

SITUATION REPORT



Save the Children

Ethiopia Drought Response

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GENERAL CONTEXT

Ethiopia is experiencing its worst drought in over fifty years, caused by a series of poor rainy seasons which have affected food production and livelihoods across large areas of the country, causing food crops to fail and livestock to perish. In December 2015 the Government of Ethiopia announced that a staggering 10.2 million people are currently in need of emergency food assistance – including over 5.75 million children - and these estimates have been further increased in some sectors reflecting increasing needs; an additional 800,000 MAM cases are now projected for 2016 as a result of the impact of harvest losses last year (see attached prioritization statement).

In early April the Government also revised the March 2016 Hotspot Woreda classification, increasing the number of Hotspot Priority I woredas from 186 to 219, and 443 in total (see revised hotspot map and FEWSNET IPC projection maps for 2016).



The 2016 Belg season is helping to break the drought conditions as normal or above-average rainfall has been received in many parts of the country during the month of April. This creates an opportunity for livelihood and recovery, although optimism is cautious as it will be several more months before people can harvest crops and animal herds can take at least two years to fully recover. Heavy rains, exacerbated by El Nino causing unseasonal heavy rainfall and by the lack of vegetation in highland areas due to prolonged droughts causing rapid run off, have also caused flash floods in many areas, causing further crop and livestock losses and challenges to manage food deliveries and nutrition support in remote areas (see attached flood hazard map).

The 2016 Belg harvest assessments will be conducted in June, and the results are likely to be reported in July, to form the HRD requirements for emergency food assistance for the second part of 2016. The safety net programme PSNP usually finishes in August, and there discussions ongoing about how to provide further support to those that are drought affected within the PSNP programme in the second half of the year. Nutrition projections based on historical norms and expectations from this year indicate a rise in OTP admissions of SAM and MAM cases throughout Q2 and Q3, which traditionally peak in August but this year could start as early as June in the lean season, for which Save the Children is continuously scaling up and strengthening our support to the Ministry of Health to ensure a robust management system in preparation for that peak, along with other sectors of our response strategy.

Save the Children has conducted two reviews of our overall response- one focused on operations and the second on program quality-, and will be developing a new plan for the next phase of the response strategy during June-July to coincide with data on the Belg harvests and with the intention on shifting into longer-term recovery.

OVERVIEW OF THE RESPONSE BY SECTOR

Save the Children is implementing a multi-sectoral drought emergency response programme in 60 woredas in Somali, Afar, Amhara, SNNPR, Oromia and Tigray Regions.

Nutrition and Health:

Save the Children is leading in the health and nutrition response to identify and treat children with severe and acute malnutrition. According to the data records, in January & February 2016, 55,996 children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) cases were admitted to Out Patient Therapeutic Programme (OTP) nationally. Of these 3,926 children are expected to develop medical complications and need treatment at stabilization centres or referral to hospitals. Save the Children is supporting OTP and stabilization centers in 60 woredas, approximately reaching a coverage area of approximately 6 million people. In total, 41,808 children and families have been reached through integrated nutrition and health intervention across the response areas to date. Out of this 4,237 children had SAM.

Food Security & Livelihoods:

In the Highland cropping areas, Save the Children has been responding to urgently required seed needs for the Meher planting season, as well as conducting food aid distributions through the JEOP programme and a range of other livelihoods support activities such as cash-for-work in preparation for the planting season. In the Lowland pastoralist areas, Save the Children has been struggling with recent rains and floods to ensure that vital animal fodder distributions continue to protect core breeding herds for the recovery phase once pasture regenerates from the cold and wet conditions.

Water and Sanitation Hygiene (WASH):

Following extended drought there is heavy rain in most parts of the country where it causes flash and river flood in most part of our operational areas. This is creating risk of water-borne disease in many parts of our intervention areas. Although the need for water trucking has reduced due to replenishment of aquifers, Save the Children is distributing water treatment chemicals at household level and continuing to support the rehabilitation and construction of water points. WASH support to Education and Health institutions remains a priority.

