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# **HORN & EASTERN AFRICA**

## **Emergency Hunger Response Situation Report**

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# Horn & Eastern Africa

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### GENERAL OUTLOOK

#### ETHIOPIA

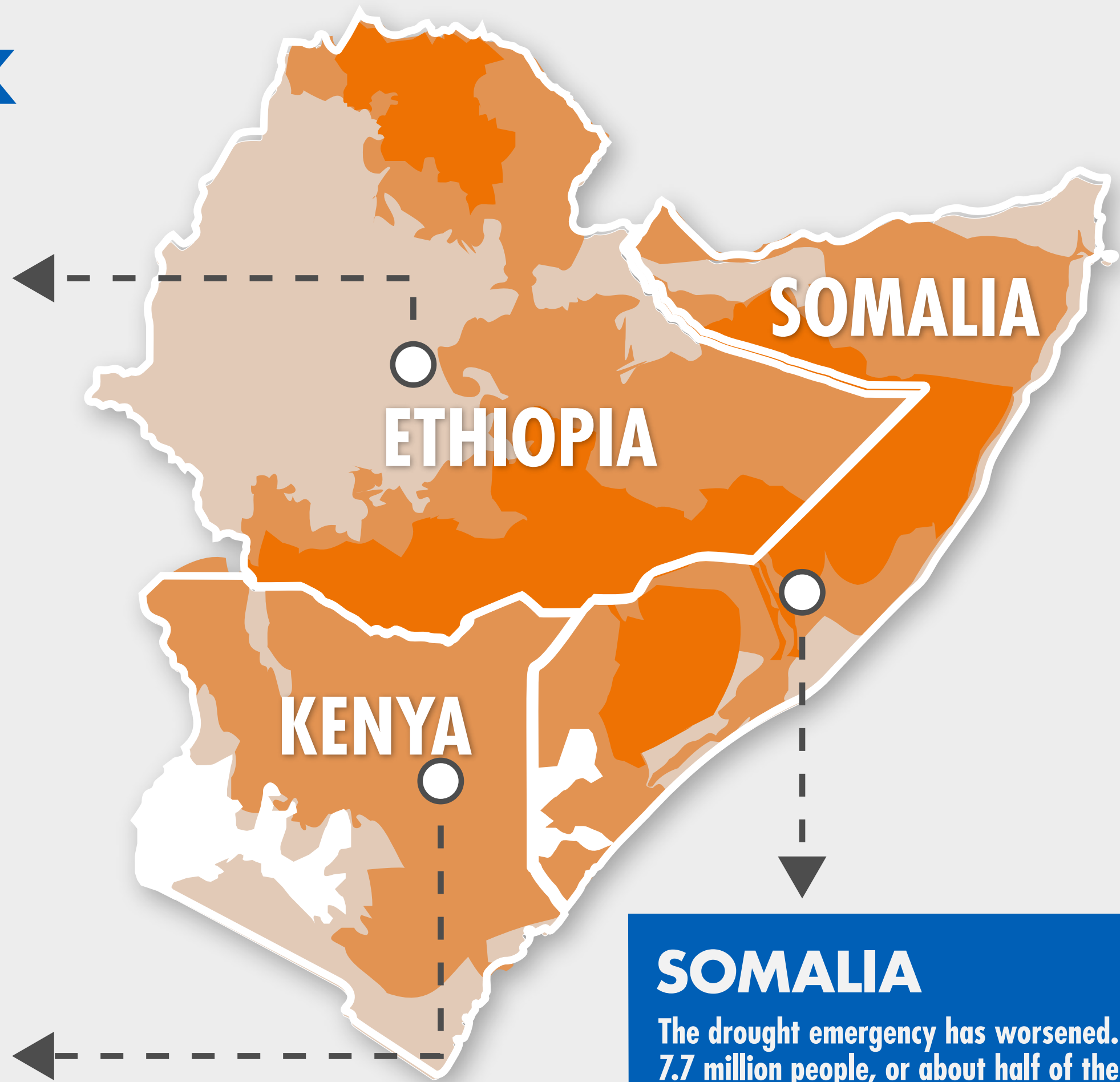
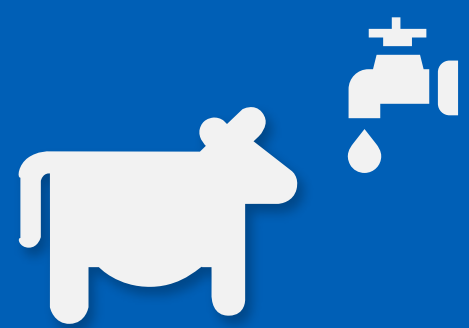
In Ethiopia, nearly 10 million people, including 4.4 million children, are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance in drought-impacted areas. (UNICEF, Jul 19 2022)

