According to FEWSNET issue of November 2018, seasonal rainfall has remained uncharacteristically erratic and significantly below average across most of Central and Southern Somalia, the SouthEastern Somali region of Ethiopia, and the Northern and Eastern regions of Kenya. However, several areas along the East Africa coastal strip and in the Somali region of Ethiopia received well above average rainfall amounts during this period.

Contrary to earlier forecasts in Kenya, the October-December rains did not result in flooding in some of the flood prone arid and semi arid counties like Tana River and Garissa. Ethiopia has experienced below average and erratic rainfall in Southern pastoral areas except Shebelle and Nogob. In Somalia, the 2018 Deyr rainfall season has so far performed less well than expected, despite the development of a weak El Nino.

In the latest UNICEF publication, 4.16 million children in Ethiopia were suffering from malnutrition and 370,000 children were severely malnourished. In Somalia, the projected number of children who are malnourished stands at 1.2 million while in Kenya children suffering from malnutrition is 329,000 and 85,105 were severely malnourished.

To date, an estimated 2.4 million people are internally displaced in Ethiopia. While some returns were reported in West Guji and Gedeo, around 240,000 people were newly displaced in Benishangul Gumuz region due to inter-communal violence in Kamashi zone in September. In Somalia, new clashes in lower Shebelle displaced more than 34,000 people between August 2018 and October 2018.

A total of 680,716 children under five are in need of severe acute malnutrition treatment in the Horn of Africa. Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia are among the countries identified with active Cholera/AWD outbreaks in the region. However, over the past 17 weeks, there has been a decline in the number of Cholera/AWD cases reported in Somalia.

The 2018 Somalia Humanitarian Response funding has crossed the halfway mark and is currently 54.4% funded.

As of 31 October 2018, the 2018 Ethiopia Humanitarian and Disaster Resilience Plan funding (HDRP) Mid-Year Review is currently at 68%.
People received cash transfers

People reached through Public Health and Hygiene Promotion and Community Mobilization

Animals supported through vaccination and treatment

TOTAL NUMBER OF people reached through OXFAM interventions

Oxfam response intervention areas

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TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE REACHED THROUGH OXFAM INTERVENTIONS

1,926,658 People reached with clean and safe water

280,854 People received cash transfers

3,224,356 Animals supported through vaccination and treatment

589,919 People reached through Public Health and Hygiene Promotion and Community Mobilization
**ETIOPIA**

Oxfam has reached 155,820 new beneficiaries as of November 31, 2018 in the new Somali Humanitarian and Resilience strategy.

- 6 hygiene promotion sessions were held in 6 schools reaching 417 students. School WASH clubs were also established in Dudid School and one day training was provided for 10 students on child to child approach in Korahay zone.
- Funded by GFO, a third round of cash transfer was distributed to 1,313 households affected by drought and floods in Shilabo of Korahay Zone.
- A total of 20 Community Animal Health Workers received program kits which will eventually enable them to deliver their services in a more effective and sustainable manner.

**SOMALILAND**

537,426 new beneficiaries (direct and indirect) have been reached during the course of 2018 with Water, Cash and Protection interventions.

- As of October 2018, 1,752 Households in Sool and Sanaag have implemented Cash for Water in all 18 villages and are now receiving 40 litres a day.
- Through ECHO funding, the Cash for Water activity has reached 1,752 households in the drought affected areas in Sool and Sanaag regions of Somaliland. Each household received an allocation of 2 jerrycans of water each day over this period.
- The 3rd round of multipurpose cash transfer was disbursed to 3,495 households (20,970 people) and confirmed receipt of their monthly entitlement covering 19 locations in Sool and Sanaag regions.

**KENYA**

The Tana River Emergency Floods response came to an end in October. Oxfam as part of ADAPT Consortium supported communities in parts of Tana North Sub-County who were displaced by floods during the April/May long rains. The consortium’s two phased humanitarian response was in the form of WASH and Cash response.

- ADAPT consortium rehabilitated 8 water systems with flood resistant designs that is serving 6,700 people in 8 villages in Tana. The consortium handed over the eight rehabilitated water systems to the communities through the county water department.
- ADAPT consortium disbursed the second round of cash transfer to 2,561 flood affected households with KES 4000 per targeted household.

**Twelve hygiene promotion sessions were conducted at community level and elementary schools reaching 2,712 people Dhobowayn, Higlolay, El-ogaden, Kabridahar and Shilabo Woredas of Korahay Zone.**

- The construction of 8 blocks of latrines out of the planned 10 blocks is ongoing in Korahay.

- Funded by GFO, 2,661 households were identified and registered to receive NFI kits in Korahay. The hygiene kits distribution is planned to be conducted in the second week of December 2018.

- 150 soaps were distributed for hand washing demonstration to three elementary schools in Korahay as part of the global handwashing day campaign that was held on 15th October 2018.

- 303,218 camels and 37,961 heads of sheep, goats, cattle, donkeys and horses were reached through the camel treatment campaign in Togdheer, Sanaag and Sool benefitting a total of 210,018 beneficiaries.

- Community protection volunteers reached 2,003 HH (12,018 Individuals) with protection awareness engagement and information dissemination activities in Ainabo for Ulasan, Tulosamakab and Docosha.

- Excavation of 178 pits in 6 villages have been completed and ready for sub and super structure construction in Sool.

- Some areas have not received significant rains; particularly the NorthEast, where no rainfall was reported in most of Bari and Nugal (Puntland) and in Eastern Somaliland (Sool and Sanag) conditions are below normal with only light rain received.

- 32,698 beneficiaries were engaged through hygiene promotion activities such as house-to-house visits, public demonstration of proper and effective hand washing at critical times, jerrycan cleaning campaigns, proper latrine use and maintenance.

- 122 emergency flood proofed latrines with handwashing facilities were constructed to meet the sanitation needs of displaced people in camps and in the return villages. In addition to these, another 37 latrines were constructed by other partners, served 8,505 people living in the displacement camps.

- The intervention has been successful and recorded remarkable achievements, with active involvement of key players, including the communities, county government and NGOs in the project area.
HORN OF AFRICA FUNDING UPDATES

FLOODS UPDATE
Total Budget
$4,266,543
Total Secured and Likely
$718,510
Total Funding Gap.
$3,548,033

DROUGHT UPDATE
Total Budget
$74,888,681
Total Secured and Likely
$52,392,388
Total Funding Gap.
$21,352,578

Percentage funded
Drought
71%
Floods
17%

ONCE A PASTROLIST, NOW A FARMER

Before farming, I used to earn an income looking after and selling shoats. During the rainy season, we would earn a good income unlike the drought season we could barely make ends meet. We have now planted Sudan grass to feed our animals. I’m growing tomatoes and onions too.

As a pastoralist my children didn’t get an education. Now we are settled, so this life is much better and I am able to take care of my family’s basic needs. My husband would have appreciated me farming the land. In the morning, I manage the farm and in the afternoon I look after my shoats.

In my opinion without these tools and support, we couldn’t make a living as we are doing today. Without support we would be waiting for the rain, but with this support we have a well, we can get water anytime, and we have a lot of crops.

We really appreciate Oxfam’s help for giving us these tools and support with this project. Without you we wouldn’t be able to achieve what we have.

I would like a tractor to plough the land, so we can expand our farm.”

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