

WORLD VISION ETHIOPIA HUNGER RESPONSE SITUATION REPORT NO.2

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World Vision



SITUATION HIGHLIGHTS



2.7 million
under 5 and pregnant
and lactating women
projected MAM cases

0.3 million
projected SAM cases



4.37 million
people will require
health assistance



9.1 million
people will require
WASH support



5.7 million
people will need
emergency food assistance

1.9 million
households will need
livestock support

0.5 million
households will
need seed support



0.59 million
people will be targeted
for protection assistance

KEY MESSAGES

- The National Disaster Risk Management Commission has expressed concerns on the possible extension of the dry season which will further aggravate the already dire humanitarian situation in affected areas. This follows the forecasting of 45% below average spring rainfall in the southern and south eastern rain belt by Ethiopian Meteorological agency.
- The southern and the south eastern pastoral areas of the country are expected to continue in crisis (IPC 3) including pockets of Waghimra, South Tigray, Arsi and East and West Hararge.
- The number of severe acute malnourished (SAM) and moderate acute malnourished (MAM) cases is on the increase in the drought affected areas. Recent UNOCHA report shows increasing cases of SAM admission from 3,817 children in December 2016 to 5,996 in January 2017 in Somali region which is indicative of increasing SAM and MAM cases in drought affected regions.
- Most 'Belg' producing areas have received average and above average rainfall especially in the second mid-February. This will increase water availability for beginning of belg planting season and improve pasture for Afar pastoralist community. However, the amount and distribution of rainfall showed a reducing trend in the first two decades of March and became a concern for the drought affected eastern and southern Oromia, northern Somali, and southern SNNP.

HUMANITARIAN SITUATION OVERVIEW

- While responding to residual needs from 2015/16 El Niño induced drought, Ethiopia's Southern and South Eastern region experienced severe drought in 2017 due to consecutive failure of 2016 spring and autumn rain in Somali and South Oromia regions and Spring and summer rain in South in Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples' Region (SNNPR). As a result, soil moisture between July and December 2016 was among the lowest since 1982 in many areas in the southern and south eastern region. Pasture and water availability has significantly diminished and livestock emaciated. Livelihood of south and south eastern pastoralist deteriorated with loss of significant livestock. The government appealed \$948m for emergency response in 2017 to respond to 5.6 million people who need humanitarian assistance, with most of the people from the drought affected southern and south eastern region of Ethiopia.
- Ethiopian Meteorological agency forecasted 85% normal to below normal 2017

spring/belg rainfall in drought affected southern and south eastern rain belt of Ethiopia. According to FEWS NET the expected below average rainfall, which is the main rainy season for the drought-affected pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities, will negatively impact agricultural land preparation and planting, as well as water and pasture availability; with a spiral effect on food and nutritional security.

- Malnutrition is spiking in the drought affected southern and south eastern region of Ethiopia and in some other pocket areas. Some 300,000 under five children are severely malnourished and 2.7 million under 5 children, moderately malnourished, while pregnant & lactating women will be requiring Nutrition intervention. According to UNOCHA, in Somali region, new admissions of severely malnourished children under-5 (SAM) to therapeutic feeding program sites has increased from 3,817 children in December 2016 to 5,996 in January 2017. In addition 102,302 moderately malnourished people (52,203 children 6 -59 months and 50,099 pregnant and lactating women) have received specialized nutritious foods in Somali region in the month of February.
- An estimated 9.1 million people need water and improved hygiene support through 2017, the depletion of water resources due to consecutive seasonal rainfall failures, especially in the southern and south eastern regions of Ethiopia has put livestock and pastoralist community in crises situation. According to UNOCHA weekly bulletin dated on March 13, at least 634 water trucks are required to avail water for 4.6 million people in the southern and south eastern drought affected areas.

WHAT WORLD VISION IS DOING



HEALTH & NUTRITION

- World Vision has trained 38 health workers on how to manage severe acute malnutrition. In addition 53 Health Extension Workers have been trained on detection & management of acute malnutrition
- WV has supported routine medicine supplies to 9 outpatient therapeutic programmes in South Ari district.
- With emergency reserve funds worth \$22,988 WV has helped 13,677 people to be treated from scabies in 3 districts such as Shashago, Kedida Gamela and Kacha Bira in SNNP region.

onion seed. The seed distribution helped drought affected households to plant the seeds by taking advantage of the current spring rainfall. In addition, this month WV provided \$29,622 for livestock interventions in Abaya district, which is among WVE's operational areas affected with the new drought in the south and south eastern region. A total of 20,760 people are expected benefit from the project.