Four consecutive failed rainy seasons have brought on severe drought in Ethiopia's lowland regions of Afar, Oromia, the Southern Nations Nationalities, Peoples' (SNNPR) and Somali regions. Water wells have dried up and millions of livestock have died, resulting in mass displacement. Malnutrition rates are increasing at an alarming rate due to the drought. Across the four drought-impacted regions, an estimated 600,000 children will require treatment for severe acute malnutrition by the end of the year. In the Somali region, there has been a 43% increase in severely acute malnutrition admissions (SAM) for under 5 children in May 2022 compared to May 2021.

#### KENYA

Drought conditions have persisted in ASAL counties (Arid & Semi-Arid Lands) following multiple failed successive rain seasons. This has led to conditions of severe to extreme vegetation deficit coupled with challenges of access to water. This has led to increased trekking distances to water points and grazing sites for livestock, leading to worsening livestock body condition scores and mortalities in some pockets of Garissa, Wajir, Marsabit, Isiolo, and Mandera.

The trend in the distance trekked by livestock in search of water sources from grazing areas, compared to the previous month, has continued to worsen across most counties. 74% of counties were above the Long Term Average with most counties being on a declining trend.

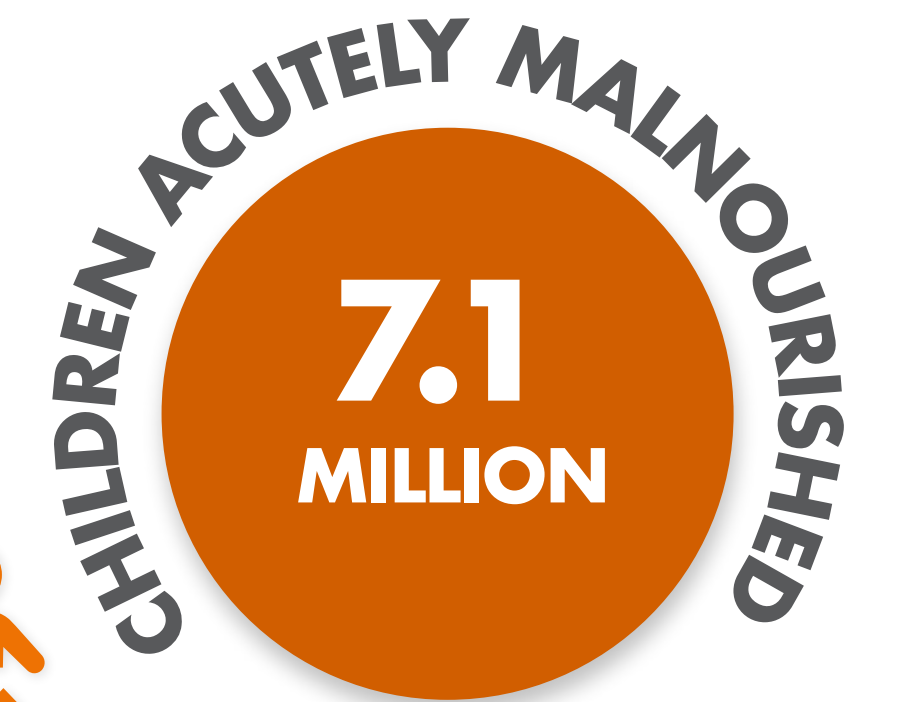
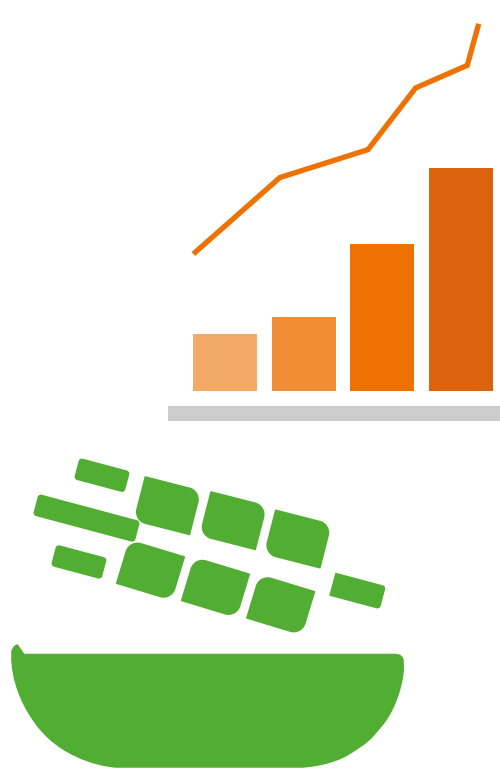
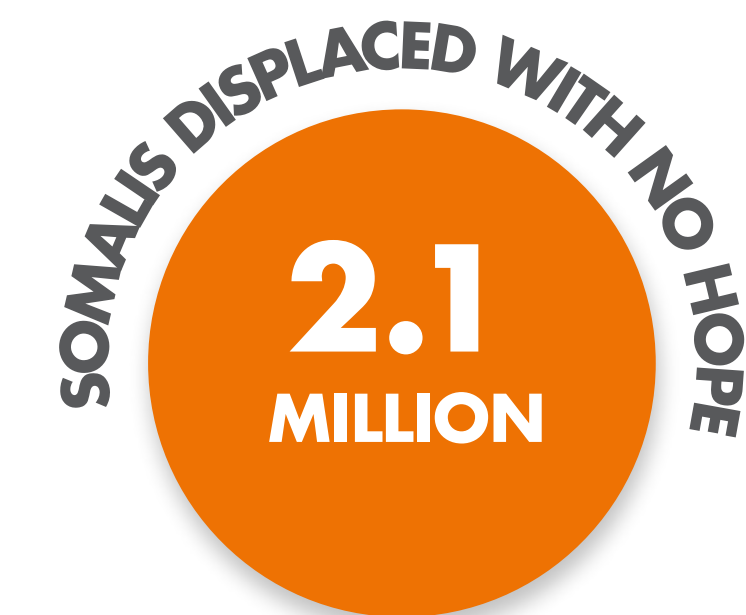
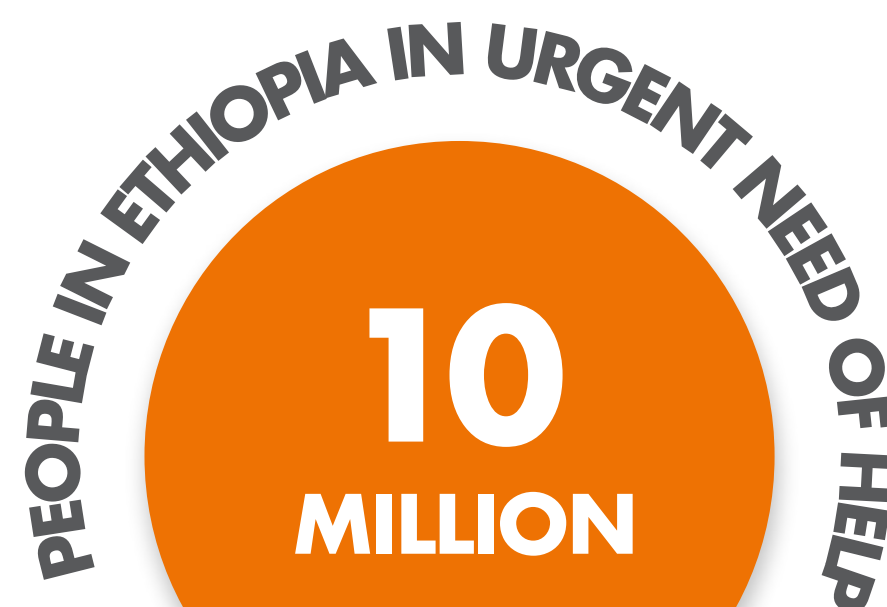
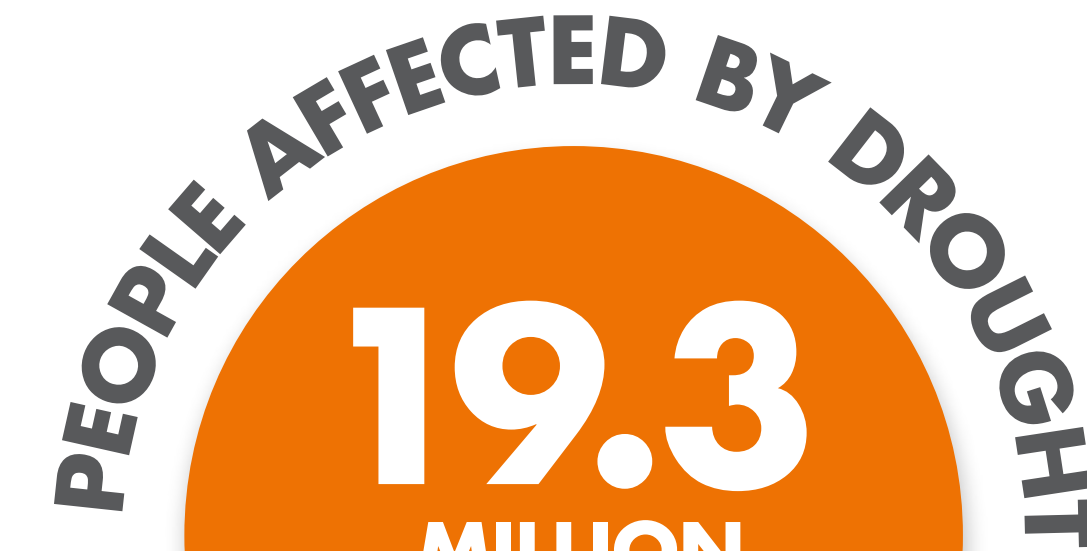


