



KENYA - ARID & SEMI-ARID LANDS

Drought Response Dashboard

January - October 2021

SITUATION UPDATE

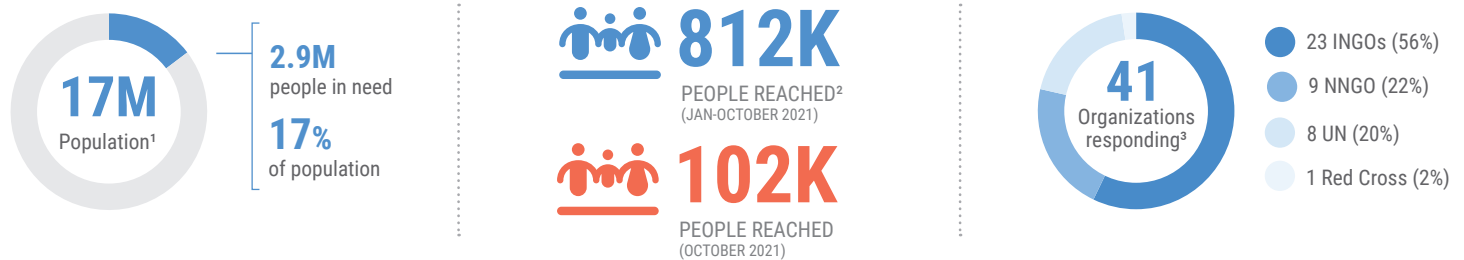
Three consecutive poor rainy seasons in the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands of Kenya have exhausted families' coping capacities and left more than 2.9 million people in urgent need of humanitarian assistance. The drought has significantly hampered crop production and damaged livestock, leaving nearly 2.4 million people severely food insecure (IPC Phases 3 and above), including around 368,000 people in emergency levels of hunger (IPC Phase 4), and over 523,000 children under age 5 in urgent need of treatment for acute malnutrition. Water sources for both people and livestock have become increasingly scarce, forcing families to walk longer distances and causing tensions among communities, which has led to an increase in inter-communal conflict. In some counties, families have started to adopt extreme coping mechanisms. Cases of child marriage have been reported in some areas and school dropouts reported in Kilifi, Kwale and Tana River, where children are engaging in labour or survival activities to support their families, including producing charcoal to generate income or walking in search of water.

From January to October 2021, 41 humanitarian partners—from UN entities to international and national non-governmental organizations and the Kenya Red Cross Society—reached approximately 812,000 people in the ASAL region with life-saving and life-sustaining assistance. This includes over 102,000 people who received critical assistance in October, with funding received under the

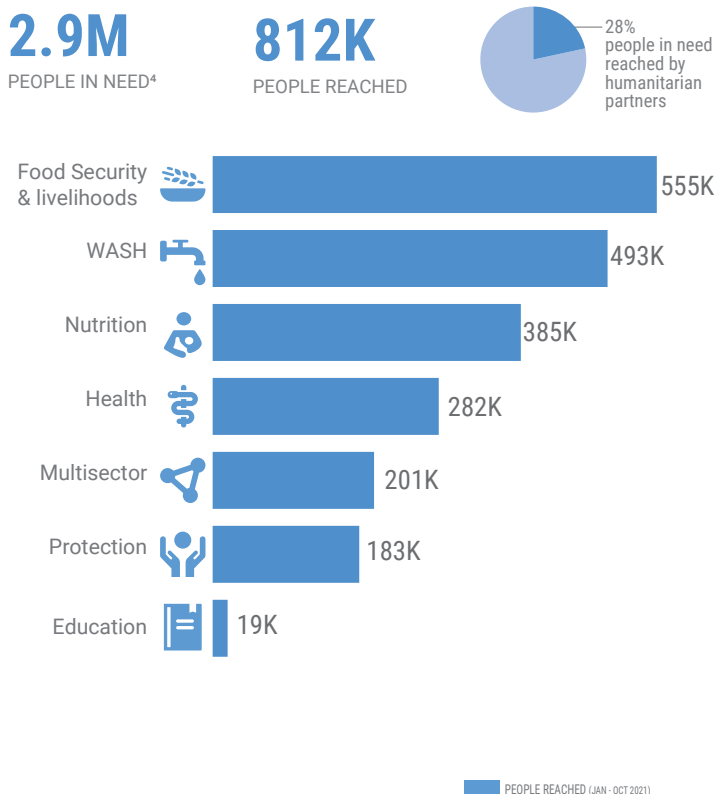
Drought Flash Appeal, which was launched at the end of September to enable humanitarian partners to scale up assistance during the ongoing lean season in Kenya. From January to October, over 555,000 people received food and livelihoods assistance, including agricultural inputs and cash transfers. Humanitarians provided around 493,000 people with access to clean and safe drinking water, at a time when the drought increased distances to water sources from an average of 3 to 6 kilometres to between 15 and 20 kilometres in some counties. In addition, 385,000 children and pregnant and lactating women were reached with acute malnutrition treatment and/or awareness-raising on infant and young child-feeding practices, while 282,000 people received critical healthcare services.

