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GENERAL OUTLOOK

ETHIOPIA

Over 24 Million people are projected to be affected by drought in Ethiopia in October, at least 9.9 Million of which are in need of emergency food assistance. Severe shortages of water & pasture are devastating livelihoods, forcing families from their homes. The Somali, Oromia, Sidama & Southern Nations, Nationalities & Peoples' regions in the south & southeast have hit the hardest. (Ethiopia situation update, report #5 WFP)

An estimated 13 Million people are in need emergency health assistance in Ethiopia due to conflict, drought & floods, including about three million displaced people. The cholera outbreak has already spread from Oromia to neighboring Somali Region with 18 cases recently reported in Karsadula Woreda of Liban Zone. (Ethiopia situation update, report #5 WFP)

Nutrition treatment has been given to more than 1.2 Million children with severe acute malnutrition (SAM) & 3.5 Million children with moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) & 1.8 Million pregnant & lactating women (PLW) with MAM across the country. An estimated 13 Million people need WASH services in the drought affected Woredas across the country.

KENYA

Kenya has now experienced four consecutive failed rainy seasons and is likely to experience a fifth by the end of 2022. As livestock die and crop production reduces, families are struggling to access sufficient food. A lack of milk for children and lactating women is having a significant impact on nutrition. FEWS NET last week raised concerns of a possible risk of IPC 5 (Integrated Food Security Phase Classification) in Kenya across the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) by the end of the year.

Six counties may face an emergency level of food security (IPC 4) and eight a crisis level (IPC 3). There are also widespread critical levels of malnutrition, with 942,000 children in need of malnutrition treatment.



SOMALIA

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found extremely high rates of global acute malnutrition and severe acute malnutrition (59 & 24%, respectively) that exceeded findings from the post-Gu seasonal food security and nutrition assessment conducted between May and July.

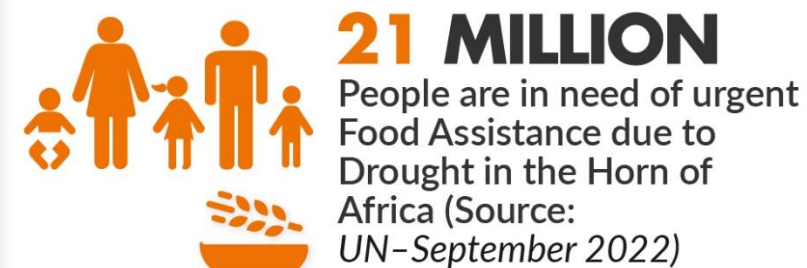
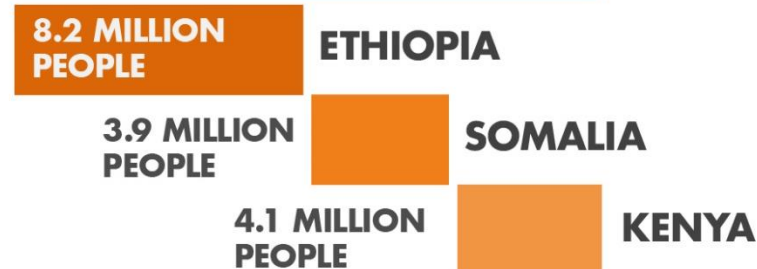
Such compounding factors if not addressed with urgency, will lead to devastating effects. FAO Food Security & Nutrition Analysis Unit (FSNAU) warns that the acute malnutrition threshold for Famine has been breached in parts of the Country. Crop and livestock production prospects & income from agricultural production expected to be poor in the Bay region through at least the first quarter of 2023.