#### SOMALIA

The drought emergency has worsened. 7.7 million people, or about half of the population, require humanitarian or protection aid. At least 7 million people have been affected by the drought,

with 918,000 displaced in search of water, food, and pasture, including members of minority groups. Available reports point to a reasonable chance that famine may occur in 17 districts if crop and livestock production fails, food prices continue to climb, and humanitarian aid is not sustained to reach the most vulnerable populations. The number of districts under Operational Priority Area (OPA) 1 has increased from 26 to 34 due to a spike in the number of people facing catastrophic levels of food insecurity (IPC Phase 5). There is need for urgent humanitarian assistance to be scaled up to avert catastrophic hunger & starvation.

### SITUATION AT A GLANCE



Staple cereal and cooking oil prices are between **25% - 160%** higher than long-term averages across Somalia. In Banadir, Bakara market, prices of local cereals and imported food items are increasing compared to last week. For instance, maize, rice, sugar, and wheat flour increased by **13%, 28%, 22%** and **12%** per **50 Kg bag** respectively. Carrots, spinach & potatoes increased by **30%, 23% & 16%** respectively.

SOURCE: UNICEF JULY 2022

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## KEY NUMBERS



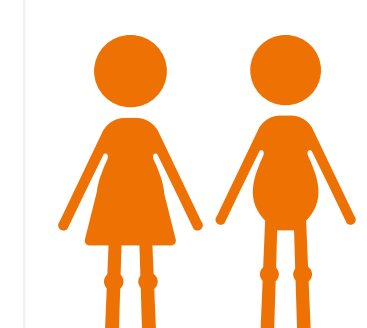
**WORSENING HUMANITARIAN SITUATION**  
The nutrition situation in the region is becoming catastrophic as malnutrition rates rise, notably in Ethiopia and the **Arid & Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs)** of Kenya & Somalia, with more than 1.8 Million expected to be wasted in 2022 alone.



**INCREASED MORTALITIES**  
A **247% increase** in mortalities in Somalia & Ethiopia (Afar & Somali regions) compared to same period last year. **66 children** have been reported dead due to malnutrition in Somalia alone.



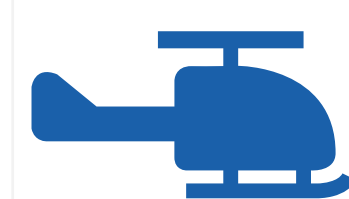
**112,448 PEOPLE DISPLACED SINCE JUNE**  
This is in June alone which is **231%** more than in May. **60%** of the new arrivals went to Mogadishu. About **72%** of movements were inter-regional, unlike in May, when 64% were intra-regional



**86% INCREASE IN CHILDREN WITH SEVERE ACUTE MALNUTRITION**  
The rapidly deteriorating malnutrition situation in Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia, has resulted in an increase in admissions of children with **Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)** over the past six months compared to previous years. In Somalia, the number of children receiving treatment for SAM increased by 86 percent in the first two quarters of 2022 compared to the same period in 2021, as indicated by the admission trends (Source: ACF Nutrition centres). Kenya and Ethiopia has recorded steeper increases in SAM admissions this year with first quarter admissions **68% & 37% higher** in 2022 compared to last year (Nutrition Cluster).



**OUR RESPONSE**  
Action Against Hunger's response is focused on preventing excess mortality and life-saving assistance to most affected areas



**387.7 TONNES TO BE DELIVERED**  
Against Hunger is leading the coordination with health & nutrition partners to utilise the support provided by EU Humanitarian Aid. The Humanitarian Air Bridge was launched to deliver medical & nutritional supplies to hard-to-reach areas in Somalia.

