

# WORLD VISION KENYA HUNGER RESPONSE SITUATION REPORT NO.8

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# World Vision



## SITUATION HIGHLIGHTS



**344,000**  
under 5 children and  
**43,400**  
pregnant and lactating women  
are acutely  
malnutrition

**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



**3.5 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

## KEY MESSAGES

- **Rise in need expected:** The government of Kenya estimates the number of people requiring humanitarian assistance will rise to 4 million by end of July 2017. Humanitarian support is needed to assist 3.5 million people including 700,000 children under five years facing starvation due to lack of food and water in Kenya.
  - **Acute malnutrition rising:** 31 percent of children in Turkana are acutely malnourished, as of June 2017, after a region-wide nutrition survey was conducted. Of particular concern is 12 percent increase in the number of children who are severely malnourished, and at risk of death.
  - **Food security situation worsening:** Low annual maize yields were recorded, due to drought conditions and the fall army worm invasion, leading to an increase in food insecurity for families reliant on agriculture. The outlook for the next three months is worrying. Livelihoods are already under significant stress which will only deepen as the dry season unfolds.
  - **General election:** The 2017 General Elections in Kenya, slated for August 8, has resulted in a slowdown in economic activities, since early June.
- Often, tension between political party rivals rises during political campaigns, and is likely to disrupt typical livelihood activities, particularly for vulnerable communities across various parts of the country. The tension may impede community access to typical food and income sources. Humanitarian operations are often hampered until after the General Elections. In the event of an outbreak of electoral violence, displacement of vulnerable populations and disruption of food commodity flows are likely to exacerbate the fragile national food security situation.
- **Drought interventions must be scaled up:** Due to rising needs, humanitarian and government responses must increase to protect people from starvation. Currently, more than 200,000 people are benefiting from World Vision's response activities related to food assistance, nutrition, child protection, education and water and sanitation and hygiene (WASH) to support families facing the worst effects of drought. World Vision is appealing for an additional \$13 million US to scale up the response to meet the needs.

\*All financial figures in US dollars

## HUMANITARIAN SITUATION OVERVIEW

- **Drought conditions:** According to UNICEF Kenya Humanitarian Situation Report for July 2017, the general drought situation across the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASAL) of Kenya still remains dire. The reports note that vegetation conditions and water availability have improved in a few regions that received some rainfall at end of May and in June. Drought impacts are particularly severe in Isiolo, parts of Wajir (West and South), Turkana and Tana River counties. The national food security situation is also expected to deteriorate further due to low annual maize yields following a combination of fall army worm invasion and drought conditions.
- **Food insecurity outlook:** The National Drought Early Warning Bulletin July release by the National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) states that environmental conditions have improved from the previous month in some parts of the country, particularly at the coast, but the underlying recovery from the long rains has been limited. Food prices are still unusually high at a time when many households are dependent on the market. Most marginal agricultural counties expect that their long rains harvest will be well below normal, given both the poor performance of the long rains season and the infestation of Fall Armyworm / African Armyworm. The outlook for the next three months is worrying. Livelihoods are already under significant stress, which will only deepen as the dry season unfolds. Conditions will inevitably deteriorate, and drought interventions must be scaled up in response.
- **Health interventions hindered:** The Country has been addressing a Cholera outbreak since early May 2017. The following ten counties have reported Cholera outbreaks: Nairobi, Murang'a, Vihiga, Mombasa, Turkana, Kericho, Nakuru, Kiambu, Garissa and Narok. Currently, the Cholera outbreak is active in two counties, namely Garissa and Nairobi. As of 17 July 2017, a total of 1216 suspected cases including 14 deaths (case fatality rate: 1.2%) have been reported since 1st January 2017.

## WHAT WORLD VISION IS DOING



### HEALTH & NUTRITION

- **Capacity Building:** 108 community health volunteers and 15 national drought management staffed trained on community led total sanitation and on screening for malnourished children in Laisamis, Marsabit County.
- **Supplementary Feeding:** Approximately 3,150 children under age 5 and pregnant and lactating women reached through blanket supplementary feeding program in Laisamis.



### WASH

- Borehole inspection with the aid of camera have been done in Wajir and Baringo in preparation for borehole equipping. The project is being implemented in partnership with UNICEF. The help in acquiring information on status of the borehole i.e. yield, depth and any other casing problem which will then advise what needs to be worked on.



### FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

- **Cash assistance:** World Vision, the World Food Programme and the Ministry of Devolution and Special programs targeted 16,165 families in West Pokot with cash programming. Beneficiary registration process is ongoing.
- 24,550 people were reached through cash transfer in Turkana, Wajir, Garbatula, Taita Taveta, Kilifi and West Pokot.
- World Vision Kenya is still reaching the 2016 food assistance beneficiary caseload of 202,680 through cash and food for asset programs in Kilifi, Taita Taveta, Makueni, Moyale, Baringo and Turkana.



### EDUCATION & PROTECTION

- **School feeding programmes:** 14,189 children from 38 schools benefitted from the school feeding interventions in Mwatate, Taveta and Illaramatak. A total of 30.5 MT of food was distributed.