SITUATION AT A GLANCE

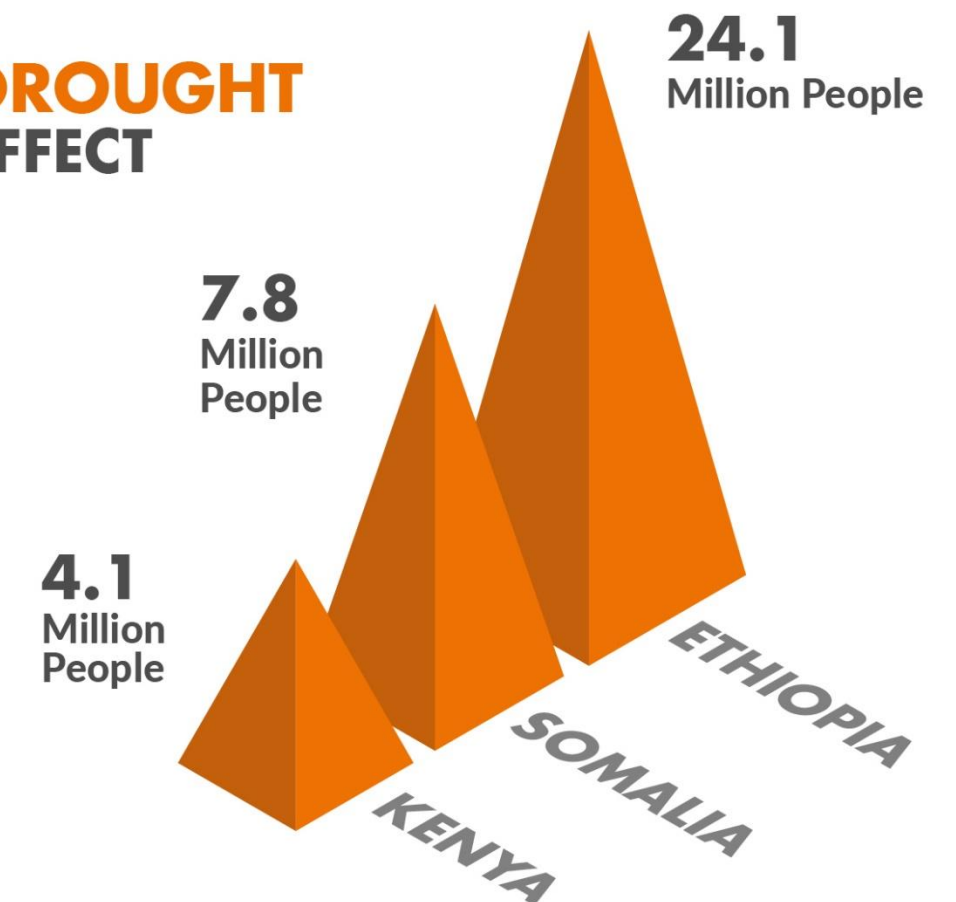
EFFECT ON THE HORN OF AFRICA

More than 16.2 million people cannot access enough water for drinking, cooking & cleaning across the Horn of Africa.

16.2 MILLION PEOPLE



DROUGHT EFFECT



SOURCE: ETHIOPIA SITREP UPDATE Report #5 WFP

SOURCE: UN, SEPTEMBER 2022



The **Cholera Outbreak** has already spread from Oromia to neighboring Somali Region with **18 cases** recently reported in Karsadula Woreda of Liban Zone.

The Ethiopian Public Health Institute, the Oromia Regional Health Bureau, the World Health Organization, & other partners have been responding to the cholera outbreak **since mid-September** in Oromia Region; & in Somali Region, an outbreak response team has immediately deployed to Karsadula.

However, **there is a shortage of water, sanitation & hygiene, and medical supplies** to respond at scale.

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KEY NUMBERS



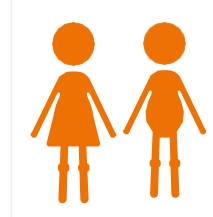
LASTING PEACE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ETHIOPIA & TIGRAY

The Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia & the Tigray People's Liberation Front have signed the Agreement for Lasting Peace through a Permanent Cessation of Hostilities. The Agreement is a crucial initial step towards **ending the two-year conflict** that has claimed the lives and livelihoods of so many Ethiopians.



EVERY MINUTE A CHILD IS ADMITTED TO A HEALTH FACILITY IN SOMALIA

Every minute in Somalia a child is admitted to a health facility with deadliest form of malnutrition. Some of Action Against Hunger supported treatment centres are overflowing with children being admitted in wards meant for adults. **More than 50% of all Somali children are likely to be malnourished by mid next year.**



INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS FACE RISING RISKS OF MALNUTRITION

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DETERIORATING OUTLOOK FOR 2023 AS RAINS FAIL

Poor rains signal a 5th consecutive season of drought in the Horn of Africa region, and preparations should be made for a historic **6th consecutive failed rainy season March-May 2023**