## FUNDING UPDATES

### FUNDING GAPS

**17.1 MILLION**  
is urgently needed.



**30 MILLION FUNDING REQUIRED**  
**17.1 MILLION FUNDING GAP**  
**12.9 MILLION FUNDING RECEIVED**

### RECEIVED VS IN-PIPELINE (USD)

SOMALIA/ KENYA	H.E SHEIKH THANI BIN ABDULLAH BIN THANI AL-THANI	\$7.14 Million	GFFO TOP-UP	\$500,840
SOMALIA	SIDA TOP-UP	\$1.99 Million	ECHO TOP-UP	\$2.63 Million
SOMALIA	FRENCH MFA	\$236,574		
KENYA	SIDA RRM	\$996,500		
KENYA	USAID/BHA	\$6.6 Million		
ETHIOPIA	SIDA TOP-UP	\$1.5 Million	ECHO TOP-UP	\$1.58 Million
ETHIOPIA	FRENCH-CDCS	\$1.05 Million		



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## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF THE RESPONSE

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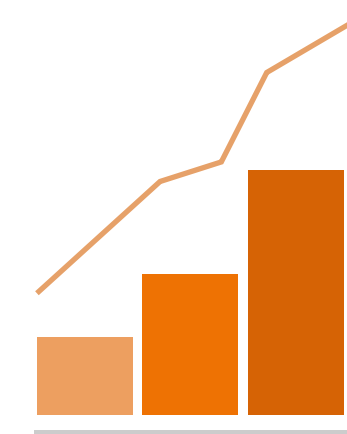
SOMALIA

### OVERVIEW



#### 186% INCREASE IN OUTREACH ADMISSIONS

In July 2022 (1-25th) a total of **7521 children** under 5 were admitted in nutrition sites across our facilities in July. Across partners in Baidoa district there is a **253% increase in SC admissions** and **186% increase** in OTP (Outreach Posts) admissions comparing **Jan-June 2022**. In Bakool Region, a total of **38,923 malnourished children** admitted across the various health facilities.



#### 213,000 PEOPLE FACING IPC PHASES

213,000 people across Somalia now face **catastrophic hunger & starvation (IPC Phase 5)**. The poor Gu season crop harvest will lead to a continued deterioration in the food security situation especially with the upcoming Haggaa dry season (July to September).



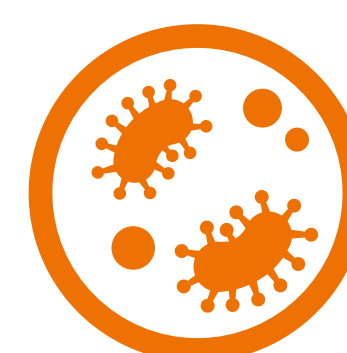
#### 6.4 MILLION LACK ACCESS TO WATER

Nearly all districts in Somalia (**71 of 74 districts**) are in acute need of water, hygiene & sanitation support. **6.4M** people lack access to safe water & sanitation which has compounding effects on public health.



#### 918,000 DISPLACED BY DROUGHT

from their homes in search of water, food and pasture; including minority groups. Majority of displaced persons have self-settled in over **2,400 sub-standard IDP sites** in urban and peri-urban areas across the country



#### 7,796 CHOLERA CASES REPORTED

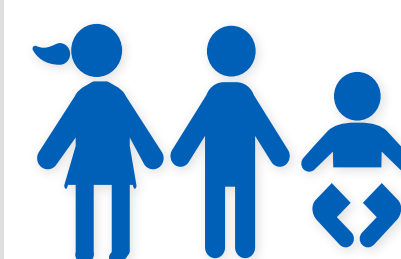
**36 deaths & 269 cholera cases** were reported in the epidemiological week 27, with 5 deaths. 60% of the AWD/Cholera cases are children < 5 years. Laboratory findings revealed evidence of Rota virus infection among these children. **72% of the cholera deaths** are children < 5 years. (Source: Somalia Health cluster/ WHO)

### OUR RESPONSE



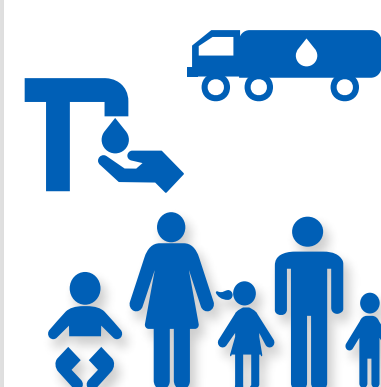
#### 172,357 USD IN MEDICAL SUPPLIES

With Funding from ECHO, WHO is providing medical supplies to Caafimad Plus partners with Action Against Hunger coordinating. The first round of OCV campaign was implemented by WHO in **9 high risk districts** between 14-26th June 2022, reaching **897,086 people**.



