry tanks is underway, benefitting 14,327 children and 27,000 adults.

• **Water trucking to schools:** Moyale and Laisamis Water Sanitation and Hygiene project conducted water trucking to 15 schools in Marsabit, supporting 4,023 students. The project also supported 1,887 households in 11 communities. Six hand washing facilities have been procured and delivered in six schools. Construction of VIP latrines was completed at Quate primary school.

FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

• **Cash transfers:** 73 households benefitted from unconditional cash transfer of Shs. 2,500 through Mwatate – Taveta Drought Action Project.

• **Irrigation project:** Lining of 6 farmpounds was completed, benefitting 582 persons.

EDUCATION AND CHILD PROTECTION

• **Feeding programmes:** In Bamba in Kilifi County, 4,282 children from 11 Early Childhood Development and primary schools are benefitting from feeding programmes.
Food Security and Livelihoods

- **People Targeted in Planned Response**: 398,760
- **Funded**: 26.7 M
- **Unfunded**: 14.2 M
- **Requested for Food Security and Livelihood Activities**: 26.7 M
- **Funding Gap Preventing Response from Reaching People in Need**: 14.2 M

Nutrition

- **People Targeted in Planned Response**: 159,138
- **Funded**: 6.2 M
- **Unfunded**: 1.4 M
- **Requested for Nutrition Activities**: 6.2 M
- **Funding Gap Preventing Response from Reaching People in Need**: 1.4 M

WASH

- **People Targeted in Planned Response**: 197,625
- **Funded**: 4.2 M
- **Unfunded**: 1.5 M
- **Requested for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene**: 4.2 M
- **Funding Gap Preventing Response from Reaching People in Need**: 1.5 M

Peace & Conflict Resolution

- **People Targeted in Planned Response**: 6,800
- **Funded**: 35,710
- **Unfunded**: 10,000
- **Requested for Nutrition Activities**: 35,710
- **Funding Gap Preventing Response from Reaching People in Need**: 10,000

Child Protection & Education

- **People Targeted in Planned Response**: 96,063
- **Funded**: 2.0 M
- **Unfunded**: 1.8 M
- **Requested for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene**: 2.0 M
- **Funding Gap Preventing Response from Reaching People in Need**: 1.8 M

*Amounts in USD*
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