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**Malnutrition among internally displaced people**

With appalling living conditions in settlements where displaced people reside, malnutrition continued to be a challenge and deteriorated in Baidoa, Bossaso, Doolow, Gaalkacyo and Garowe. However, improvements have been seen in Berbera, Burao, Dhobley, Dhusamareb, Kismayo and Mogadishu. Humanitarian partners have initiated a review to better understand the underlying causes and inform the response.

About 731,000 Somalis currently face acute food insecurity and 2.3 million people are at risk of sliding back into crisis and emergency levels of food insecurity. Relatively good rains in October to December, improved flow of goods and humanitarian assistance are responsible for this improvement. Despite this, malnutrition levels remain high with 203,000 children acutely malnourished. Of these, 38,000 children are severely malnourished and need medical treatment and therapeutic food to survive.

**Trends of malnutrition rates**

Malnutrition rates have dropped over the last four years, but remain serious to critical. Southern and central Somalia continues to show the highest rates, close to or above the emergency threshold of 15 per cent. Ongoing nutrition activities need to be sustained or scaled up.

**Funding**

For 2015, the humanitarian community has requested US$863 million. Continued funding is vital to sustain and scale up humanitarian activities.

Total humanitarian funding\(^1\)

$ 41 million

HRP\(^*\) - $29 million

Other funding - $12 million

* HRP: Humanitarian Response Plan

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