

**Situation Report - Horn of Africa Crisis
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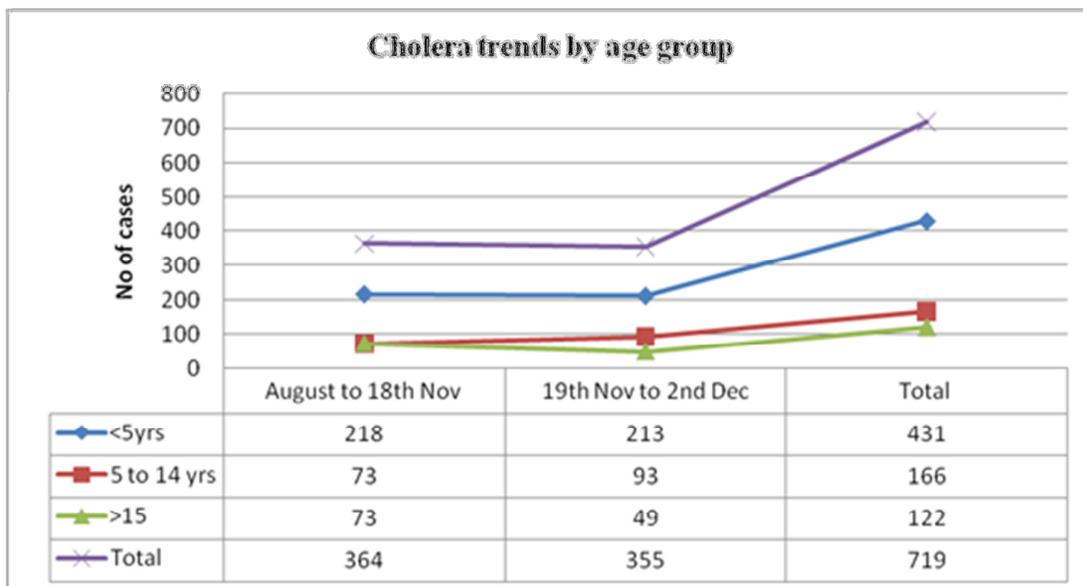
HIGHLIGHTS

- Malnutrition rates have significantly reduced in Turkana County within the last six months following scale up of life saving nutrition interventions. Turkana North East which was most affected, has reported three times reduction in both Global Acute Malnutrition (37.4% to 13.7%) and Severe Acute Malnutrition (9.4% to 3.2%). Under five mortality rates have fallen below alert levels (less than 2/10,000/day). Through a network of over 126 outreach sites hundreds of children were screened and referred for treatment in Outpatient Therapeutic Program (OTP) and Supplementary Feeding Program (SFP). In Turkana County between May and October 2011, over 5,893 severely and 8,912 moderately malnourished children were admitted for treatment. A Blanket Supplementary Feeding Program targeting 113,134 children was implemented to prevent children from being malnourished. By September 43,966 children had been reached. Households with malnourished children and Pregnant and Lactating Women were linked to General Food Distribution and Food for Assets to improve their resilience. Continued focus on sustaining recovery in Turkana and across the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands will be required if these gains are to be maintained and translated into longer term resilience for these communities.
- The number of cases of cholera continues to increase in Dadaab with 222 cases reported in the last week. One death this week was in a three year old child from Hagadera camp. A total of 719 cholera cases have been line listed since August, 2011. A majority 60% (431/719) of these suspected cholera cases were recorded in children less than 5 years and the trend reveals that most (213) of the Under five year old cases were recorded in the last two weeks of November (19th to 2nd Dec 2011). Overall Dadaab case fatality rate stands at 0.3% (2 deaths out of 719).
- There has been a steady increase in admissions of severely malnourished children reported in the Dadaab refugee camps. A total of 1639 children admitted in the week of 19 to 35 November compared to 944 admitted between 7 to 11 November. Increased admissions of severely malnourished children in the in-patient facilities has been reported, with a majority of the children admitted reported to have acute watery diarrhoea. As of 5 December, a total of 382 Children were admitted to the stabilization centres (Hagadera: 54, Dagahaley: 290 and Ifo: 38).
- Heavy rains in recent weeks in Northern and Western Kenya have led to flooding in Isiolo and Western and Nyanza Provinces. The weather outlook points to a cessation of rains in the Northern areas but a continuation of rains in Western Kenya through the end of December. According to rapid assessments of the flooding in Western and Nyanza carried out by UNICEF staff and Government departments, as at 13 December, there are a total of 3,576 displaced households in Bunyala, Rachuonyo, Nyando, Nyakach, Nyatike, Bungoma, Mumias and Siaya displacement camps and evacuation centers. UNICEF provided Family Relief Kits (cooking set, blankets, buckets, jerry cans and tarpaulins), Mosquito nets and inter-agency health kits are being distributed to flood-affected populations. UNICEF staff is continuing to monitor and report daily. Additional assessments are planned for Bungoma, Mumias, Nyakach and Rachuonyo.
- Ten suspected cases of Rift Valley Fever have been reported in Fafi district and a further two suspected cases in Wajir South. The Provincial Medical Officer has communicated with district health staff in historically affected areas to be alert and an assessment team was sent to Bula Golalwe. The district teams have been asked to utilise the polio campaign activity to conduct active disease surveillance for Rift Valley Fever, cholera, measles and malaria, as well as polio.
- The UN Secretary General - HE Ban Ki Moon accompanied by the President of the UN General Assembly visited Dadaab on 9 December. IN his comments the Secretary General appreciated the support given by the Government, host community and UN agencies in delivering services to the refugees. He also stressed the importance of education, sanitation and protection against violence as a crucial part of humanitarian assistance for the refugees.