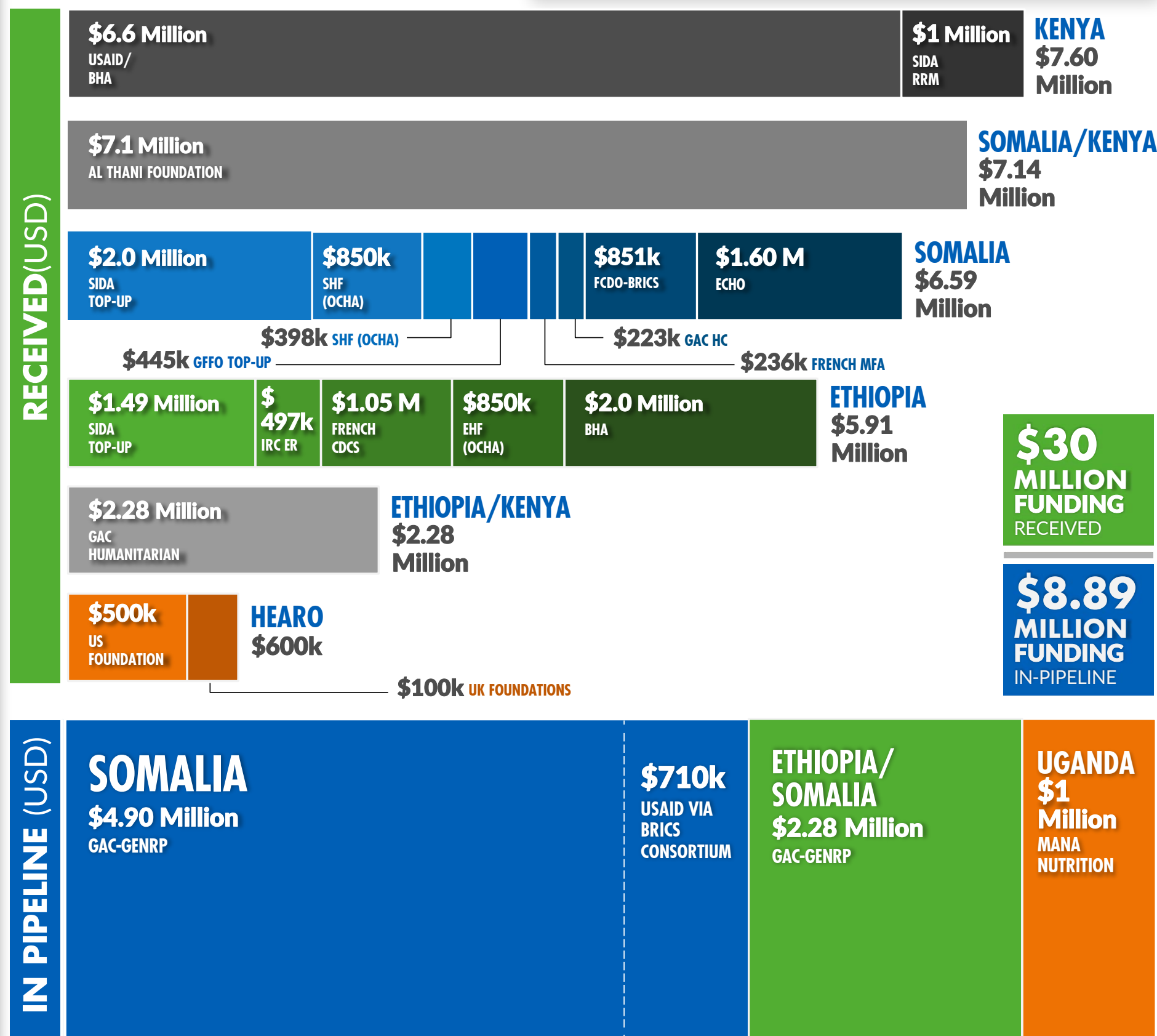
1.1 MILLION PEOPLE ARE DISPLACED DUE TO DROUGHT

Since January 2021, over 1.1 million Number of People Displaced Due to Drought in Somalia. **(UN-September 2022).**

In Ethiopia, though there are about **137,732 internally displaced persons** in different Woredas of the Borena zone, due to lack of response intervention IDPs have been fleeing to nearby towns to search labor.

