KEY MESSAGES

• With famine declared in parts of South Sudan, the hunger crisis in Somalia is on the cusp of becoming a famine, and Kenya experiencing severe drought, the lives of 700,000 children who are suffering severe acute malnutrition are now in the balance. The crisis is not getting the attention it needs to ensure children and their families are protected from a looming catastrophe.
• The hunger crisis is exacerbated by drought, conflict and political instability and is forcing people to migrate into areas affected by conflict and putting children at huge risk of violence, exploitation and abuse.
• As communities fracture and go in search of food and water millions of children have abandoned schools. They risk being separated from families and exposed to harm and violence. Our aim is to help children survive, thrive and return to school.
• World Vision has received 12% funding on its appeal of US$ 92 million. While this money has helped with immediate response in some of the most affected communities, the need is far much greater and urgent. The unmet sum of over US$70 million is urgently needed to scale up humanitarian assistance in the four countries, in-order to meet the health, nutrition, child protection, livelihoods, shelter, education and water and sanitation needs of the most vulnerable.

HUMANITARIAN SITUATION OVERVIEW

Ethiopia: Malnutrition continue to increase in the drought affected southern and south eastern region of Ethiopia. Some 300,000 severely malnourished and 2.7 million moderately malnourished children under five and pregnant & lactating women will need nutrition intervention. An estimated 9.1 million people will need water, sanitation and hygiene support in 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 crisis situation. acute watery diarrhoea, Measles, malaria and scabies remain major public health threat in drought affected southern and south eastern part of the country.

Kenya: There is a declining trend in food security across the affected counties. Currently, 15 counties are in alarm stage and 8 counties are in stressed phased. Three weeks ago

only 11 counties were at an alarm stage. The nutrition status in Kenya is deteriorating With Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) rates above 30 per cent reported in Turkana north, Baringo, Mandera and Marsabit north.

**Somalia:** More than 2.9 million people are experiencing a hunger crisis, and are on the verge of famine. Those in stressed situations that could potentially worsen in the coming months has reached 3.3 million. Over 363,000 children under 5 years old are acutely malnourished and are suffering terribly with limited access to food and water. Internal displacement camps throughout the country are bursting with new arrivals in search of food, water and protection exacerbating their already dire situation.

**South Sudan:** The refugee crisis in South Sudan is now considered the world’s fastest growing, about 1.89 million individuals remain internally displaced, 1.5 million are refugees and 223,926 displaced individuals have sought shelter with the UN. More than 1.17 million children aged 3 to 18 years old have lost access to education due to conflict and displacement since December 2013.

**WHAT WORLD VISION IS DOING**

### Health and Nutrition

**Ethiopia**

91 health workers have been trained on acute malnutrition management in South Ari district in SNNP region while routine medicine and supplies was provided to 9 OTP and SC site. 13,677 people were treated from scabies in Shashego, Kedida Gamela and Kacha Bira in SNNP region.

**Kenya**

World Vision Kenya is conducting mobile outreach in hard to reach areas in Baringo and Laïsamis counties. This involves mass screening, treatment of minor illnesses and acute malnutrition. On the job training for health workers and community health workers is also underway.

**Somalia**

274 patients were provided with ante-natal clinic, post-natal clinic counselling and out-patient services by mobile teams in Eyl and Dangorayo districts. In Somaliland, a total of 8,826 outpatients benefitted from World Vision supported health facilities. Moreover, 100 cartons were distributed to 600 beneficiaries in Malaasle villages in Janban District, Puntland.

**South Sudan**

24,129 children aged between 6-59 months received 143 MT of blended grains (CSB++) while 6,630 children of the same age group received 0.735 MT of nutritional supplement. 19,430 children under 5 (9,436 boys, 9,994 girls) were screened for malnutrition and 5,543 pregnant and lactating women (PLWs) were screened for malnutrition.

### Food security and Food Assistance

**Ethiopia**

In Dollo Ado district in Somali region, World Vision has distributed 47 Quintals of maize seed to 843 drought affected people while a total of 104,305 people benefitted from food distribution in the affected districts.

**Kenya**

World Vision is reaching out to 138,280 people in Kilifi, Taita-Taveta, Makueni and Baringo. Cash for work and food for work is provided to 64,400 people in Moyale and Turkana counties. Plans are in place to scale up cash for work and food for work programmes in nine additional counties where World Vision operates, to help reduce food insecurity and protect livelihoods.

**Somalia**

About 8,269.3 MT of food ration was distributed to 2,983 people in Garowe district while food rations of 1,000 MT was provided to 667 people in Gedo region, Jubaland. Unconditional cash transfer of $21,600 was provided to 200 drought-affected households in Somaliland.

**South Sudan**

1027.51 MT of food commodities was distributed to 58,721 IDPs in Melut, Malakal and Juba’s, protection of civilian (PoC) sites. 3625 individuals participated in an entrepreneurial skills training offered through cash programming and 20, 229, 648 South Sudanese Pounds distributed to 4812 participants who completed previous modules. Over 24,684 animals belonging to 767 individuals from Melut, Renk and Manyo received vaccination, majority of animals were sheep (18,029).

### WASH

**Ethiopia**

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**Kenya**

Water trucking is being carried out in Kilifi and Marsabit Counties. In Bamba, Kilifi county plastic water tanks have been procured and distributed to 10 schools.
Somalia
World Vision distributed 63,700 litres of safe drinking water to 11,498 beneficiaries in 10 villages in Eyl district in Puntland during reporting period. In Somaliland, 5,760,000 litres of water was distributed to 3,180 people in 8 villages in Burco district. Over the past two weeks of March, a total of 64,000,000 liters of water distributed to more than 4,600 Households in 26 villages in Odweine.

**South Sudan:**
A total of 10,324,132 litres of potable water was provided to 69,929 internally displaced people in Upper Nile. In Abrouch, 260 IDP households were reached with water sanitation and hygiene related messages about open defecation, hand washing with soap / ash.

## Education

**Ethiopia**
World Vision has provided school materials for 110 students who lost their school materials due to the conflict.

**Kenya**
World Vision is working with the Ministry of Education to ensure that 343 children displaced as a result of the Baringo conflict are enrolled in neighbouring schools. World Vision has provided children affected by conflict in Baringo with safe places to play.

**South Sudan**
7,610 children registered for education in IDP camp schools and 690 attended World Vision supported Early Childhood Development Centres (ECDs). 663 individuals participated in awareness raising on SGBV, child rights and child protection referral pathways in different locations.

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**GAPS AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS (in millions)**

**Ethiopia**
- 1.37 million under 5 projected MAM cases
- 0.3 million projected SAM cases
- 4.37 million need health assistance
- 9.1 million need WASH support

**Kenya**
- 0.29 million under 5 projected MAM cases
- 0.09 million projected SAM caseload
- 2.7 million need health support
- **800,000** need WASH support

**Somalia**
- 0.94 million under 5 projected MAM cases
- 0.19 million projected SAM cases
- 4.6 million need health assistance
- 4.5 million need WASH support

**South Sudan**
- 0.84 million under 5 projected MAM cases
- 0.27 million projected SAM cases
- 5.4 million need health assistance
- 5.1 million need WASH support

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**91.87M US$** requested for hunger crisis response

**21.76M US$**
- Received

**70.11M US$**
- Unmet requirements

**82%**

**12%**
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