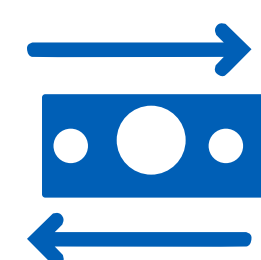
#### 102,184 CHILDREN UNDER 5

**64,970 girls & 59,973 boys** were screened for acute malnutrition between Jan & June 2022; of which **15,341 children (8,572 girls & 6,769 boys)** suffering from Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) were admitted to the program for treatment with a **98.6% cure rate**.



#### 55,664 BENEFICIARIES OF WATER TRUCKING

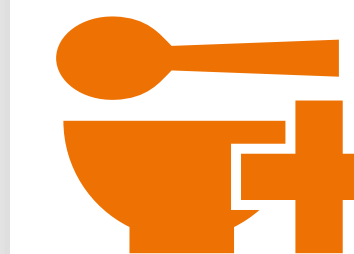
In response to the critical water shortages for both human and livestock use, **10,019 girls, 8,350 boys, 18,369 women & 18,926 men**, received water through water trucking interventions that brought water to the affected communities.



#### 185,650 MULTI-PURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE BENEFICIARIES

across Action Against hunger Food Security & Livelihoods programming. **800 households** received Livestock treatment. **350 Fresh Fruit Vegetable beneficiaries** for Mother with Children in SAM in Bayhaw Mean Corpuscular Health(Aug-Oct). **785 households received agricultural inputs** (crop, vegetables and agro-forestry seeds & seedlings, tools).

### GAPS



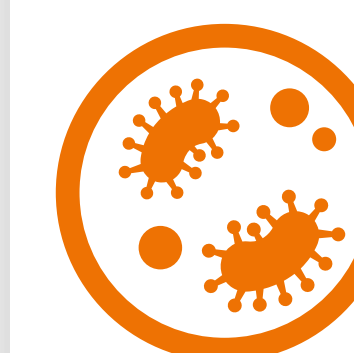
#### MAM SERVICES SUPPLIES GAPS

Decreased TSP sites across the country with **66 active sites** in Bay & Bakool. This coupled with the high MAM admissions is not adequate in reaching the moderately malnourished children. Somalia is experiencing global supply issues for commodities used for its nutrition programme combined with funding gaps.



#### ONLY 30% OF THE HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN (HRP) FUNDED

Back in 2017, not only had humanitarians received **US \$572 million (58% of the HRP ask)** by this time of the year, but they already had also more than three times more funding available by March. The current funding situation is more comparable to 2011 (**30% of the HRP funded**), when funding was slow until the declaration of famine, with devastating consequences including **260,000 deaths**. The health sector is facing limited funding in responding to the looming needs receiving only **11% of the funding** needed.



#### ROTA & CHOLERA CASES RISING

Rotavirus is the leading cause of Acute Watery Diarrhea in malnourished children. Hence need for Rotavirus vaccination for young children. Drought-affected districts reported 7,796 cholera cases, including 36 deaths (**case fatality rate of 0.43 %**), by the end of June. Source

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KENYA

### OVERVIEW



#### DROUGHT DUE TO LOW SEASONAL AVERAGES

The drought situation continued to worsen in 20 of the 23 **Arid & Semi-Arid Lands (ASAL)** counties. The number of counties in the Alarm stage of drought has increased from 5 in May to 8 in June 2022. The counties in Alarm drought phase are Mandera, Marsabit, Wajir, Laikipia, Tharaka Nithi, Turkana, Samburu & Isiolo.



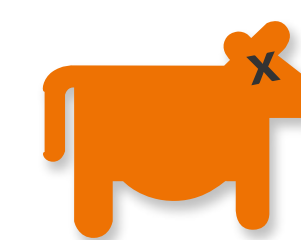
#### RISING FOOD PRICES & CONFLICTS

Low seasonal averages of rainfall was received across most livelihood zones was low. This negatively also sparked **resource-based conflicts coupled with rising food commodity prices** due to depressed crop production that coincides with the peak lean season for most Arid & Semi-Arid Livelihood counties.



#### FOOD INSECURITY: EMERGENCY (IPC AFI PHASE 4)

The Acute Food Insecurity analysis update indicated that Mandera & Wajir counties have shown a huge deterioration, shifting from **Crisis to Emergency (IPC AFI Phase 3 to Phase 4)**. The remaining 10 of 12 counties analyzed have exhibited a deterioration in populations classified in IPC Phase 3 or higher.