FUNDING UPDATES

\$30 MILLION FUNDING REQUIRED



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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF THE RESPONSE

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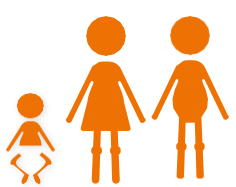
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1.1 MILLION PERSONS DISPLACED

From January to September of 2022, the severe drought displaced **1,170,842 individuals**. September saw a 3% decrease in the number of people who fled their homes compared to August. **Drought and impending starvation** are the **primary causes of internal displacement in Somalia**. However, the resurgence of armed conflict between the federal government, Al-Shabaab, & clan militias has also contributed to an increase in internal displacement. In September, **101,000 individuals were freshly displaced** as a result of war & insecurity.



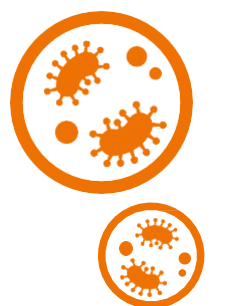
1.8 MILLION UNDER 5 CHILDREN AT RISK

From July 2022 to June 2023, an estimated **1.8 million children** under the age of five, or **54.5% of the total child population**, would suffer from acute malnutrition.



6.4 MILLION PERSONS LACK ACCESS TO SUFFICIENT WATER

An estimated 6.4 million people lack access to sufficient water, with a rising number relying on untreated water from shallow wells and drought-affected rivers, which raises concerns for public health.



11,345 REPORTED CHOLERA CASES

Since epidemiological week 1 of 2022, we had **11,345 cases of cholera and 69 deaths** (CFR 0.6%) having been reported from 25 of the 74 drought affected districts. Of the 11,034 cases 50.59% (5740) are children under 2 years; 5568 (49.08%) are women and 4189 (36.92%) are severe cases. All **reported cases that did not receive the Oral Cholera Vaccine** that was administered in cholera risk districts in 2017, 2018 and 2019. Since January 2022, the districts reporting the highest number of cases include **Baidoa (2405)**, Daynile (1424), Jowhar (1037), Afgoi (906) & **Kismayo (991)**.

OUR RESPONSE



335,475 CHILDREN SCREENED

In Jan-Sept 2022, **171,092 girls & 164,383 boys** were screened for acute malnutrition of which **34,743 children (19,363 girls & 15,380 boys)** suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM) **22,385 (10,283 boys & 12,102 girls)** with MAM were admitted to the program for treatment with a **90.2% Cure Rate**.



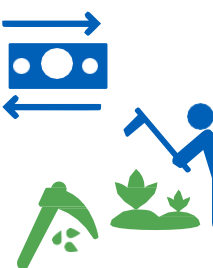
342,674 RECEIVED CURATIVE SERVICES

Action Against Hunger conducted district-wide **measles vaccination** in three districts for children <15 yrs where **222,021 were vaccinated**. **25,410 infants received Penta 3 vaccinations**; & **58,953 pregnant women** completed their 4th antenatal care. **1,506 couples** received family planning.



87,057 PEOPLE REACHED THROUGH WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE SERVICES

28,200 persons received water vouchers, **3,750 persons** benefited from sanitation efforts with **7,500 households receiving hygiene kits**. **47,607 individuals** benefitted from **hygiene promotion** activities.



197,921 PEOPLE BENEFITED FROM FOOD SECURITY SERVICES

137,490 persons benefitted from Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance to cater to their immediate household needs. **11,322 individuals** benefitted from cash for work programs with **35,128** receiving livelihood inputs. **1,704 households** receiving **financial support** through micro SMEs & Village Savings and Loan Associations.

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AL-SHABAB GOING LARGE SCALE

The renewed mobilization against Alshabab carries the risk of **increased violence against civilians** with little prospect of full military victory on either side next year. It further complicates the famine prevention response at a time when more than half of Somali **children risk death from hunger**, a number unseen in any country this century.



PROTECTION CHALLENGES FOR THE VULNERABLE

Displaced women, children, persons with **disabilities, the elderly & persons with minority** clan affiliations face the greatest protection challenges & are thus considered the most vulnerable members of society.



WATER SHORTAGES INCREASING RISK OF DISEASE OUTBREAKS

Widespread water shortages and inadequate access to sanitation and hygiene facilities will continue to heighten the risk of outbreaks of diseases including **cholera & measles**, especially in camps for internally displaced people.



FORCED EVICTIONS FOR IDPS

Most of the main internally displaced person settlements across Somalia are under private ownership, hence the increased risk of forced evictions.

