KEY MESSAGES

- **Depressed Rainfall Likely to Lead to Increase in Need:** By August, the number of people affected by the hunger crisis is expected to rise to 3.5 million people, as rainfalls are below average and will lead to limited crop harvests. Currently, 2.7 million people are in urgent need of assistance (including 700,000 children under age 5). The 2017 Long Rains Performance is below average with distribution being poor in terms of time and space. This is the third consecutive rainfall season with widespread below average rainfall in Kenya. Diminished food production has exhausted people’s capacity to cope with another shock.

- **Pests Destroying Crops:** Fall Army Worm was first detected in Trans Nzoia County in March and has since spread to 25 Counties. The estimated affected areas as of mid-May are 148,000 Ha. This is expected to further worsen the food security situation as it has negative impact on crop production.

- **Child Malnutrition Rates Alarming:** The nutrition situation remains concerning across Kenya’s northern pastoralist and south eastern agricultural areas. Surveys conducted reported a Global Acute Malnutrition rate of up to 30 per cent in Turkana, Marsabit, Wajir, Isiolo, Kilifi and Laikipia counties.

- **Ongoing Response Continues:** To ensure children and their families are protected from a looming catastrophe, World Vision Kenya’s response is meeting health, nutrition, child protection, peace building, livelihoods, education and water needs of those affected by the drought, giving the highest priority in our response. World Vision Kenya is already reaching 205,619 people affected by drought through normal programming/early recovery supported by donors.

- **Additional Support Required:** World Vision Kenya is seeking an additional US $15.8 million to scale up life-saving humanitarian assistance to 252,000 more people facing starvation in 15 counties for the next 12 months.

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**SITUATION HIGHLIGHTS**

- **343,559** under 5 children and **43,400** pregnant and lactating women are acutely malnourished.
- **75,010** under 5 children are severely malnourished.
- **2.9 million** people in need of health intervention.
- **3 million** people need access to safe drinking water.
- **2.6 million** people in need of food assistance and livelihood intervention.
- **175,655** people will be targeted for protection interventions.
- **1.2 million** children in need of education intervention.

*All financial figures in US dollars.*
HEALTH & NUTRITION

- **Nutrition Project:** 9,400 children, pregnant women and lactating mothers in Laisamis and Turkana are expected to be reached in a nutrition project that strengthens capacity and detects, refers and manages malnutrition cases. The project received US $374,000 in pooled funding from East Africa’s Regional Office.

- **Child Malnutrition:** The organisation is also in the process of agreement to roll out blanket supplementary feeding program in Turkana East and South and Marsabit targeting 85,931 children under 5 and pregnant and lactating women. These are some of the worst hit areas high rates of malnutrition.

WASH

- About 8,800 people received purification tablets for water treatment in Osiligi, Kajiado, Yatta and Kitui Counties.

FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

- **Cash Transfer:** 24,552 people were reached in Turkana, Wajir, Garbatulla, Taita Taveta, Kilifi and West Pokot.
- **Food/Cash Programs:** 202,680 people benefitting from cash and food for asset programs in Kilifi, Taita Taveta, Makueni, Moyale, Baringo and Turkana.

EDUCATION & PROTECTION

- **School Feeding Programs:** 8,577 children in 26 schools benefitted from school feeding programs in Mwatate. A total of 4.49 Metric Tonnes of food was distributed. Additional school feeding programs are planned for 12,000 learners in Taveta, Bamba, Marafa and Illaramatak.
- Over 12,000 people are to benefit from the borehole repair project in Tseikuru.
- Water Users Association committees in Lorroki were supported with fuel for pumping water.

HUMANITARIAN SITUATION OVERVIEW

- **Seasonal Rains Uneven:** Flooding is reported in part of the country, while other areas remain dry. The worst flash flooding occurred in Dadaab Refugee camps, where nearly 45,000 people were affected, latrines submerged and an ongoing cholera outbreak is threatening to spread. Meanwhile, drought conditions continue to plague many areas and water points have not recovered. Lack of rains have caused huge livestock losses, reports the National Drought Management Authority, and further limits families’ ability to recover.
- **Low Crop Yields Expected:** Fall Armyworm is spreading has affected over 143,000 hectares of maize and wheat. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the Ministry of Agriculture are calling for US $6.6 million to immediately respond and apply pesticides to protect crops.
- **Children Displaced, Education Affected:** Children separated from their families require identification, family tracing and reunification. 38,660 drought-induced displacements were reported in Isiolo and Baringo counties in April. Water shortages and the lack of school meals have reduced school attendance. Some schools have closed as families and teachers migrated, while others have experienced an influx of displaced children.
- **Public Health Concerns:** Multiple disease outbreaks have been reported. A total of 474 people have diagnosed with dengue fever, with Mombasa being the epicentre of the outbreak with 437 cases. Localized cholera outbreaks are being reported, with more than 280 cases identified. Measles has also been confirmed in 14 people.
- **Malnutrition Rates Worrying:** World Vision and partner agencies screened 42,017 children for malnutrition in six counties (Turkana, Marsabit, Wajir, Isiolo, Kilifi and Laikipia). A total of 29.4% were diagnosed as moderately malnourished while 6% were identified as severely malnourished. Additional data received in May from Baringo (East Pokot sub-county), Samburu and Tana River counties revealed 23.4% of children were moderately malnourished and 6.3% were acutely malnourished, of 764 children screened.

252,000
people targeted for life-saving assistance

227,230
people reached with assistance through normal programming
NUTRITION STATUS IN KENYA

GAPS AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS (in millions US$)

- Nutrition: $16.6M requested for assistance
- Peace building and conflict: $12.1M
- Education: $6.4M
- WASH: $6.3M
- Food security and livelihood: $1.9M

RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

- 227,230 people reached with food security and livelihood support
- 28,180 people reached with water, sanitation and hygiene support
- 2,940 people reached with health and nutrition support
- NFI 2,400 people reached with non food item interventions
- 8,580 children reached with child protection and education interventions
GAP AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

$16.6M requested for hunger crisis response

$2.1M Received

$14.5M Unmet requirements

13% 87%

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