As the drought continues, humanitarian needs are increasing, and much more must be done to help drought-affected people in Kenya. The Flash Appeal launched by humanitarian partners in September is extremely under-funded, with less than 20 per cent of the US\$139.5 million required received by the end of October, according to . This includes an allocation of \$5 million from the United Nations' Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), as well as generous contributions from other donors. More funding is needed to ensure that humanitarians can scale-up their response and reach people whose lives are threatened by the third acute drought in less than five years.

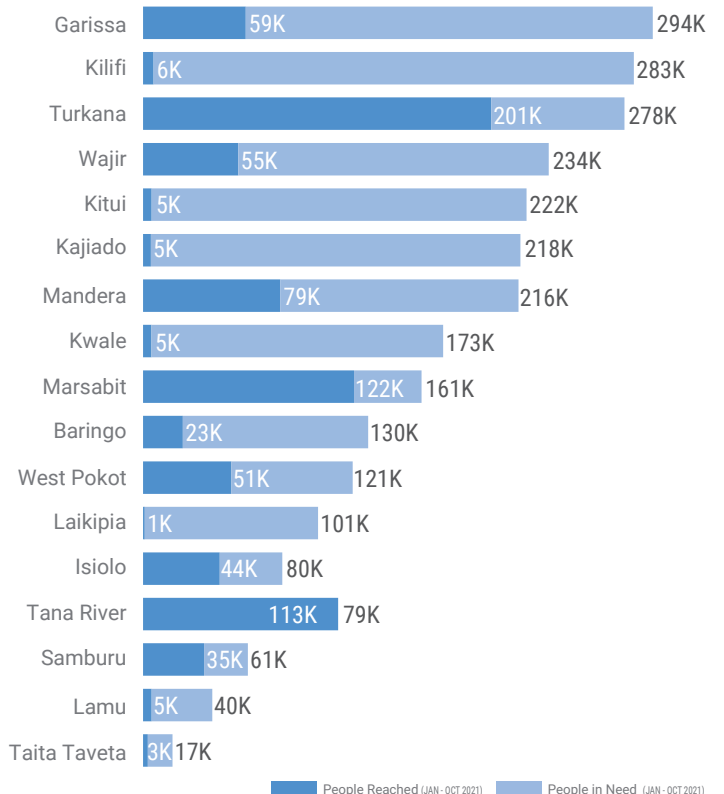
KEY FIGURES



PEOPLE REACHED BY SECTOR (JANUARY - OCTOBER 2021)



PEOPLE REACHED BY COUNTY (JANUARY - OCTOBER 2021)



1. 23 ASAL counties population based on Kenya National Bureau of Statistics 2019 census. 2. People reached by the response as of 31 October and is compiled on the basis of information submitted to OCHA on a monthly basis by humanitarian partners in Kenya, based on the best available data at the time of issue. 3. Number of organizations responding between January and October 2021. 4. People in Need based on Kenya Drought Flash Appeal 2021.

