

EAST AFRICA HUNGER EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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World Vision



World Vision is responding to the impact of hunger in seven countries in East Africa and requires **US \$ 181 million** to reach **5 million** people, including **2.7 million** children by April 2023. We have reached more than **7.3 million*** people since April 2021.

- **A deadly mix of conflict, COVID-19 and the climate change have pushed more than 10 million people across seven countries in East Africa to the very brink of a hunger crisis.** Of critical concern are vulnerable children who are experiencing high levels of malnutrition.
- **Conflict is one of the leading drivers of hunger globally.** Every country where World Vision has a presence in East Africa is either in conflict or neighbouring a country in conflict. The region has also endured substantial climate shocks, undermining people's ability to feed themselves. The economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ripple effect from the war in Ukraine has driven hunger to unprecedented levels.
- **Impact on children and humanitarian needs, including safeguarding risks, are enormous.** This challenging period could also erode human and economic development gains that have been made towards the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals across the region.
- **World Vision is deeply concerned for millions of children in East Africa, who are enduring a devastating hunger crisis.** According to UN OCHA, about 4.9 million children are malnourished in drought-affected areas in Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia. This is inclusive of about 1.4 million children who are severely acutely malnourished in the HOA states.
- **World Vision has reached more than 7.3 million people, including 4 million children, since April 2021.** World Vision has responded with food distributions in multiple countries. Further, World Vision re-declared its multi-country response comprising Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda. We aim to reach 5 million people, including 2.7 million children, by April 2023 through the second phase of the response. World Vision has been implementing a multi-country hunger emergency response in the above-mentioned countries for the last 17 months and has been able to re-purpose and raise new funds, to the tune of US \$ 115 million. However, the needs have insurmountably increased and we require an additional US\$ 66 million.

**Note: Figure amounts are lower than previously reported due to changes in counting methodology*

People reached (April - September 2022)



4,590,700



Men 846,749

Women 1,106,082



Children 2,637,869

Boys 1,294,813

Girls 1,343,056

Key concerns*



10.4 million

people are experiencing emergency (IPC 4) levels of food insecurity. More than **788,000** people are projected to face catastrophic (IPC 5) levels of food insecurity in the region.



34.8 million

people are acutely food insecure



13.5 million

internally displaced people



4.9 million

refugees and asylum seekers



1.2 million

people affected by floods across [Sudan](#) and [South Sudan](#)

Sources: UN OCHA, UNHCR, FSNWG

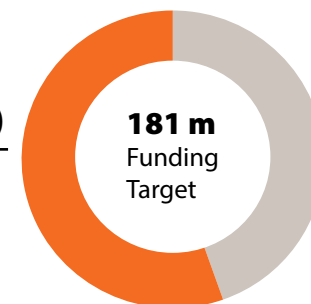
**The population used for Ethiopia is from September 2021. Ethiopia figures are still indicative however [WFP quotes](#) "Over 24 million people are projected to be affected by drought in Ethiopia in October, at least 9.9 million of which are in need of emergency food assistance."*

Funding Summary (US \$)

115 m (64%)
Funding
Raised

181 m
Funding
Target

66 m (36%)
Funding
Gap



IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

RESPONSE GOAL To save lives and address drivers of longer-term impacts of hunger through humanitarian assistance and recovery interventions in East Africa.

Improve access to clean water, hygiene and sanitation promotion services to mitigate waterborne diseases



125,596

People provided with access to clean, potable water



73,765

People that have participated in emergency hygiene promotion activities with appropriate supplies

Improve access to food for affected households



2,703,786

People reached with (in-kind) food assistance



1,092,052

People reached with cash and voucher assistance



US\$ 24.7 M

Amount of cash and voucher assistance distributed



155,599

Children receiving hot meals and/or dry rations through school feeding

Increase access to curative and preventive quality emergency health and nutrition services



67,285

People reached through primary healthcare support



63,018

Children reached through management of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) & Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM)



6,720

Children recovered from severe acute malnutrition



65,076

Primary caregivers benefited from infant and young child feeding (IYCF) promotion and action oriented sessions and counselling

Improve household resilience to food insecurity and livelihoods-related shocks



9,762

Households provided with livelihood physical agricultural assets



3,940

Households growing crops that are resilient to climate hazards/ stresses



4,038

People trained in climate change resilient farming practices

Ensure protection for children, women, and vulnerable groups including psychosocial support



8,979

People receiving psychosocial support



32,742

People receiving prevention messages on prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse and/or positive coping strategies



34

Faith leaders engaged in prevention messages on prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse and/or positive coping strategies