- World Vision Ethiopia has completed the first round of food distribution in 12 drought affected districts in SNNPR and Oromia regions.. The food distribution has benefited a total of 104,305 people in the affected districts. Currently food dispatch to commence the second round distribution is ongoing.



WASH

WVE has allocated a total of \$30,268 from emergency reserve funds to respond to diarrhoea outbreak in Gorro district. This additional for Gorro is expected to benefit 65,380 people at risk of acute watery diarrhoea.



EDUCATION & PROTECTION

- WV has supported people displaced due to conflict in Amaro district in SNNPR. This includes re-construction of houses for 38 household. World Vision has also provided school materials for 110 students who lost their school materials due to the conflict. The support helped children to continue their education.



FOOD PROGRAMING AND LIVELIHOODS

- In Dollo Ado district in Somali region, WVE has distributed 47 metric tonnes of maize seed to 843 drought affected people. In addition 38 drought affected people were supported with

GAP AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS (in millions)

21M US\$ requested for hunger crisis response

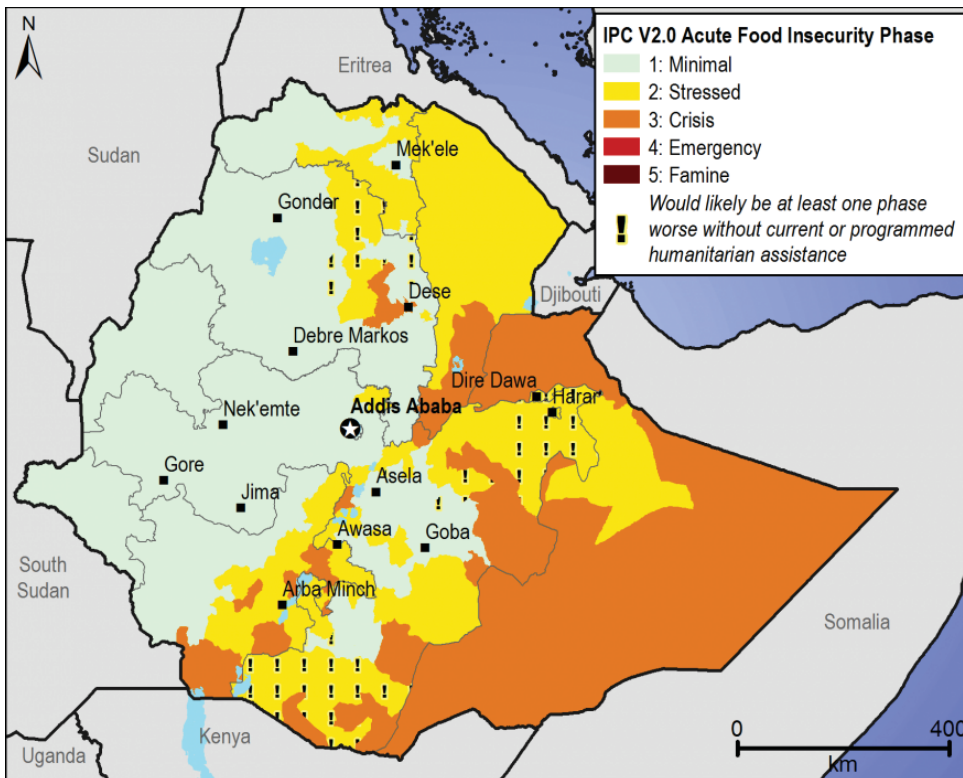
12.1M US\$
Received

8.9M US\$
Unmet requirements

58%

42%

Current food security situation, February 2017



716,000

people targeted for humanitarian assistance



US\$ 21M

required for humanitarian assistance



881

people reached with food security and livelihood support

104,305

people reached with food assistance



338

people reached with education and protection support



13,677

people reached with health and nutrition support

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