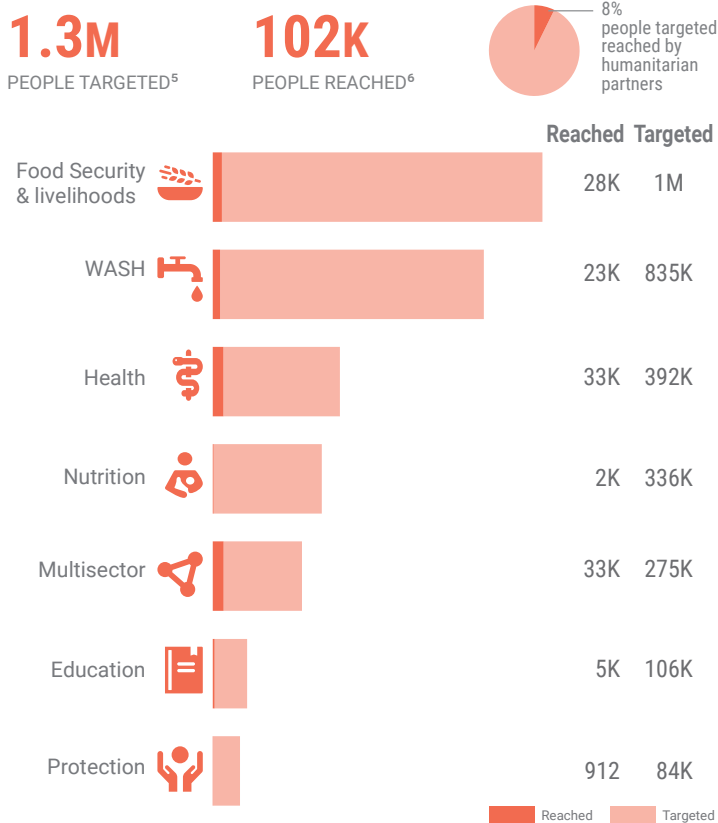
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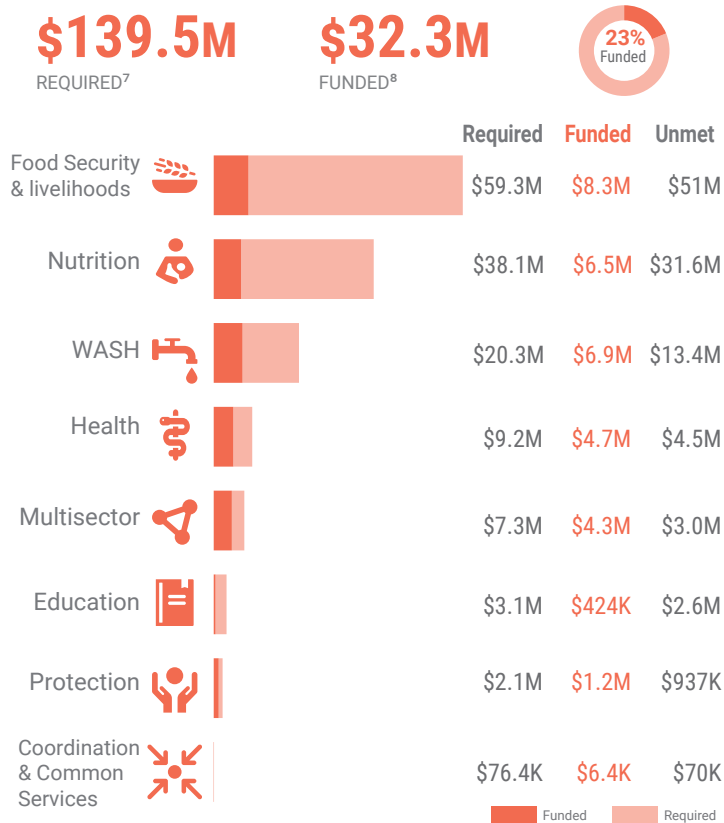
DROUGHT FLASH APPEAL RESPONSE UPDATE (OCTOBER 2021)

The Kenya Drought Flash Appeal (October-December) was launched in September 2021 to enable humanitarian partners to increase their response to the devastating drought in the ASAL region, in complement to the assistance provided by the Government of Kenya to affected communities. In October, 102,000 people received life-saving and life-sustaining assistance with funds received under the Appeal. Given the poor performance of the short rains in October, humanitarian partners will review the duration of the Appeal in the period ahead, considering the likely continuation of needs in the ASAL region into 2022. The key achievements of the response implemented under the Flash Appeal in October are highlighted below.

PEOPLE REACHED BY SECTOR



FUNDING



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

EDUCATION

5,500

children impacted by the drought received education services.

NUTRITION

2,300

children under age 5 and pregnant and lactating women received supplementary therapeutic food to treat or prevent malnutrition.

PROTECTION (GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE)

790

women received services to prevent or support survivors of GBV.

FOOD SECURITY & LIVELIHOODS

28,000

people received food and livelihoods assistance through cash transfers.

WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE

14,000

people gained access to clean water, through distributions with trucks or extension and rehabilitation of water points.

PROTECTION (CHILD PROTECTION)

120

children reached with services to protect their safety, dignity and well-being.

HEALTH

32,500

people reached with services, including mobile clinics and sensitization programmes.

WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE

13,500

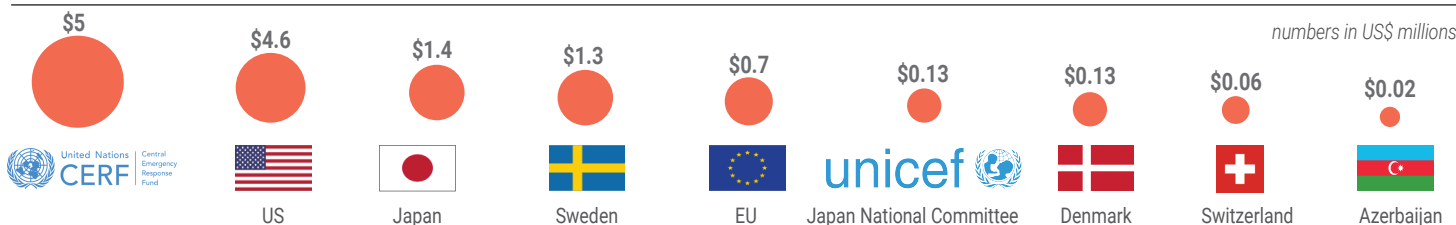
people received hygiene kits and/or messages and awareness campaigns to prevent water-borne diseases.

MULTISECTOR (CASH)

33,000

people received multi-purpose cash transfers.

TOP 9 DONORS



5. People targeted in the Kenya Drought Flash Appeal 2021. 6. People reached by ongoing response in the month of October 2021. 7. Financial requirements based on the Kenya Drought Flash Appeal 2021. Funding as at 31 October 2021, as recorded on OCHA Financial Tracking Service. There are reports of other funding received, not yet reported on FTS.