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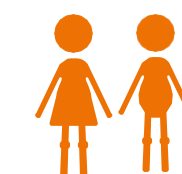
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CRITICAL GLOBAL ACUTE MALNUTRITION

Laisamis in Marsabit County, Turkana North & South have reported extremely critical situations (**IPC AMN Phase 5-Global Acute Malnutrition of above 30%**). Turkana West & Central, Samburu, Mandera, Wajir, Garissa, Tiaty Sub-County in Baringo & North Horr in Marsabit County are in critical phase (**IPC AMN Phase 4 Global Acute Malnutrition of above 15-29.9%**) while West Pokot & Tana River are in serious phase (**IPC AMC Phase3-GAM 10-14.9%**). Saku in Marsabit County is in alert phase (**IPC AMN Phase2-GAM 5 to 9.9%**). Nutrition situation is further expected to deteriorate during the projection period (August-October 2022).



RISING FOOD PRICES, CONFLICTS, DISEASE & STOCKOUTS

The deteriorating nutrition situation is mainly attributed to worsening food insecurity situation, unfavorable terms of trade, increasing food prices and water stress which is expected to continue during the dry weather in the projection period. Other contributing factors include poor infant and young child feeding practices, high disease burden, sub-optimal coverage of multi-sectoral interventions and stock-out of supplies for management of acute malnutrition. Recurrent and multiple shocks that hinder recovery coupled with high poverty levels aggravate the situation.



DETERIORATING NUTRITION SITUATION

The long rains have culminated into an unprecedented 4th consecutive failed season across most of the Arid & Semi-Arid Lands in Kenya. Long Rains Assessment conducted between 4th-29th July 2022 indicates a deteriorated Nutrition situation compared to the same season last year with Turkana North & South and Laisamis slipping in to extremely critical phase (**IPC AMN Phase5**). Malnutrition levels in Turkana are worse than those reported during the 2011 Horn of Africa crisis and the 2017 drought emergency.

OUR RESPONSE



35,300 BENEFICIARIES OF NON-FOOD ITEMS

Distribution of WASH Non-Food Items (Buckets, Jerry Cans, Soaps) among the drought affected populations in Mandera & Isiolo Counties to **5,500 households** (35,300 beneficiaries) & the distribution of (in-kind) dignity kits for menstrual hygiene management (MHM) to 2,300 women & girls of reproductive age.



10,586 BENEFICIARIES OF WATER TRUCKING

Emergency water trucking being conducted in Mandera & Isiolo counties targeting 10,586 individuals. Rehabilitation of 9 existing motorized water schemes that are non-functional or functioning sub-optimally in West Pokot, Isiolo & Mandera Counties is on-going, aimed & enhancing access to safe & adequate water for domestic & livestock use.



133,114 TARGETTED BENEFICIARIES

Action Against Hunger is currently implementing an Integrated Drought Emergency Response project among the Drought Affected Communities in Isiolo and Mandera County targeting 133,114 (67,528 Male & 65,586 Female) beneficiaries for Nutrition, WASH, Foods security & livelihoods & cash transfer interventions.

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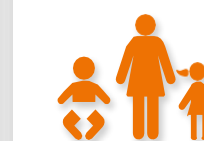
URGENT NEED FOR HEALTH & NUTRITION INTERVENTIONS SCALE-UP

Assessments indicate the need for further scale up of mass screening, hot spot mapping & scale up of integrated health & nutrition outreaches. Heightened resource mobilization efforts needed to improve nutrition supply pipeline in country.



SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING URGENTLY NEEDED

There is need to implement blanket supplementary feeding in the most affected areas to cushion children & women from acute malnutrition given the projected worsening of an already precarious situation.



SCALE-UP IN PARTNERSHIPS

Deploy a multi-sectoral approach to address the nutrition situation in collaboration with county governments & strengthen existing community structures to improve nutrition practices.



207,567 PEOPLE IN NEED

The estimated population in need within the geographical catchment of Action Against Hunger is 207,567 people for the worst hit counties of Mandera & Isiolo.