#### LIVESTOCK MORTALITY

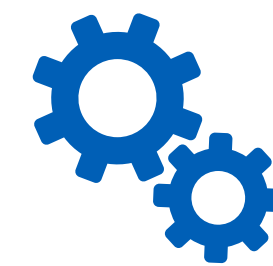
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#### EXTREME CRITICAL SITUATION IN MANDERA

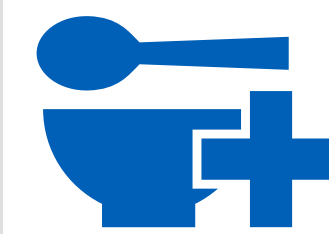
Mandera county's March SMART survey found **GAM rates (Global Acute Malnutrition) of 34,7%**. Mandera is now classified as an **Extremely Critical situation (IPC AMN Phase 5)** from March-May. **942,500** children aged 6-59 months are acutely malnourished & need treatment. In Mandera alone, the number of children in need of treatment has increased to nearly **126,140**, representing an **increase of 30%**.

### OUR RESPONSE



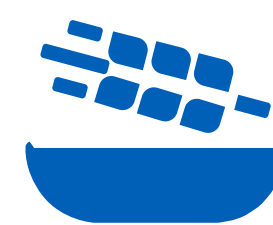
#### 113,114 BENEFICIARIES TARGETED

Action Against Hunger is currently implementing an Integrated Drought Emergency Response project in Isiolo & Mandera County targeting **65,586 females & 67,528 males beneficiaries** for Nutrition, WASH, Foods security & livelihoods, & cash transfer interventions.



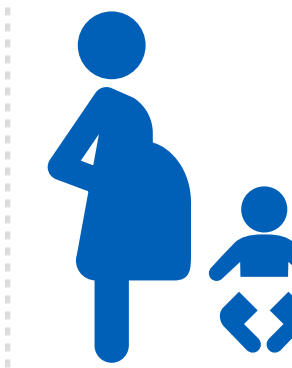
#### NUTRITION IN MANDERA & ISIOLO

Providing essential & life-saving nutrition services among the crisis affected populations in Isiolo and Mandera Counties targeting **56,514 direct** beneficiaries & **113,027 Indirect** beneficiaries



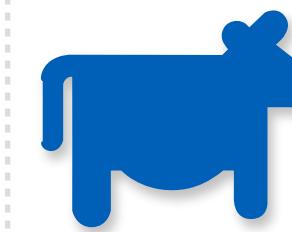
#### 39,300 FOOD ASSISTANCE BENEFICIARIES

Implementation of cash transfers among the drought affected people in Mandera & Isiolo Counties targeting 6,550 households directly reaching **39,300 beneficiaries** with food Assistance interventions



#### 35,300 WASH BENEFICIARIES

Distribution of WASH Non-Food Items (Buckets, Jerry Cans, Soaps) among people in **Mandera & Isiolo** counties to **5,500 households** & distributions of (in-kind) dignity kits for menstrual hygiene management (MHM) to 2,300 women & girls of reproductive age.



#### 1.235 METRIC TONNES OF RANGE CUBES

Through the **BHA funded project**, Action Against Hunger is in the process of procuring 24,700, 50 kgs range cubes bags for **9,500 households** & livestock owners & **500K** livestock.



#### ACCESS TO SAFE WATER

Increase access to safe water supply & adoption of optimal hygiene and sanitation practices to drought affected population in Isiolo & Mandera counties.

### GAPS



#### MANDERA'S SITUATION

Immediate food provision at household level especially in Mandera county that requires blanket supplementary feeding.



#### DIRE NEED FOR FUNDING

Funding to be able to respond to the emergency. With an increase in the populations of the people in dire need of humanitarian assistance, there is need to increase and allocate more resources to the increased needs with a key focus on saving lives while putting in place recovery mechanisms for the communities to bounce back after the drought.

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### OVERVIEW



**7 MILLION PEOPLE NEED FOOD ASSISTANCE**  
**4 MILLION PEOPLE NEED WATER ASSISTANCE**

Communities in south & eastern Ethiopia are suffering from a devastating drought following four consecutive failed rainy seasons since late 2020. Parallel to lifesaving interventions, resilience programming is key to build the resilience of chronically drought-affected communities in these areas. Forecasts indicate, there is a risk of further deterioration in the coming months & yet another failed rainy season later in Oct-Dec.



**4.5 MILLION IDPS (IOM, FEB 2022)**

More than **334,000 people** who have the means to travel have migrated since October last year, leaving behind their elderly & the sick family members. Movement of communities heightens the risk of disease transmission (both humans & livestock) due to high population concentration & weakened immunity. The longer the drought condition persists, the weaker they become exposing them to illnesses, including water-borne & skin diseases.



