

# HORN OF AFRICA DROUGHT RESPONSE

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Faria Fetching water from a bowser  
Photo: Allan Gichigi / Oxfam

## KEY STATISTICS

**22.9 MILLION**  
People affected by drought in the region

**15 MILLION**  
People facing crisis and emergency food insecurity

**84,575**  
Cases of Acute Watery Diarrhoea (AWD) / Cholera have been reported in 2017 – with 1,546 associated deaths

**1.8 MILLION**  
People in Kenya, Somalia and Ethiopia have been displaced by drought conditions

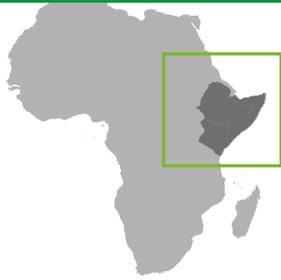
**\$1,612,000**  
Horn of Africa Drought Response funding gap

## CONTEXT UPDATE

- FEWS NET forecasts indicate below-average rainfall in the eastern Horn of Africa during the upcoming October to December 2017 Deyr season. The forecasts show an increased likelihood of La Niña between October 2017 and February 2018 which are typically associated with below-average rainfall. Should this occur, it would mark the fourth consecutive season of below-average rainfall for many areas of the sub-region increasing the already high levels of acute food insecurity, especially in Northern Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia. Particularly, a risk of Famine (IPC Phase 5) persists parts of the region given the extended drought, heavy livestock losses, disease outbreaks and persistent challenges with provision of life-saving humanitarian assistance.
- 15 million People in Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya face acute food shortage. At present, drought and conflict have displaced 3.7 million people in Ethiopia, Somalia and Kenya: 2.3 million of whom are internally displaced persons (IDPs), and 1.4 million refugees. Ethiopia's Humanitarian Requirements Document (HRD) shows 8.5 million people need relief assistance while IPC figures in Kenya documents 3.4 million in need of urgent assistance. 6.2 million need humanitarian assistance in Somalia. These numbers are expected to increase before the next harvest which is due between October and November.
- With the Supreme Court of Kenya decision to have fresh presidential elections set for October 26th, 2017, it is likely that critical humanitarian assistance will continue to be affected. In Wajir the County Government is yet to resume vital water delivery to over 150 villages. The health sector is also grappling to contain a cholera outbreak that is spreading in several counties. The Government has allocated Kshs 3 billion to deal with drought which will be used within the ministry of Agriculture livestock off-take programme for areas that continue to be affected by drought. The Ministry said that the subsidy programme will end in October in terms of imports but purchase of maize will continue locally from key producing areas.
- In Ethiopia, Somali region remains worst-affected, with Emergency (IPC Phase 4) level being widespread. Ethiopia Multi agency assessment identified 8.5 million people in need of emergency food assistance during the second half of the year (August- December 2017).<sup>1</sup> In Somali region 1.7 million people continue to be at risk of food insecurity. 10.5 million don't have regular access to water, and over 1.02 million have been internally displaced. More than 370,000 children under 5 are severely malnourished with a high risk of mortality and situation likely to worsen until 2018.
- Massive inter and intra zonal livestock migration continued mainly in Afder, Dollo, Korehay, Shabeles, Erer and Jarar zones; livestock from Afder Zone migrating towards riparian areas of Shabele Zone and livestock from Erer Zone migrating towards Fafan due to serious lack of pasture and browse as the dry season is reaching at its peak. Livestock migration continued to Fafan from Jarar due to improved pasture regeneration following sporadic rains received.
- In Somalia, the risk of famine persisting in areas of Somaliland, Puntland and South Central Pastoral areas which are expected to face Emergency (IPC Phase 4) food insecurity until January 2018. 25 per cent of the population (3.1 million people) are expected to be in crisis (IPC 3) or emergency (IPC 4). Food security situation remains poor, beneficiaries are still reliant on cash transfers from humanitarian agencies. Whilst, AWD/Cholera cases are reducing, with increasing vulnerability of communities and poor nutrition, intake re-occurrence of AWD outbreaks is very likely. Over 388,000 children are acutely malnourished and need critical nutrition support. A Report by Refugee International indicates that while there have been concerted efforts in providing internally displaced persons with humanitarian assistance in Somalia, the response requires improved coordination, especially at the regional level and particularly in the protection cluster to address GBV risks and threats.
- Funding shortfalls will impact the ability of agencies to continue critical assistance across the region beyond October 2016. Already, World Food Program has announced cuts in food rations by 30 percent for the 420,000 refugees in living in Dadaab and Kakuma camps in northern Kenya due to insufficient funding.