EMERGING HUMANITARIAN ISSUES AND NEEDS

Refugee Response

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- Measles cases have continued to decline with 3 cases admitted currently in Dagahaley.
- In Daadab security situation continues to negatively impact health and nutrition service provision in the camps. Services at the health posts continue to be provided by unqualified health staff except in Dagahaley and lfo 2 camp.

Drought-affected Areas

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District	TURKANA CENTRAL		TURKANA SOUTH		TURKANA NORTH EAST		TURKANA NORTH WEST	
	May 2011	December 2011	May 2011	December 2011	May 2011	December 2011	May 2011	December 2011
Date								

Weight-for-height Z scores Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM)	24.4% (20.3-29.1%)	16.9% (14.2%-19.9%)	33.5% (29.3-37.9)	15.5% (12.6%-19.0%)	37.4% (33.0%-42.0%)	13.7% (10.3%-18.0%)	27.8% (23.4%-32.7%)	9.7% (7.4%-12.5%)
Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)	4.5% (3.1%-6.7%)	3.1% (1.8%-5.2%)	6.8% (5.1%-8.9%)	2.2% (1.5%-3.1%)	9.4% (7.2%-12.3%)	3.2% (2.0%-5.2%)	6.0% (4.4%-8.2%)	2.6% (1.5%-4.5%)
Under 5 Mortality Rate/10,000/day	0.40 (0.13-1.23)	0.60 (0.13-1.08)	1.14 (0.83-1.56)	0.48 (0.0-1.1)	2.1 (1.13-3.95)	0.45 (0.04-0.87)	3.42 (1.96-5.91)	0.0 (0.0-0.0)

- Nutrition Surveys are completed in Turkana, Mandera East and North, Wajir East, Wajir west/North, Baringo survey, Samburu Central. Surveys for Mandera central and Tana River County have been postponed to due to impassable roads as a result of heavy rainfall and upcoming polio campaign.
- In Wajir increased admissions of severe malnutrition with complication cases in the inpatient facilities as a result of increased diarrheal cases in children under the age of five years with the rains that have been received in the district in October and November. In addition Supplementary Feeding Program cycles of October and November were missed because of impassable roads and lack of alternative transport.
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CLUSTER COORDINATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

WASH/WESCOORD Cluster

- *WASH Information Management Training* concluded this week, having reached 30 NGO and Ministry of Water & Irrigation building their skills on how to use and make spreadsheets and maps. Information Management Training is expected to roll out to districts in early 2012.
- The Wajir WESCOORD meeting took place on 06 December and was well attended.
- The Garissa WESCOORD meeting took place on 06 December and was also well attended (15 people from 13 organisations/agencies) with two new members in attendance for the first time; Premier Urgence and Islamic Relief. The need for an assessment to areas around Garissa was developed during the meeting and carried out immediately after the meeting. A Cholera TWIG was formed and a date set for the finalisation of the Cholera Response plan, with flexibility to expand to Flooding and Rift Valley Fever.

Child Protection Working Group

- The Child Protection Working Group (under the National Protection Working Group on IDPs) convened on 9 December and adopted a new TOR expanding the group's engagement beyond conflict IDPs. In order to garner more government engagement, it was agreed that linkages should be explored with the National Child Protection Coordination Committee, which has been formed under the auspices of the Secretary of Children's Services.

PROGRAMME RESPONSE

Nutrition

Drought affected areas of Kenya

- Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP) in Isiolo district is in the fourth cycle of distribution, with 18 sites served as of 7 December. Turkana, Wajir and Marsabit are in their third cycle while Mandera and Samburu are still in the second cycle distribution. Distribution cycles especially in Mandera and Samburu have been slowed down by inaccessibility due to the rains.