Education:

School feeding is undergoing in 57 schools of Afar and Somali regions. Education supplies and play kits have also been distributed to schools in Afar benefiting 7,752 students. These interventions have a positive impact on attendance, and a lot more schools need to be reached immediately to help keep children in schools up to the end of the academic year. The EHCT is appealing for an immediate \$9.8m to ensure access to Education for yearend exams. Save the Children education technical team has conducted assessment about schools in Dawekachen and Guradamole woredas of Bale Zone. The assessment shows that out of 68 schools in Lege hida and Dawekechen woredas, 20 schools are affected by the drought. One of the key recommendations of the assessment is to start school feeding and in school water supplies.

Education Teams have rolled out all Phase I activities, including: co-leading the national and regional Education Clusters; water trucking to schools; schools roof water harvesting; distribution of roto tanks to schools; construction of school hand-washing facilities; establishment of student WASH Clubs; construction or rehabilitation of emergency school latrines; school feeding; provision of education kits; provision of play kits; construction of temporary learning spaces; supporting the Ministry of Education and Regional Education Bureaus in extending the school calendar year and pushing examination dates back.

We are now in busy preparing for Phase 2 of the EiE Drought Response which will start in September when schools re-open after the Summer break. Phase 2 activities include: teacher trainings (Literacy Boost in Emergencies, student and teacher wellbeing, psychosocial support); Back to School campaigns; networking cards for pastoralist and IDP education; school-level Hazard Vulnerability Capacity Assessments; DRR student booklets; establishment of DRR student clubs; long-term school WASH (including more school roof water harvesting and water point rehabilitation).

Child Protection

Child Protection activities are progressing well with most locations having established all the required structures and have started working with them. In total 50 children led clubs and 50 Child Protection committees have been established in target kebeles of Sekota and Ziquala (Amhara), Erebti and Barhale (Afar) as well as Afdem, Erer and Hadigala woredas of Somali region. Most of the locations with complete structures in place have started to actively engage with the structures with some trainings and community consultations.

The child protection team will be attending Child resilience training in Addis that will equip them to facilitate the child resilience workshops and activities with the children and their parents.

3. FUNDING STATUS AND BENEFICIARY REACH

Funding Overview (US\$)	Total	Notes
Save the Children Appeal income target	\$100 million	(per Save the Children Drought Response strategy June 2014-Dec 2016)
Donor Funding		
Total Confirmed to date	\$82,340,151	(from June 2014 CAT3 to date)
Save the Children drought Appeal contribution	\$4,719,345	(included in total)
Expenditure to date	\$31,444,292	(June 2014 – April 2016)

Key beneficiary statistics		
	Children	All Beneficiaries
Number of people affected	5.75 million	10.2 million
Number of target beneficiaries	1.4 million (25.00%)	2.1 million (20.00%)
Number of beneficiaries reached since last SitRep	111,024	155,668
Total number of direct beneficiaries	1,034,373	1,752,301
Total number of direct and indirect beneficiaries	1,233,806	2,278,692

Beneficiary Reach by sector	Total Reach	Nutrition	WASH	FSL	Education	CPIE
Total # of Children Reached	111,024	19,586	46,563	25,227	19,648	693
Total # of Male Children Reached	56,462	9,422	22,964	12,992	11,084	366
Total # of Female Children Reached	54,562	10,164	23,599	12,235	8,564	327
Total # of Adults Reached	44,644	22,222	5,319	16,816	35	252
Total # of Male Adults Reached	17,736	4,015	3,589	9,918	32	182
Total # of Female Adults Reached	26,908	18,207	1,730	6,898	3	70
Total # of beneficiaries reached	155,668	41,808	51,882	42,043	19,683	252
Total # of Male beneficiaries reached	74,198	13,437	7,982	22,910	11,116	182
Total # of Female beneficiaries reached	81,470	28,366	5,901	19,133	8,567	70

PROGRAMME OUTPUTS

Summary of April Outputs

EAST HUB

Somali Region

Nutrition and Health:

- 3,882 under five children were screened for malnutrition at the permanent and outreach OTP sites, out of which 446 children were identified as SAM cases and from the SAM cases, 29 children with medical complication were admitted to and treated at the stabilization centres.
- Medical supplies and therapeutic feed have been provided to 16 OTP sites and 3 SCs in Afdem and Hadigala woredas.
- Compared to the last month, the SAM caseload has shown a slight decrease in Shinile, Erer and Afdem, mainly due to better food ration distribution in the area. While in Dambal and Ayisha woredas the SAM case has shown a slight increase due to new IDPs returnees from the neighboring Somaliland.
- 1,968 under 5 children have received medical consultation and treatment for different illnesses by the mobile health team in six woredas.
- 85 Health Extension Workers (HEW)s working at health facilities in Erer, Shinile, Ayisha woredas have received training on CMAM, IYCF and hygiene and sanitation to help them improve skills in providing CMAM services.
- 12 health workers working in shinile, Erer, Ayisha and Denbel woredas have received training on proper breastfeeding to help improve their knowledge and skill on providing IYCF counselling as well as training counsellors on IYCF.