<sup>1</sup>IOCHA update 10 Aug)

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE TARGETED BY OXFAM



**1.8 MILLION**  
WOMEN, MEN  
AND CHILDREN  
ACROSS THE  
HORN OF AFRICA



### ETHIOPIA

SOMALI REGION

**1 MILLION**  
PEOPLE

### KENYA

WAJIR & TURKANA COUNTIES

**600,000**  
PEOPLE



### SOMALILAND

SOOL & SANAAG COUNTIES

**200,000**  
PEOPLE

## NUMBER OF PEOPLE REACHED THROUGH INTERVENTIONS

**1,086,901**

**1,036,777**

people reached with  
clean and safe water



**128,232**

people received cash  
transfers

**594,706**

people reached through Public  
Health and Sanitation Programmes



**776,824**

animals vaccinated

**\$ US\$3.01**  
MILLION

cash disbursed



# OXFAM HORN OF AFRICA DROUGHT RESPONSE

## KENYA

Oxfam intervention has reached **329,862** people in Turkana and Wajir counties.

- **WATER SUPPLY:** **329,862** people reached in Turkana and Wajir Counties with improved water access, infrastructure repairs and hygiene promotion.
- **CASH TRANSFER:** **36,000** people have received direct cash transfers in Turkana and Wajir (many are also benefitting from the WASH interventions)
- **CAPACITY BUILDING:** Technical support to water service providers – WAJWASCO, LOWASCO and KAWASEPRO on integrity management, operational efficiency and billing for revenue efficiency of water ATMs.

## ETHIOPIA

Oxfam's intervention has reached **675,877** people in the Southern Somali region covering 87 institutions more specifically in Korahe, Jarar, Fafan, Nogob and, Erez zones. In Doolo and in Afder zones.

- **WATER SUPPLY:** Oxfam has reached more than **213,252** people through water trucking, including 15 institutions (7 health posts, 6 schools and 2 cholera treatment centres). Repair of 21 bore holes is on-going.

• **CASH TRANSFER:** **78,144** people across Somali region have been supported through cash transfers.

• **HYGIENE PROMOTION AND SANITATION:** Oxfam's hygiene promotion programme has reached 330,017 people in Ethiopia's Somali region.

• **ACUTE WATERY DIARRHOEA (AWD) RESPONSE:** over 31,871 people were reached using hygiene promotion to mitigate transmission and prevention of AWD.

• **IMPROVED SANITATION:** Constructed 41 latrines in IDP camps which will be expanded to include 81 nearing completion for over 5,000 people.

• **LIVESTOCK TREATMENT AND VACCINATION:** Over 776,824 livestock (cattle, camel and goats) vaccinated in Somali region.

## SOMALILAND

Oxfam intervention in Sool, Sanaag and Togdheer has reached **86,166** people.

• **WATER SUPPLY:** **36,042** people provided with clean water through water trucking, 2 water kiosks set up in Togdheer.

• **CASH TRANSFERS:** **14,088** people have been supported with unconditional cash transfers for 3 months.

• **ACUTE WATERY DIARRHOEA RESPONSE:** interventions are going on in Togdheer region including construction of 56 latrine facilities and providing families with jerry cans and water storage containers.

• **LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT:** Oxfam has begun to pilot agriculture activities in selective locations as part of the diversification of food/livelihoods sources. This activity targets 700 HH (4200 individuals)

• **LIVESTOCK TREATMENT AND VACCINATION:** **13,000** households received support with livestock vaccination (78,000 individuals)

