KEY MESSAGES

- World Vision urges the international community to elevate the alert level of Hunger Crisis in East Africa and increase funding to the ongoing Government and humanitarian partners led relief response.
- The UN must openly and regularly communicate the gravity of the situation to its Members States, urging them to provide timely financial support to the relief efforts.
- Remove impediments to humanitarian access in all countries affected either by conflict and or by drought and famine. The regional authorities and the country governments must ensure safe, unimpeded and regular access to rural and remote areas for humanitarian organisations to deliver aid to the affected children and communities. This includes ensuring bureaucratic impediments are dealt with effectively. All parties to the conflict in Somalia and South Sudan must facilitate humanitarian relief operations, in accordance with applicable provisions of international humanitarian law and the UN guiding principles of humanitarian emergency assistance.
- Prioritise child protection and address malnutrition. Donors must ensure child protection and malnutrition interventions are fully funded as part of the response efforts and that protection of children is mainstreamed in all humanitarian response activities as per the Interagency Minimum Standards for Child Protection.
- The worsening drought conditions are increasing numbers of affected populations in the countries of concern and requiring a revision of plans. These changes will necessitate a revision of World Vision regional appeal.

HUMANITARIAN SITUATION OVERVIEW

Ethiopia: Drought induced disease outbreaks such as Acute Water Diarrhoea (AWD) and Scabies are spreading in many parts of the country. AWD occurred in 37 new districts in Somali region. Efforts are ongoing to control scabies outbreak in Southern Nations Nationality Peoples (SNNP) region and Oromia. The Ministry of Health deployed 3000 national health professionals to contain this outbreak in Somali region. The national measles vaccination campaign, led by the Ministry of Health, targeting over 22 million children has been completed, except in Somali region.

Kenya: Deterioration of the current nutrition situation is being experienced throughout the country with global acute malnutrition (GAM) rates above 30 percent reported in Turkana North, Mandera and Marsabit North, and GAM rates of 15-29.9 percent in Baringo East, Isiolo, Turkana South, West and Central. In Turkana County, mass screening


*Situational figures in US dollars
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 severely malnourished.

Somalia: Severe drought conditions continue to worsen and more than 444,000 people have now been displaced since November 2016 (PRMN). The Acute Watery Diarrhoea (AWD)/cholera outbreak has been exacerbated by deepening water shortages and drought related displacement. As of 29th March, 18,819 AWD/Cholera cases and 443 related deaths were recorded (OCHA).

South Sudan: The human displacement crisis caused by the conflict in South Sudan is the world’s fastest growing. 1.89 million individuals remain internally displaced and over 1.6 million are seeking asylum in neighbouring countries. More than 1.17 million children have lost access to education due to conflict and displacement since December 2013.

**WHAT WORLD VISION IS DOING**

### Ethiopia
- **273,480** people reached with food security assistance
- **65,000** people reached with medical assistance (AWD)
- **13,750** people reached (WASH) services
- **33,983** people reached with direct food assistance

### Kenya
- **205,080** people reached with food security assistance
- **574** reached with emergency nutrition services
- **4,291** children reached with protection and education assistance
- **667,000** litres distributed to **7,546** people

### Somalia
- **19,240** people reached with food security and food assistance
- **31,264** people reached with health and nutrition services
- **1,084** people reached with training on business skills
- **3.5M** litres distributed to **96,203** people

### South Sudan
- **113,275** people reached with food security and food assistance
- **80,077** people reached with health and nutrition services
- **16,974** people reached with education and protection services
- **14.8M** litres distributed to **70,409** people
- **27,634** people reached with shelter and non food items
PEOPLE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE

2.2 million people targeted for humanitarian assistance

>1 million people reached with humanitarian assistance

GAPS AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS (in millions US$)

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91.87M$ requested for hunger crisis response

RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

544,275 people reached with food security and food assistance

607,180 people reached with health and nutrition services

197,908 people reached with water, sanitation and hygiene

95,120 children reached with child protection and education interventions

30,034 people reached with shelter and non food items interventions
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