WASH

Drought Affected Areas

- Currently, a cumulative total of 1,090 Community Health Workers from 44 health facilities and a total of 4,757 school children from 22 schools are trained on hygiene and Household Water Treatment promotion activities in West Pokot.
- EXPAND Government Departments of WASH/Health, UNICEF and partners are continuing with distribution of water purification/disinfectant Pur sachets, water purification filters and soap to flood-affected populations in Western and Nyanza provinces.
- Water purification supplies pre-positioned by UNICEF with the District Public Health Officer in Isiolo were deployed in response to the flooding in the district. The DPHO carried out rapid hygiene promotion activities in the affected areas with UNICEF support.

Health

Refugee Response

- Weekly multi-sectoral outbreak control team meetings to reinforce Cholera response are ongoing at camp level. Health and WASH sectors joint meetings on a weekly basis to review Cholera situation are also ongoing.
- Intervention measures include: active case finding by the community health workers, hygiene promotion and sanitation at household levels, Hyperchlorination of the water and use of oral rehydration centres at the health posts, CTCs are operational in all the three main camps and the implementing partners have adequate medical supplies to respond to the outbreak.
- Hygiene promotion and safe food preparation and storage in camp restaurants and MoH and UNICEF have assessed eating houses in camp markets and made recommendations and follow up plans.
- The second phase of the Government-led Polio Campaign started on 10 and will be completed on 14 December. UNICEF-supported vaccines are already pre-positioned with key partners.

Drought Affected Areas

- UNICEF has supported the polio campaigns which began on 10 December, through technical assistance in planning, the procurement of vaccines and financial support for conduct of advocacy, communication and social mobilization in districts that have high risk for outbreak.
- Inter-agency health kits have been distributed to Garissa, Wajir and Turkana Counties.

Education

Drought Affected Areas

- A total of 30 community members and 20 ECD teachers in Turkana were trained and sensitised about the school management committees. The teachers also attended an one-week training on teaching methodology and child friendly schools.

- An assessment of school facilities currently being used to house families displaced by flooding in currently being planned so that the resumption of classes in January can proceed as planned

Child Protection

Drought Affected Areas

- In Lodwar, and under the auspices of the new UNICEF-IRC programme cooperation agreement, 12 child protection actors (NGOs and CBOs) participated in mapping of key GBV actors at the community and inter-agency levels. UNICEF and IRC are also evaluating a possible partnership between the Lodwar District Hospital, IRC and UNICEF with a view towards establishing a specialized GBV clinic in Lodwar with outreach to rural areas to serve the Turkana district.

Multi-Sectoral

- In Garissa, UNICEF, Kenya Red Cross, and Horn Relief convened a meeting on 7th December to discuss the proposed Emergency Cash Transfer (ECT) programmes in Garissa County and shared proposed programme areas in order to avoid duplication of efforts. For the initial period, Horn Relief is targeting 2,420 Households (HH) from 24 locations in Garissa County and 380 HH in Wajir South. For the second phase-9,000 HH will be benefit from the Cash Transfer Programme. With support from UNICEF, Kenya Red Cross will target 4,160 HH in 16 locations. CARE is also involved in Cash Transfer programme and will share plans with Kenya Red Cross and Horn Relief.
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- The Turkana County Emergency Contingency Plan that was developed in 2006 was revised and updated during the Contingency Planning Workshop from 5 to 9 December that was facilitated by Ministry of Arid Lands, IRC, UN OCHA and UNICEF. Key Government departments (education, health, water, agriculture and livestock, protection) and partners in the various sectors participated. The revised Contingency Plan will be a useful preparedness and planning tool for the Government and partners to address the recurrent emergencies in the county.

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION

- The first phase of a multi-media Child Protection Communication Campaign was rolled out on television and radio the week of 5 December. The messages in this initial phase are one of general child protection and will be followed by more in depth campaigns on specific issues such as abuse, exploitation, and FGM.

FUNDING

Sector	2011 Requirements (US\$)	Unfunded	
		Amount	Percent (%)
Health	8,000,000	3,309,480	41%
Nutrition	18,500,000	-868,133	-5%
WASH	10,400,000	3,925,583	38%
Education	5,500,000	-1,136,857	-21%
Child Protection	3,800,000	391,984	10%
Cross sectoral: Emergency	1,000,000	--	---
Cluster Coordination	591,121	169,930	29%
Total	47,791,121	1,724,200	4%

NEXT SITREP:

- Date of next monthly SitRep (extended version): 12 January 2012
- Date of next weekly SitRep: 21 December 2011

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