



SITUATION

- The poor performance of the 2016 rainy seasons and the 2017 March-to-May long rains has led to severe drought and deteriorating food security and nutrition conditions in 23 counties in Kenya. Following the long rains assessment, the drought-affected population is predicted to reach 3.5 million through the end of 2017, according to the Kenya Food Security Steering Group (KFSSG). This is a 35 percent increase from the 2.6 million food-secure people identified in February 2017.
- Approximately 420,000 children younger than 5 years of age are acutely malnourished, including 83,000 children experiencing severe acute malnutrition (SAM). The nutrition situation in parts of Turkana and Marsabit counties is classified as Extremely Critical with global acute malnutrition levels greater than 30 percent.
- According to the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Kenya hosts nearly 500,000 refugees. In May 2016, the Government of Kenya (GoK) announced that it would close Dadaab refugee camp complex, housing primarily Somalis, by November 30, 2016. The GoK has since extended the camp's closure deadline, but the situation continues to present significant challenges. Since December 2014, more than 70,000 Somalis have repatriated from Dadaab, including more than 28,750 returnees in 2017. As of July 2017, Kenya hosted more than 291,900 Somalis, as well as 103,700 South Sudanese fleeing conflict and food insecurity in their own country.



RESPONSE

- The USAID Office of Food for Peace (FFP) partners with the UN World Food Program (WFP) to provide relief and build resilience among the most vulnerable populations in Kenya, including refugee populations living in camps. In the arid and semi-arid lands (ASALs) counties, FFP supports food-insecure Kenyans by providing cash or food in exchange for work on improving community assets, such as rehabilitating local roads or irrigation systems. FFP is also providing funding and in-kind Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Foods to UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) for the treatment of SAM in the ASALs and among refugee populations in Kenya. In Fiscal Year 2017, FFP is providing support to WFP for contingency planning for Kenyan general elections, as well as supplementary nutritious foods for children and pregnant and lactating women in the counties with the highest levels of acute malnutrition.
- FFP supports refugees living in the Dadaab and Kakuma camps, and their host communities, through direct food distributions, education on maternal and child health, livelihoods training, and supplementary and therapeutic nutritious food commodities.

FOOD FOR PEACE CONTRIBUTIONS

Total Contributions per Fiscal Year

	<i>US Dollars</i>	<i>Metric Tons</i>
FY 2017	\$69.3 million	55,610 MT
FY 2016	\$63.8 million	51,150 MT
FY 2015	\$83.0 million	74,331 MT

Types of Aid

- U.S. In-Kind Food Aid
- Cash Transfers for Food
- Complementary Services