Education:

- Educational materials and playing kits were distributed to 6 targeted schools benefitting 1,945 students (862 are girls).
- Distribution of emergency school kits (containing books, pencils, bags and football) for Andobeyd and Gurgur kebeles of Hadigala woreda conducted.
- School feeding program is running in all (21) target schools of Sitti zone. School attendance tracking format shows a significant increase in number of school attendance in those schools at which there is school feeding program.
- Two water containers with the capacity of 10,000 litres were installed at schools in Ayshia and Dambal woredas.
- The placement of water containers and pipeline extension at three schools in Erer district was completed and currently total of 1417 (684 girls) have access to safe and clean water. The availability of water has also enabled the schools to run the school feeding.
- Educational materials were successfully distributed to 459 internally displaced students in IDP camps at Gurgur and Andoubayd kebeles, out of which 211 are girls. This activity was intended to improve the accessibility of IDP Children to schools and to reduce school dropouts
- 18 Teachers drawn from 6 target schools in Shinile woreda were trained on Education in Emergencies (EiE) interventions and child safeguarding and psychosocial support.

WASH:

- 36,000 sachets of water purification drugs (Aqua-tabs) were distributed to help reduce the risk of water borne diseases in communities living in Biyagara'a, Gedweyn, Gadidigate, Haronunu Kebeles.
- 4 blocks of trench latrines with 16 seats were constructed at Andoubayd and Biyogara'a kebeles.
- Save the Children has continue supplying safe and clean drinking water to drought affected communities through its water trucking programs using three water trucks in Hadigala (three villages). In April, more than 980,000 liters of water was distributed benefitting 6,800 people.

This area that we currently supply with drinking water has not seen any significant rain since June 2014.

- Water supply provision through pipeline extension and installation of 10,000 M3 fiber glass water tankers with fittings have been installed in OTP centres at three health posts.
- More than 14,000 people living in IDP camps in drought affected areas have received general hygiene education.
- Three water facilities have been constructed at three schools located in Hadigala woreda. Three horizontal water reservoir fiberglass containers with capacity of 10 m³ c were also installed in the three target schools under Hadigala woreda. This will enable school children to access clean and safe water and it is expected to benefit 402 children.
- The pipeline extension has been done for Deralkle health center.

FSL:

- 700 households have received animal fodder (locally called Sudan grass) in Shinile and Aysha woreda
- 13 livelihoods committee are established in Shinile, Aysha and Erer woredas targeting 24000 households.
- Concentrated animal feed amounted for two months is distributed to 1,550 HHs Aysha, Shinile and Erer.
- 26,771 livestock have received treatment through financial and logistics support using mass animal health campaign conducted in eight villages of in Aysha woreda.
- Improved Maize seed was provided for 56 HHs in Qadaras and 24 HHs at Fadhuli village of Erer, While 100 HHs at Gabi village in Hadigala woreda have received 15 quintals of sorghum and 10 quintals of maize
- 150 HHs have received haricot bean, and 148 of the same HHs received Tomato seeds also, another 72 HHs have received onion in kandaras of Erer.
- 100 HHs received three types of seed in Fadhuli kebele of Erer All households have received Haricot-bean, while 48 of them received additional improved tomato seed, the other 40 households were provided with improved onion seed and the remaining 12 received maize.
- Distribution of 8,280 quintals of wheat bran (animal feed) is on progress, so far we have distributed 376 quintal of wheat bran to 181 households in Mieso and the animal feed is provided mainly to lactating cows and other core animals.