**Based on figures as of 30 September 2022. People reached includes people supported in 7 countries of highest alert from 01 April 2022 through the current reporting period September 2022. To the extent possible, the impact numbers take into account the risk of double counting.*

ETHIOPIA



People reached **538,893**



Children reached **273,578**

- Food insecurity and malnutrition are rising and humanitarian needs in conflict, drought and flood-affected areas across Ethiopia are deepening. According to the FSNWG, current MAM children admissions have increased by 121% compared to August 2021. The concerns of food insecurity continue in zones where the February to May rainfall “Belg” season harvest are below normal, and in areas where the drought impact is expected to extend to yet another season with a projected fifth consecutive failed rainy season during October-December 2022.

GAPS AND NEEDS

- Given the current severe drought, large-scale emergency food, nutrition, and non-food interventions, including water, health, and sanitation access, are critically needed to urgently mitigate an acceleration in food insecurity.
- There is an increasing need to protect and safeguard the livestock assets for vulnerable people through treatment and vaccination, provision of animal feed and water supply.

WORLD VISION'S RESPONSE

- Supported more than 23,000 community members through hygiene promotion activities and distribution of WASH NFIs.
- Conducted action oriented sessions and promotion of Infant and Young Child feeding for more than 1,800 caregivers of children.
- Distributed maize and haricot bean seeds to more than 2,000 people to support their long term food security in SNNP region. Distributed food items including rice and oil to 1,000 drought affected community members.
- Facilitated capacity building in PHEM (Public Health Emergency Management), IMAM (Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition) and IYCF-E (Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergency) for more than 87 community health workers in World Vision supported health facilities.

KENYA



People reached **143,458**



Children reached **67,148**

- The drought situation continues to worsen in the Arid and Semi Arid Land (ASAL) counties. The current drought (2020 - 2022) has been the most severe. Currently, more than 4.2 million people representing 24% of the ASAL population are facing high levels of acute food insecurity with about 3.5 million people in the Crisis phase (IPC 3). The increasing intensity and the shorter cycles between droughts is amplifying the vulnerability of the communities and their ability to cope. Due to the prolonged drought, farmers have been unable to get any substantive crop production for five consecutive seasons and pastoralist communities have lost their livestock.

GAPS AND NEEDS

- Malnutrition in children and lactating mothers in the affected counties continues to remain at extremely critical (IPC AMN Phase 5) in Turkana North, Turkana South and Laisamis sub-counties, critical (IPC AMN Phase 4) in Mandera, Garissa, Turkana West, Turkana central, Wajir, Isiolo, Samburu, North Horr, and Tiati in Baringo County. (Kenya: IPC Food Security & Nutrition [Snapshot](#))
- There is an increasing need to ensure that households maintain their productive assets including livestock for pastoral communities to protect their main income generating activity and enhance their recovery. Additionally, these interventions enable families to avoid negative coping strategies which expose children to protection risks.

WORLD VISION'S RESPONSE

- Conducted household level hygiene promotion campaigns for more than 7,500 community members in Mandera and Wajir counties.
- Trained more than 6,000 mothers to detect and prevent malnutrition in children in Kajiado, Kitui, Makueni, Kwale, Kilifi and Tana River counties.

SOMALIA



People reached **1,029,274**



Children reached **631,093**

- Over 7 million people (nearly half of the population) are grappling with hunger in Somalia; of these an estimated 300,000 are likely to be in IPC 5 (famine like conditions). This follows a fourth consecutive failed rainy season and exacerbated further by the soaring food prices. A low record fifth rainfall season is forecast and could lead to a famine declaration in parts of the country by the end of the year. Of particular concern are the districts of Baidoa and Burhakaba in Bay Region, where malnutrition and mortality rates have surpassed emergency thresholds, alongside disease outbreaks, including cholera and measles (FSNAU, September 2022).

GAPS AND NEEDS

- The drought, has also displaced more than a million people from their homes since December 2021 due to lack of access to food and water, this is in addition to the over 2.9 million already living in internally displaced persons camps across the country. Of particular concern is the increased safeguarding risks particularly for women and children who constitute of over 80 per cent of the displaced population.
- Some parts of Somalia are at risk of famine unless significant humanitarian assistance reaches the most vulnerable people. An estimated 1.8 million children below five years old are likely to face acute malnutrition through mid-2023. Of particular concern is the increase in the more than half a million already severely acutely malnourished [according to the UN](#).

WORLD VISION'S RESPONSE

- Distributed food and cash assistance to more than 510,000 people to improve household food security.
- Supported treatment of 23,000 pregnant and lactating women and children under five with moderate and severe acute malnutrition.