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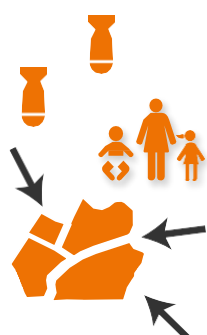
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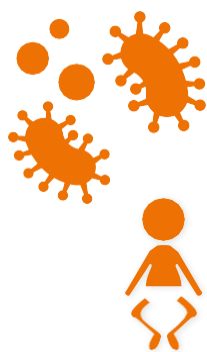
ETHIOPIA

OVERVIEW



100,000 PEOPLE RETURNING HOME AFTER IMPROVED SECURITY SITUATION

In the Amhara Region, following the improvement of the security situation in North Wollo Zone, **close to 100,000 people who had been displaced due to hostilities a few weeks ago**, have started returning to their hometown.



196 NEW CHOLERA CASES REPORTED WITH CONTINUING HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT

In Oromia Region, ongoing hostilities, particularly in the Wollega zones, have continued to lead to displacements into Amhara Region. In Bale zone under the Oromia region, **196 cholera cases have been reported in Berbere**, Delo Mena & Herena Buluk woredas, including in Burka IDP site. In Benishangul Gumuz Region, **access to Kamashi Zone remains blocked due to ongoing hostilities in western Oromia**, which is the main route for the delivery of supplies leaving people affected by violence without assistance.

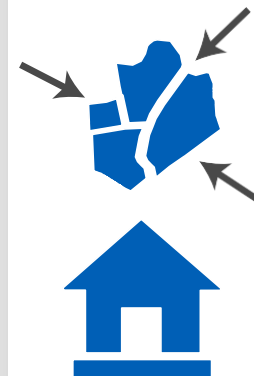


MORE REPORTED CASES OF MALARIA, DYSENTERY MEASLES, RABIES & MENINGITIS

In this reporting period, **208 malaria cases** (confirmed), **207 dysentery**, **74 measles**, **65 suspected rabies cases** and **6 suspected meningitis cases** were reported. Dilo, Dhas, Moyale, Arero, Gomole, Guchi, Dubluk, Miyo and Teltele Woredas are the most reporting Action Against Hunger intervention sites.

(Ethiopia Situation update, OCHA Oct 15, 2022)

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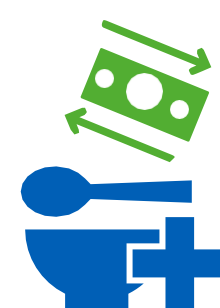
372,193 DISPLACED INDIVIDUALS RESETTLED

Currently, conflict induced displacement has reduced significantly, however; **over 29,366 drought induced displaced households (150,993 Individuals)** have settled in new areas particularly in Dubuluk, Dhas, Dirre, & Elway woreda. In addition, **more than 39,500 households (close to 221,200 Individuals)** are displaced & sheltered in Host Communities, in Dirre, Yabello, Dhas, Dubluk, Elwaye, Moyale, Dillo, Arero & Wachile Woredas, and in need of urgent humanitarian intervention.



RAISED RESERVOIR CONSTRUCTION

A 20 cubic meters (~5200 gallons) capacity of an elevated reservoir (**Roto**) tanker construction completed 100% with its all accessories at Wayuwando kebele, Teltele Woreda.



6,795 PEOPLE TO BENEFIT FROM CASH & NUTRITION PROMOTION

A 6 months new project is to benefit **6,795 people, targeting households** with malnourished cases (under 5 children and pregnant & lactating women) in Teltele, Dhas & Guchi Woredas through cash and nutrition promotion activities.



MORE THAN 31.5MT CSB++ & RUSF DISTRIBUTED

5,944 MAM cases (**2,899 under 5 & 3,045 pregnant & lactating women**) were reported in Teltele, Dhas, Guchi & Moyalle Woredas. **564 new severely acute malnutrition cases** were admitted in TFP sites (36 at SC) in interventions at Woreda of Borena zone. In Borena, Oromia region, nutrition program teams reached **118 (98 Female)** frontline health service providers at 85 Health facilities (62 HPs) through technical & logistic support in intervention Woredas.

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DWINDLING NUTRITION SUPPLIES

A lack of nutrition supplies for SAM (Severe Acute Malnutrition) and MAM (Moderately Acute Malnutrition) treatment & lack of/dysfunctional health facilities is affecting our response at scale.



FUNDING GAPS

Our programs and interventions as various Woredas is limited by funding gaps. For instance, the fourth round food distribution is still on transportation to reach at 13 rural Woredas.

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