

# WORLD VISION EAST AFRICA HUNGER RESPONSE SITUATION REPORT NO.9

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# World Vision

## SITUATION HIGHLIGHTS



### 26.1M

are in crisis and need humanitarian assistance



### \$116M

required for humanitarian assistance



### 4.6M

acutely malnourished children under-5, pregnant women, lactating mothers\*



### 844,900

children are severely malnourished



### 14.4M

people require health assistance

## KEY MESSAGES

- **Growing needs:** Kenya, South Sudan and Ethiopia confirmed an increase in the number of people in urgent need of humanitarian assistance in July during public announcements. Ethiopia is now reporting that 8.5 million people require assistance, Kenya 3.4 million and South Sudan 6 million.
- **Child malnutrition on the rise:** Along with the increase of those in need, alarming child malnutrition figures were released. Across Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia and South Sudan, 4.6 million children under age 5 are already malnourished, or are projected to be malnourished, in the next six months. Of particular concern is the already 599,000 children who have been identified with severe acute malnutrition and, if untreated, may be at risk of death.
- **Future food security challenges:** Low seasonal rainfalls, ongoing conflict and an armyworm invasion are preventing families from having enough food. Families who rely on small-scale agriculture are the worst affected, with harvests dramatically lower than normal and further food shortages predicted in the months to come. Market prices have also increased in urban areas, putting additional pressure on low-income families.
- **Need to scale-up response:** World Vision is on the ground responding but urgently needs US\$116 million to scale up humanitarian assistance in the four countries. Our response is meeting health, nutrition, child protection, livelihoods, shelter, education and water and sanitation needs of the most vulnerable, but more needs to be done.

## HUMANITARIAN SITUATION OVERVIEW

**South Sudan:** Food insecurity is rising because of ongoing conflict, which creates barriers to reaching the most affected communities with humanitarian assistance. Over the past few weeks, conflict has intensified in areas that had not seen significant violence in the past. The Upper Nile has seen an influx of people displaced, with many crossing the border to Ethiopia, as a result of recent conflict. The result of conflict and barriers to delivering humanitarian assistance often leads to increased levels of child hunger and malnutrition.

\*Famine: 'A catastrophic food shortage affecting large numbers of people due to climatic, environmental and socio-economic reasons,' UN DHA, Glossary of Humanitarian Terms, 2008.

\*projected figure

**Kenya:** Drought increasing risks children face. With the on-going drought, children are increasingly vulnerable to separation from their families, at a high risk of dropping out of school, of partaking in child labour, being married early, being sexually exploited, becoming pregnant and finding other negative coping mechanisms. There is evidence of increased numbers of children on the streets who left their homes to seek livelihood opportunities in towns and cities.

**Ethiopia:** The food security situation continues to deteriorate. Following a June multi-agency assessment, the government of Ethiopia revised its Humanitarian Requirements Document (HRD) on 07 August 2017. The revised document states at least 8.5 million people will require relief food assistance in the second half of 2017; some 3.6 million moderately malnourished children and pregnant and lactating mothers will require supplementary feeding and 10.5 million people will require support for regular access to safe drinking water.

**Somalia:** Acute Watery Diarrhea (AWD)/cholera cases and related deaths now total 72,236 since January 2017. Children under the age of 5 are worst affected, totalling 65% of the reported cases. However, the number of new cases has began to decline in recent weeks, attributed to concerted efforts by humanitarian actors to provide oral cholera vaccines, clean water and health and sanitation services.