**252,000**

people targeted  
for life-saving  
assistance

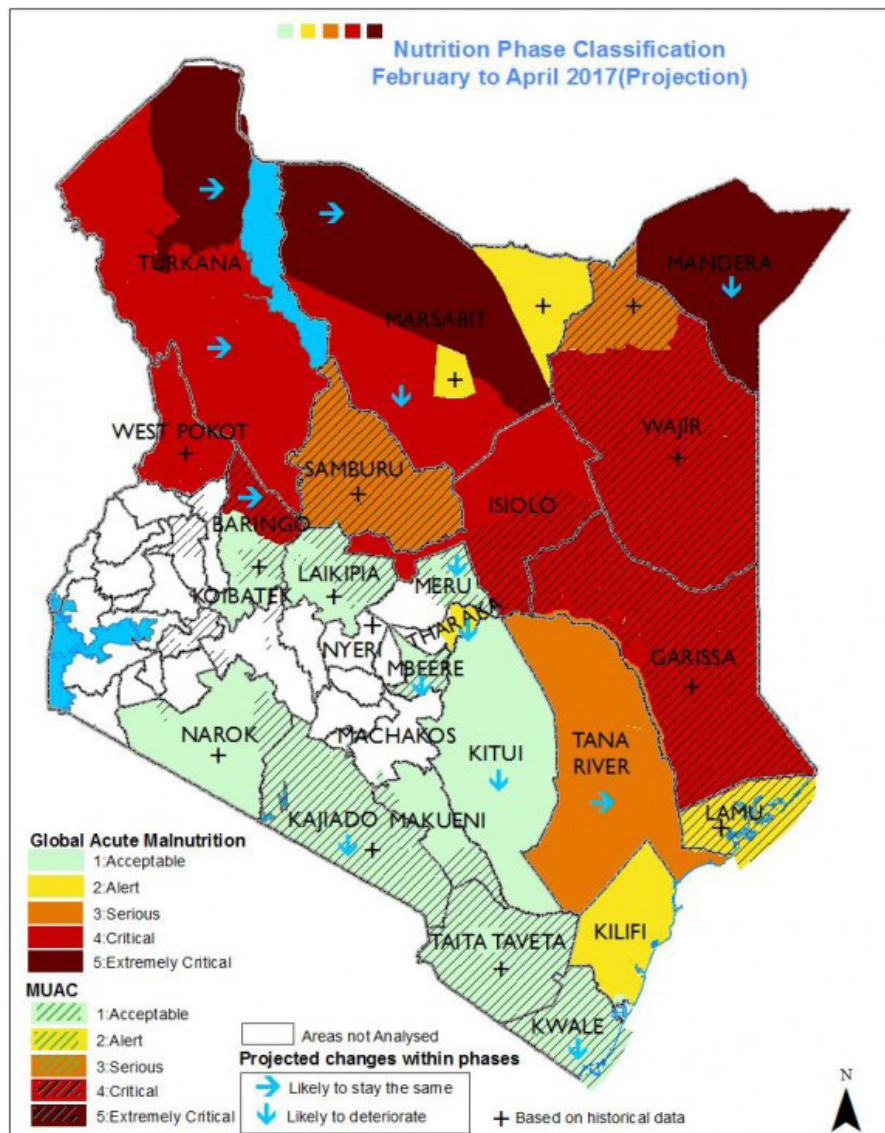


**227,230**

people reached with  
assistance through normal  
programming

## NUTRITION STATUS IN KENYA

## RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS



**227,230**

people reached with food security and livelihood support



**32,140**

people reached with water, sanitation and hygiene support



**2,940**

people reached with health and nutrition support

**NFI**

**2,400**

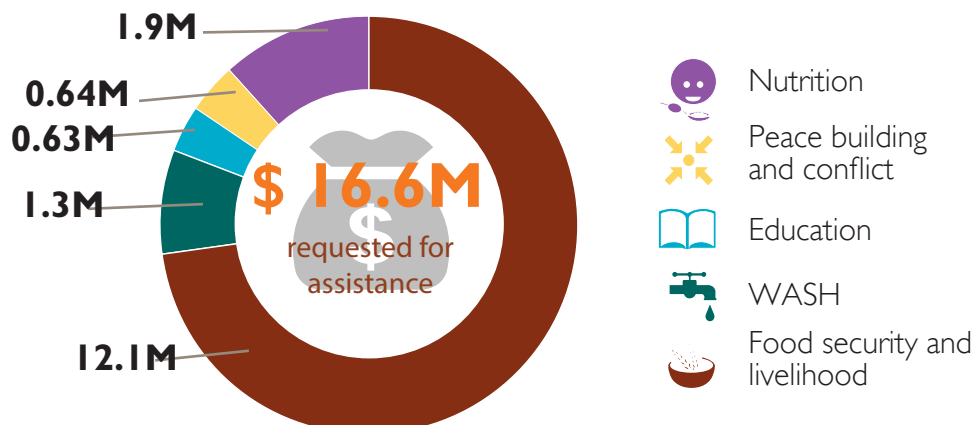
people reached with non food item interventions



**14,200**

children reached with child protection and education interventions

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



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**\$16.6M** requested for hunger crisis response

in millions US\$

**\$3.2M**  
Received

**\$13.4M**  
Unmet requirements

19%

81%

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