Child protection:

- 54 teachers drawn from 27 drought affected target schools were trained on Psychosocial Support Child Protection in Emergencies and Child safeguarding
- Child Protection Clubs have been established in seven (7) target kebeles – two in Hadigala, one in Shinile and four schools in Afdem woreda. These clubs constitute a total of 106 (41 girls) children of which 2 clubs are chaired by girls.
- Five Child-led clubs have been established in Bisle and Biki schools and additional three clubs in Hadigala woreda. The clubs comprises a total of 113 members (53 are girls). One of the clubs are chaired by a girl while 2 clubs have girl co-chair and secretary
- Community Conversation training WAS provided to 25 (13 Male, 12 Female) participants. The Conversation forum will promote thoughtful, engaged community dialogue, facilitated by community members themselves. Community conversation (CC) sessions have been conducted under Bisle kebele of Shinile and Biki of Afdem.
- Two days training on fundamental concept of CP has been provided for 22 participants drawn from government partners Education and Women & children sector bureaus/district line offices as well as SCI staffs out of which 7 were female.
- Child protection committees have been established in 4 Kebeles in two Woreda (Erer and Afdem) with 46 members (27M and 19F)

NORTH HUB

Afar Region

Nutrition

- 419 under 5 Children with SAM cases were admitted and treated at OTP sites at target woredas of Ewa, Chifra, Dalol, Afdem, Elidear, Erebt, Berahle. Out of which, 17 children with SAM cases with complication were admitted and under follow up in 13 Stabilization centres during the month. Out this 24 children were cured and discharged and the others are in follow up.
- 141 under 5 children were newly admitted to OTP program at 50 OTP sites in the month and are in close follow up at six target woredas of Mille, Addar, Semurobi, Hadelela, Dalifage & Dewe. 167 children are cured.

Education

- School feeding program continues in 36 schools benefiting 5,432 children in six implementation woredas.
- Water provision also continues in 35 schools (out of 45 total), schools are benefited from trucking in 6 woredas. And an estimated 4747 students reached.
- The other 15 schools in Dalol are getting water from Roof water harvesting facilities, reaching previously reported 3,005 students.
- Playing materials like balls & first aid kits as well as exercise books, pencils, pen and hand washing soaps distributed to all 45 Schools. 7,752 children's were reached.

Child Protection:

- Water is being provided for 19 schools in Berahle and Erebti woredas benefitting 4,141 students
- School supplies and playing materials were provided for 20 schools and benefited 4,141 students.
- The SCI Child Protection team has commenced working with child-led clubs where 10 Child led clubs have been established in Erebti with 156 members (114M 42F) and 10 child led clubs in Barhale with 200 members (100M 100F). 83(61M 22F) children in Erebti and 20 (10 M and 10 F) in Barahale were reached during the activities where dialogue on the TOR and developing action plans were conducted..
- 20 Community-based child protection committees have been established. 10 in Erebti with 212 (190M 22 F) members and 10 in Barhale with 179 (160M 19F) members.
- CPIE training was conducted for government partners, representing the Women and Children Bureau, Education Bureau, Health Bureau, Police, Justice Office, and the Water Bureau.
- Woreda-level Child Protection Coordination Committee was revived in Erebti, while discussions in Berhale will lead to a similar committee being revived during the next reporting period.

NORTH HUB

Amhara Region

Nutrition:

- 240 children with SAM without medical complication were identified cases and admitted to OTP sites. In this month there were 300 children discharged from OTP and 292 (97%) of them were cured.
- 9 children under five with medical complication were admitted to Stabilization Center in Gubalafto woreda out of this, 6 were discharged /5 were discharged as cured and 1 as defaulter

WASH:

- 11 water schemes (6 roof water harvesting, 4 spring rehabilitation and 1 HDW) were constructed benefitting 2051 students from 860 HHs.
- 109(52 female) members from 15 water management committees were trained.

FSL:

- 1200 beneficiaries participated in cash for work activities in 14 intervention kebeles in Sekota and Ziqala woredas
- 8 kg Vegetable seed was distributed for 25 male beneficiaries of Ziqala woreda.
- 2088 quintals of concentrated livestock feed was distributed for 1160 beneficiaries on Sekota and Ziqala kebeles (i.e. Each beneficiary was received 1.8 quintal concentrated feed and feeding materials to cover three months).
- 4200 feeding materials were procured and distributed for all 1400 beneficiaries of Sekota and Ziqala woredas of 14 intervention kebeles which this activity is 100% completed.
- Training on Disaster Risk & Reduction (DRR) has been given for 166 participants.

Emergency Food Distribution

- Food has been distributed to 351,809 beneficiaries in Raya-Kobo, Habru, Gubalafto and Meket, Ziqala, Sehal, Sekota, Dehana & Gazgibla woredas.