## WHAT WORLD VISION IS DOING

### Ethiopia

 **462,960**  
people reached with livelihood assistance

 **27,135**  
people reached with health & nutrition services

 **17,090**  
people reached with protection and education services

 **295,104**  
people reached with WASH services

### Kenya

 **248,427**  
people reached with livelihood assistance

 **33,812**  
people reached with nutrition services

 **21,063**  
people reached with protection and education services

 **47,625**  
people reached with WASH services

### Somalia

 **382,534**  
people reached with livelihood and food assistance

 **190,307**  
people reached with health services

 **89,712**  
people reached with nutrition activities

 **315,743**  
people reached with WASH services

### South Sudan

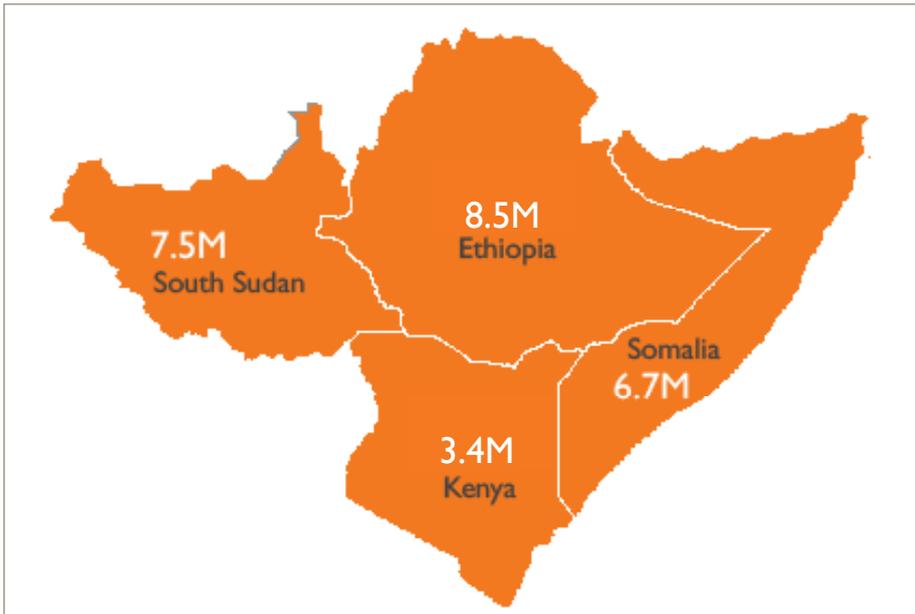
 **519,787**  
people reached with livelihood and food assistance

 **49,239**  
people reached with nutrition services

 **42,970**  
people reached with education and protection services

 **111,136**  
people reached with WASH services

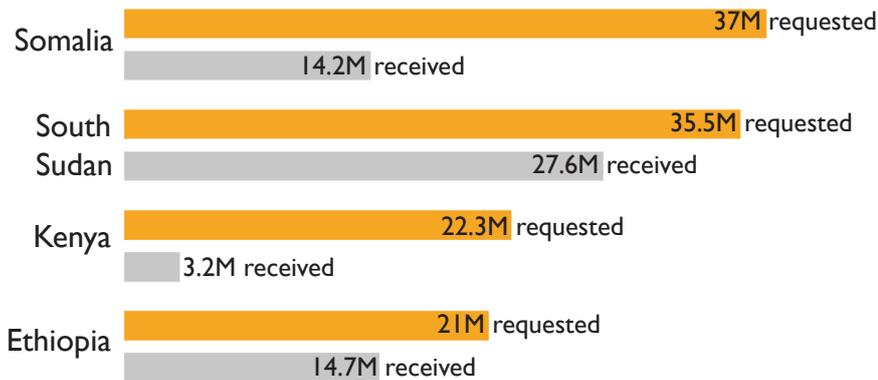
## PEOPLE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE



**2.7 million**  
people targeted for humanitarian assistance

**1.5 million+**  
people reached with humanitarian assistance

## GAPS AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS (in millions US\$)



## RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS



**1,423,212**

people reached with food assistance



**231,851**

people reached with health services



**769,608**

people reached with water, sanitation and hygiene



**87,092**

children reached with child protection and education interventions



**145,628**

people reached with nutrition services

## WORLD VISION HUMANITARIAN DONORS AND PARTNERS



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