

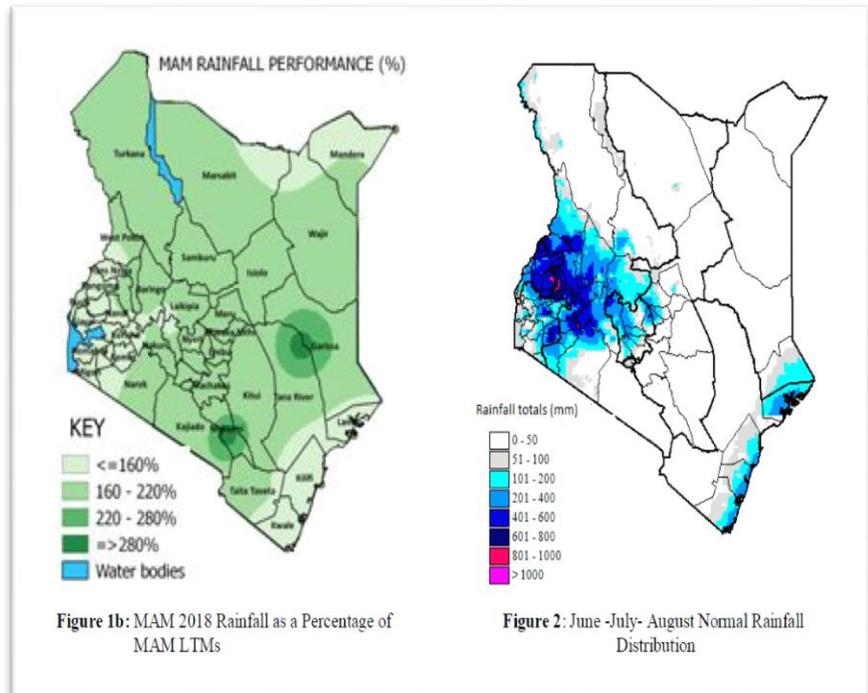
# Kenya Floods Response

## Update

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### Humanitarian situation and needs

- The latest FEWSNET reports indicate a positive food security outlook for most of the country, though the situation remains fragile in counties where agricultural land has been flooded.
- The Kenya Meteorological Department's climate outlook for June – August is that arid and semi-arid regions of Kenya are likely to remain dry but continued enhanced rainfall is expected in the western highlands, the Lake Victoria Basin and parts of Central Rift Valley (Nakuru, Nyahururu), the coastal strip and Northwestern Kenya.
- 291,171 people are reported to be displaced and 183 people killed due to extended flooding across Kenya.
- Camps have been opened across the country and displaced people remain in need of additional essential non-food items for basic cooking and hygiene as well as food, safe water and sanitation facilities. Access to the most vulnerable groups with critical humanitarian supplies remains a challenge, especially in Mandera, Marsabit, Tana River, Garissa Turkana, Wajir, and Isiolo.
- According to the Ministry of Health, 261 new cases of cholera were reported in the past week, of which 110 in Garissa alone (including Dadaab refugee camp). Throughout the country, eight counties reported active outbreaks in the last week (Garissa, Tharaka Nithi, Turukana, Isiolo, West Pokot, Nairobi, Kiambu and Elgeyo Marakwet)
- 17 counties, including Nairobi and Mombasa, have been placed on high alert for Rift Valley fever by the Ministry of Health and Agriculture. Suspected cases of infected livestock are being investigated from Garissa and Migori counties.
- In Garissa, four strategic water systems supplying safe water to schools and hospitals have been washed away leaving over 10,000 people without access to safe water. Following the opening of flood gates at the Masinga dam, water levels have consistently risen forcing local authorities to issue high alerts for people to move to higher grounds for safety.



\*Courtesy Kenya Meteorological Department report

- The Kainuk bridge along the Kitale-Lodwar road is still impassable posing a serious challenge in moving supplies to Turkana County.

## UNICEF and Partners' Response

- UNICEF is working through existing partnerships in affected areas to maintain critical services and scale up to meet the most urgent needs. UNICEF also continues to provide technical support in coordination of the floods and cholera response through its Garissa, Lodwar and Kisumu zonal offices.
- **Health:** 2,479 children in 13 counties received lifesaving health commodities to prevent and control the spread of cholera and flood related communicable diseases.
- **WASH:** 20,000 people in Kilifi, Turukana, Baringo, Isiolo and Samburu benefitted from WASH emergency supplies which include water purification tablets, buckets and jerrycans. UNICEF and partners continue planning for interventions to carry out repairs and disinfection of water facilities damaged by floods. One generator was released to flood affected Garbatula in Isiolo county to run the Ntaiboto borehole that serves 6,000 people.
- **Nutrition:** Nutrition screening to identify malnourished children, pregnant women and lactating mothers is ongoing in 60 IDP Camps in Tana River county. UNICEF had to airlift nutrition supplies to Mandera, with the support of ECHO flight as well as through use of boats, to reach the most flooded locations in partnership with the Kenya Red Cross. Therapeutic supplies to treat 90 severely malnourished children were delivered. UNICEF and nutrition partners in the Kenya Food Security Working Group will conduct 15 nutrition surveys in eight counties in June and July as part of the long rains assessment.
- **Shelter / Non-Food Items:** With recent funding received through the UNICEF Emergency Programme Fund (EPF), an additional 855 UNICEF family relief kits are being procured to meet the immediate response gaps for 4,275 people. UNICEF has also submitted a CERF proposal for procurement and transportation of an additional 6,210 kits targeting 31,250 people in three of the counties that are most affected by floods - Tana River, Mandera and Baringo counties.
- **Child Protection:** The latest KIRA (Kenya Initial Rapid Assessment) in Tana River confirmed that 133,000 children have been displaced. Identification and registration of unaccompanied and separated children is ongoing with the support of local leaders and child protection committees.
- **Education:** 37,000 flood affected children from Tana River, Garissa and Kisumu counties will benefit from early childhood development and education kits as education supplies were dispatched to these counties where children have suffered loss of teaching and learning materials. In Baringo, a Ministry of Education assessment found that learning has been disrupted for 3,447 children whose class rooms, water facilities, toilets and dormitories were submerged and teaching and learning materials were destroyed. UNICEF has continued to support coordination mechanisms as well as the Education Assessments in Garissa, Tana River, Homa-bay, Kisumu and Turkana Counties.
- **Communication for Development:** UNICEF is engaging with county and government partners to support ongoing cholera social mobilization, prevention and control activities. 6,000 improved flip charts with cholera prevention and hygiene messages are on standby for distribution to cholera-affected areas.

In 2018, UNICEF requires **US\$ 34.2 million** for its Humanitarian Action for Children (HAC) Appeal in Kenya to respond to the humanitarian needs of children in Kenya because of the ongoing drought, refugee response, inter-communal conflict, disease outbreaks and flash floods. The 2018 HAC has a funding gap of 79 per cent.

*Next update will be provided as soon as more information is available.*

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