Education and Child Protection:

- 20 community workers and 2 supervisors as well as 56 government partners and 32 child protection committee members from Sekota and Ziqala woredas were trained on child protection and psychosocial support.
- 20 school child led clubs are established in 20 schools found of all 20 intervention kebeles in Sekota and Ziqala woredas with total members of 118(91 girls).
- 1200 water purification chemicals were distributed for 20 intervention schools. Each intervention schools received 60 bottles of water purification chemicals.
- Water tankers were installed at 20 schools (8 in Ziqala and 12 in Sekota woreda)
- Water purification training has been provided for 72(6f) committee members, school director, donkey guard and parent teacher's committee members participated from 12 intervention schools.
- 1292 water Jerry cans distributed for all intervention schools.
- 180 carts for animal feed transportation were procured and distributed for 20 intervention schools.

Tigray Region

Nutrition and Health:

- 133 children with SAM cases in Oflla Woreda and 39 children with SAM cases in Raya Azebo Woredas were admitted to OTP. Making a total OTP admission 216 and 61 in Oflla and Raya Azebo woredas respectively. Of this 82 under five children from Oflla and 22 under five children from Raya Azebo woredas were cured from SAM.

Education:

- 23 WASH committee in 23 schools established having 6 members (teacher, student's parliament, girl's advisory committee, parents and students association) in each school WASH committee.

SOUTH HUB

SNNP Region

Nutrition:

- 128 children with SAM cases were admitted as a new cases in the OTP program and 345 children were cured in our four operational woredas (Halaba ,Gibe, Mareko and Alle)
- 49 malnourished children with medical complication were treated in the Stabilization Centre found in four operational woredas of save the children.
- A new OTP site is established in Gibe woreda.This will save time for mothers from being walking long distances as the referral was made to the center in the Hospital.
- 16 Stabilization Centers and 134 OTP sites were strengthened with technical support and provision of supplies and its on-going supported health facilities.
- 1130 OTP discharged and newly identified MAM cases of under five children and PLW were linked to OTP in Halaba and Mareko woredas.
- 480 HADs and 120 streaming committee members were trained on SAM case detection ,basic IYCF,WASH and on AWD prevention
- 160 CTN of Plumpy Nut facilitated from zone to Woreda at then response site
- 776 jerry cans were given to Health facilities in Marek Woreda

WASH:

- Water purification chemicals (5400 sachets) and Jerri cans (500) were provided for two kebeles, Hantezo and Bubisa
- Distribution and support of 790 jerry cans (for OTP beneficiaries) at Mareko Woreda and on spot training given for 43 HEWS on the use of water purification chemical. 520 Jerry can repositioned for four health centre in Alle Woreda
- Disinfection of 7 Hand dug wells (pump(Afredive) has been undertaken benefitting 210 HH in Matrek Woreda
- Technical and logistics support was provided for distributions of water purification chemicals (2880 Aqua tap for 47HH and 1000 Bishan gari for 33HH)

FSL:

- 7,197 beneficiaries were reached through emergency seed provision from internal pool fund.
- 260 quintals of maize seed procured and delivered to beneficiaries in Halaba and Gibe Woredas.
- 524 quintals of maize and haricot bean seeds was procured and delivered to beneficiaries for Halaba, Gibe, Mareko and Alle woredas.

WEST HUB

Oromia Region/Bale zone

Nutrition:

- 87 children with SAM cases without medical complication have been admitted to OTP for rehabilitation in Lagahida & Sawena woredas. 7 SAM cases with medical complication have been admitted to inpatient care (SC) for stabilization. 772 children with MAM cases were identified from 2260 screened children.
- 92 children with SAM cases without medical complication have been admitted to OTP, 8 SAM cases with medical complication have been admitted to inpatient care (SC) in Dawekachen, Guradamole & Rayitu woredas. While 1528 children with MAM, 72 children with SAM cases were identified from the total 17,461 screened children. From the total of 5669 PLW screened during CHD, about 1739 were MAM cases.
- 700 care givers have been reached with key messages on good hygiene and health practices during OTP visit and screening, particularly on hand washing.
- Routine drugs and nutrition supplies have been provided adequately for OTP and SC sites in action woredas to enhance their capacity and provide the required service. Also distribution of non-medical equipment for SC sites has been conducted.

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