**3,480** new beneficiaries reached with CASH FOR WORK activities

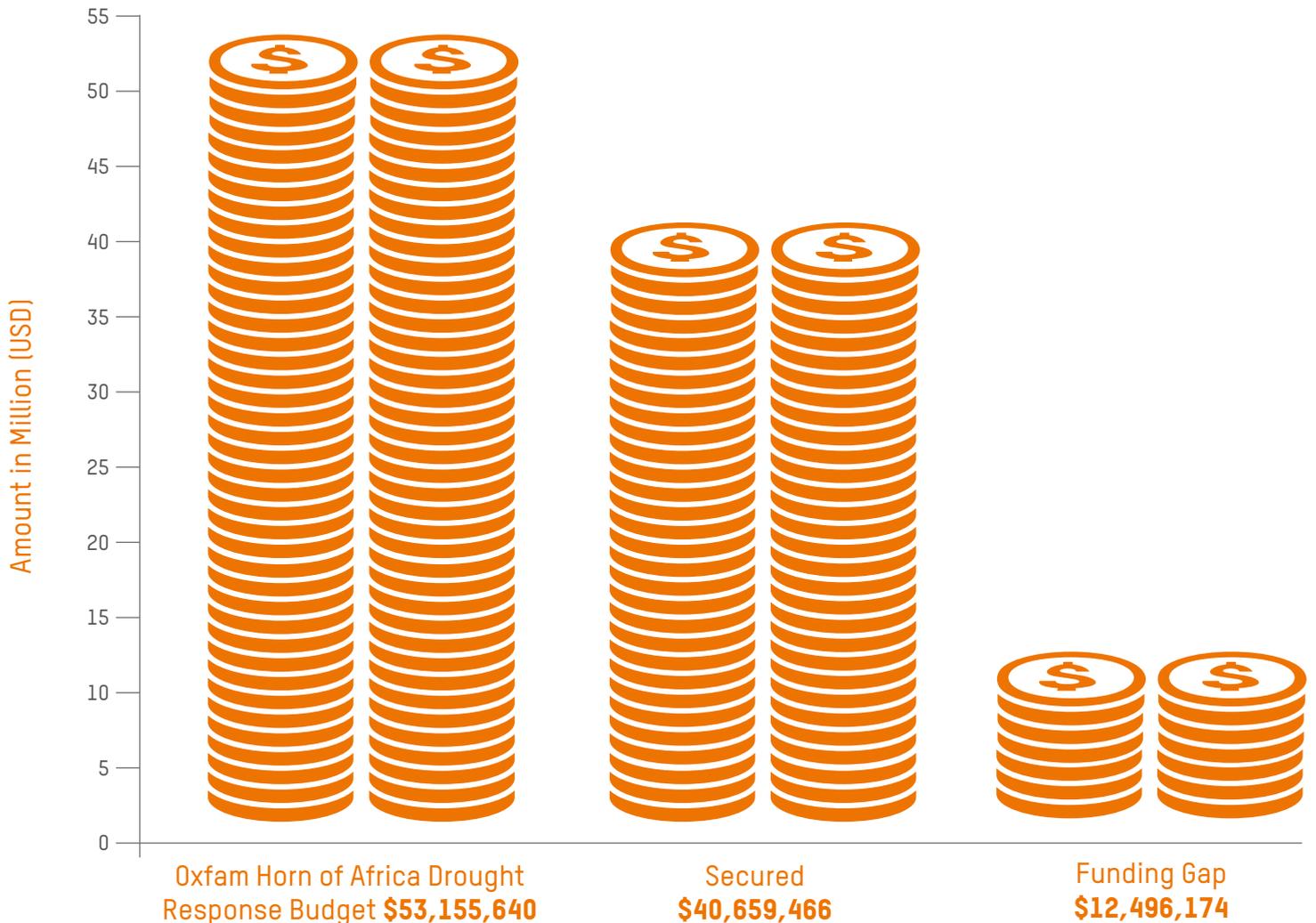
## ADVOCACY

From the 4th to the 6th of September, Oxfam Drought Response Regional Policy Advisor together with Ethiopia team participated in a donor briefing round table in Geneva to promote awareness on the ongoing Horn of Africa Drought Response. The round table had participation of the UN Agency and other international NGOs and provided the opportunity to highlight sensitive issues around governance, protection and access. The UK mission will host a meeting in November to follow-up on progress of the recommendations made.

# KEY ADVOCACY MESSAGES

- Humanitarian Actors and governments should scale up the response to meet the assistance and minimum protection needs of the drought induces internally displaced persons in the HoA
- Given the worsening conditions and predictions that the October-December rains may perform below the minimum, donors and National Governments should prioritize and provide additional funding for the drought response beyond Dec 2017.
- Donor funding must support an integrated approach to meet both humanitarian and development nexus. This will provide better transition from humanitarian assistance to resilience building.

## FUNDING REQUIREMENTS



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Faria lives with her husband and six young children in Karasharka Camp. Photo: Allan Gichigi / Oxfam

## OXFAM ALLEVIATING VULNERABILITY

Faria (30) is seven months pregnant and lives with her husband and six young children in Karasharka Camp. She moved to Karasharka after she lost majority of her livestock. According to Faria said, they had 600 goats and 40 camels but with the ravaging drought, she only has ten goats left and is totally reliant on food and water aid.

*"We used to live in the rural area and all our animals perished. We used to get water from a shallow well and the children used to get diarrhoea because it was dirty water. We were starving to death and that is the reason we moved here to access both water*

*and food. My unborn child is also relying on Allah. And me too. My daughter is coughing as she has had a cold for some time. It is causing me trouble, where shall I take her, I used to be able to sell animals and buy medication."*

Nearly 13 million people in Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya are facing terrifying food shortages. Drought has caused crops to fail and cattle to die while the lack of clean water increases the threat of cholera and other diseases. Famine is a real possibility in Somalia, where deaths as a result of the drought have already been recorded. Across Somaliland water levels have rapidly

declined and the widespread loss of livestock is devastating communities who depend upon them for milk, meat and to make a living. Coping mechanisms have been eroded and many community members now have no food or water. There is an increasingly serious threat of water-borne diseases, and rising food prices make it increasingly difficult for families to cope.

Oxfam is responding to the drought through water trucking activities in camps and also providing Cash support. Using the information gathered by partners, Oxfam identifies families that aren't able to afford enough water and tops up their vouchers.

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