**16.2 MILLION IN NEED OF WASH SERVICES**

An estimated 16.2 million people need WASH services across Ethiopia including **8.6 million people** in Afar, Amhara and Tigray. Water is at critical levels, also leading to increased risks of water-borne diseases. Only in Somali region, at least **2.3 million people** in **85 woredas** are in need of water trucking services. In Oromia region, more than **600,000 people need water trucking**. Furthermore, **809,000** have been affected by the hydrological drought in 21 woredas of SNNPR.

**2.6M REACHED IN DROUGHT AFFECTED AREAS**

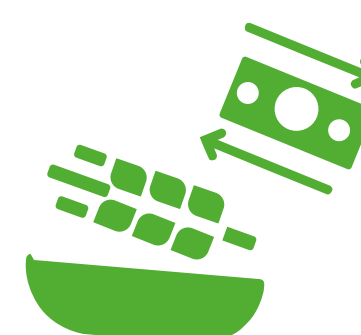
Since the start of the year, protection partner's assisted 1.8 million people, **22% of the 7.9 million people targeted**, of which 35% are women, 25% are girls, 20% are boys, and 20% are men.

### OUR RESPONSE



**99 MOTHER-TO-MOTHER MEMBERS**

436 under two children caregivers & 99 Mother-to-Mother support group members received individual **IYCF counselling** & group discussion on Nutrition at Girawa and Bedeno Woredas.



**EMERGENCY FOOD & CASH**

Action Against Hunger's Hararge base has facilitated an Emergency cash & food assistance (E2A) project Government lead final evaluation & official close out event at Harar town



**109 SEVERE ACUTE MALNUTRITION (SAM) CASES ADMITTED AT OUTREACH POSTS (OTP)**

In Girawa & Bedeno Woredas of Hararge zone in Oromia region, **109 & 49 SAM cases** admitted at outreach and health centers in last 2 weeks.

**ACTION AGAINST HUNGER**  
**HARARGE BASE**

- 8 OTP Sites
- 5 Stabilization Centers
- 8 TSFP Sites
- 24 Front-line Workers

Health Service providers receiving Logistical & Technical support

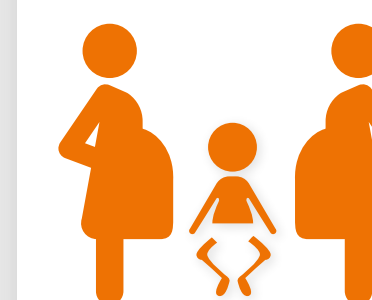


### GAPS



**WASH SERVICES GAPS**

The WASH situation in collective sites remains dire as new displacement populations appear & other IDPs stay for long periods of time in collective sites.



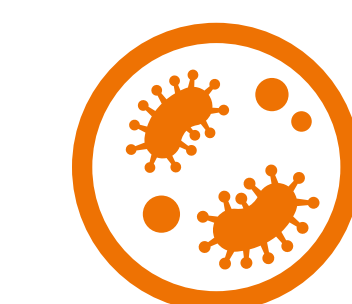
**MAM & PLW SERVICES GAPS**

Lack of commodities specially to address children and pregnant lactating women with moderate acute malnutrition.



**INCREASED DROUGHT**

Many of drought affected woredas without partners for some clusters (except food cluster)



**DISEASE FLARE-UPS**

Upsurge of measles & other communicable diseases due to cross-border mobilities



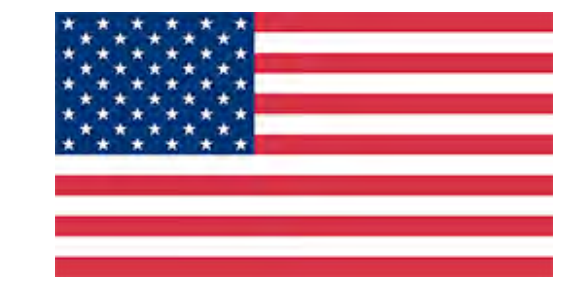
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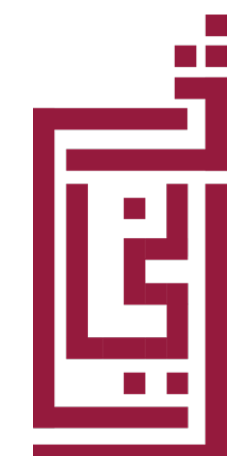
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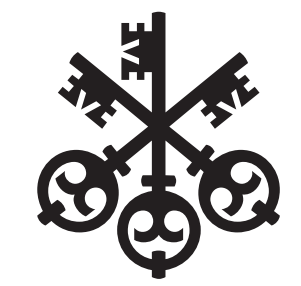
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