SOUTH SUDAN

 People reached **889,575**

 Children reached **491,466**

- Flooding, food insecurity, violence and disease outbreak has continued to drive people's humanitarian needs.
- According to UNHCR, Two-thirds of the country is currently experiencing flooding. Over 900,000 people have been directly impacted as waters have swept away homes and livestock worsening an already dire food emergency.

GAPS AND NEEDS


- Sanitation facilities are limited, with a severe shortage of waste disposal. Scaling up sanitation and hygiene promotion, including distribution of hygiene kits and chlorination of existing water sources will be critical to avert additional disease outbreaks.

WORLD VISION'S RESPONSE

- Distributed food to more than 147,000 people and USD 190,987 in cash assistance to 39,000 people.
- Supported treatment of more than 13,000 children aged 6-59 months with acute malnutrition through World Vision supported nutrition facilities. 4,600 children under five received primary healthcare support through curative consultations.
- More than 400 children attended World Vision supported Child Friendly Spaces (CFS).
- Sensitised more than 2,400 community members through awareness sessions on protection related issues.

SUDAN

 People reached **846,208**

 Children reached **276,920**

- Economic decline and inflation projected to be more than 400-500% above five-year average through to the beginning of 2023.
- Conflict induced displacements affecting over 3 million people across Sudan.

GAPS AND NEEDS

- Continued mobilisation of funding is critical as the humanitarian needs grow and taking into consideration forecasts that indicate conditions are set to worsen in coming months and persist into 2023.
- World Vision Sudan expanded its partnership with World Food Programme to a 4th State (Blue Nile State), signifying a growing coordination and strengthened partnership with the food assistance donor. WFP funded programs aim at improving household food and nutrition security whilst strengthening resilience of the community to future shocks.

WORLD VISION'S RESPONSE

- Distributed food and cash worth USD 3,951,947 to more than 899,000 community members.
- Through the School Feeding program, World Vision provided daily hot meals to 85,000 school going children from 117 schools in South Darfur.
- Through the Resilience program, 71,000 households were engaged in conditional food and cash assistance contributing towards improving capacities of the community through asset creation and livelihoods support.

TANZANIA

 People reached **57,253**

 Children reached **57,249**

- More than 592,000 people are experiencing acute levels of food insecurity (IPC Phase 3 or above) with 94,000 experiencing IPC 4 (Emergency) levels.
- Due to lack of food at household level, there have been reports of increase in school dropouts. World Vision, through internal funding, urgently supported some schools in the affected areas by providing lunch to keep children in school and continue their education.

GAPS AND NEEDS

- Vulnerable families affected by the crisis need urgent access to food, and humanitarian food assistance should be prioritised especially for school children.

WORLD VISION'S RESPONSE

- Provided school meals to children in Mkinga and Magamba area programmes of Tanga region. A total of 57,249 Children from 115 schools are benefiting from school feeding program. There is an increase of school attendance as children are going to school not only to learn but to get something to eat where they may not have had something to eat at home.
- Trained four faith leaders at Ruvu Remit on prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) and encouraged them to pass on the message to their congregants.

UGANDA

 People reached **38,329**

 Children reached **20,037**

- According to the [Famine Early Warning Systems Network](#) (FEWSNET), In Karamoja, the slight improvement in food availability from meagre harvests and humanitarian food and nutrition assistance interventions is supporting minimal improvement in food consumption for some poor households. However, many poor households are not benefiting, as crop production is expected to be significantly below normal and the coverage of humanitarian programs—though increasing—remains inadequate relative to high levels of need. At the same time, ongoing insecurity continues to constrain income-earning and marketing/trading activities.

GAPS AND NEEDS

- A high percentage, over 90% of the pre-selected community members do not possess mobile money numbers and PIN, this will be a challenge to the planned mobile money modality of cash transfer to those who will finally be considered and registered to receive cash.

WORLD VISION'S RESPONSE

- Identified 5,000 households and selected them based on agreed criteria for registration to receive cash assistance in Abim, Kotido, Kaabong, Moroto & Napak in Karamoja Sub region.
- In September, 132 complaints were recorded through a complaint help desk committee that had been formed and trained.



Ebyan (10) looking after her baby sister, Sumaya. The family is living at a Doolow IDP camp in southern Somalia, where most of the community members are displaced because of drought and hunger. World Vision is providing food vouchers and cash to 38,000 displaced families every month, in partnership with the World Food Programme. This helps cushion children and their families from the negative effects of the drought.

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