# HORN OF AFRICA CLIMATE CRISIS RESPONSE

Regional Summary #14 (August/September 2018)





According to FEWSNET, there was an increase in food production due to the continued rainfall experienced in the eastern Horn of Africa. Average to above-average rains are expected to enhance crop and livestock production, increase demand for agricultural labor, and suppress resource-based conflict. Regardless of this, food insecurity persists due to a combination of factors, including conflict, drought recovery, previous and ongoing flooding.



8.7 million children are in need of humanitarian services in Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia. 667,948 children under 5 are in need of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) treatment.



Over 1,500 new cases of cholera and acute watery diarrhoea (AWD) were registered in the region in July and August bringing the total number of cases for 2018 to 13,000 affected people. Other communicable diseases such as Measles remains present in the region.



In the Horn of Africa, a second consecutive season of atypically widespread flooding occured in Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia similar to April/May 2018 long rains season after an extended period of drought in the region. At least up to a million people were negatively impacted with temporary displacement, crop and asset losses.

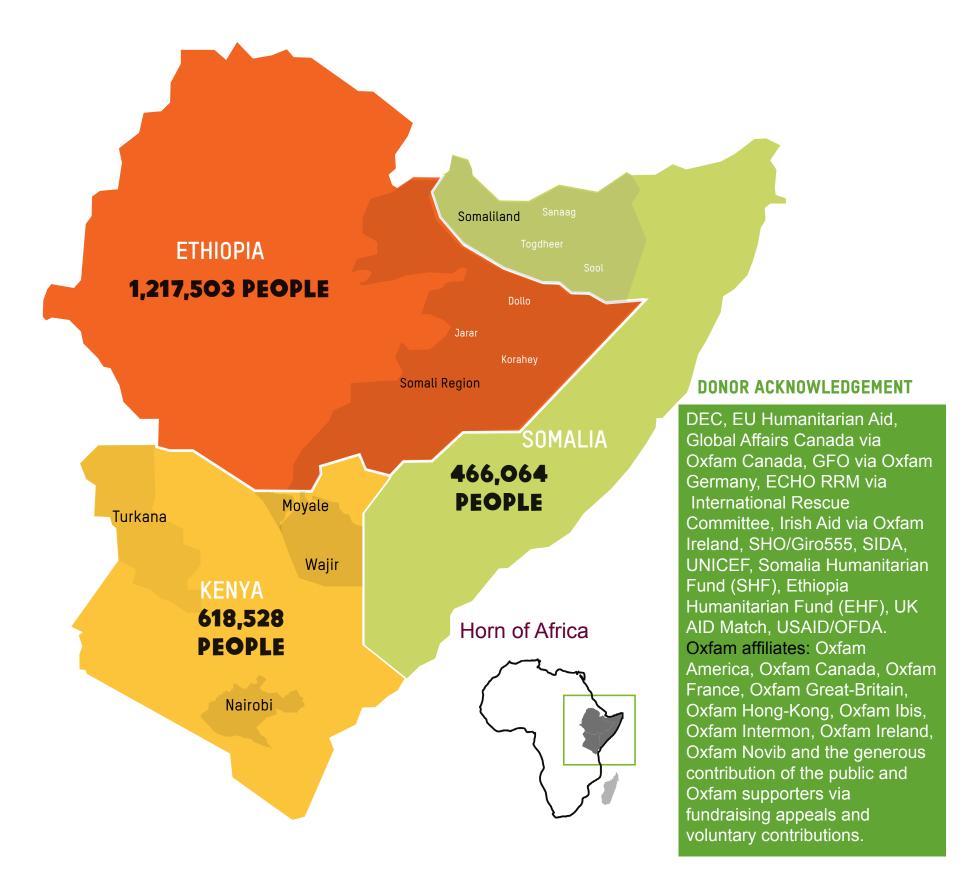


Conflict and internal violence has displaced thousands of people in Somalia and Ethiopia. In Somalia, IDPs stand at a record 2.6 million and the number of forced eviction is on the rise with over 204,000 people evicted in 2018 alone. The number of IDPS has also increased to 2.6 million in Ethiopia. Close to 960,000 people remain displaced in Ethiopia's Gedeo Zone.



In Somalia, Dutch Relief Alliance funding of EUR 1.1 million has been secured with Oxfam as consortium lead.

In Ethiopia ECHO approved an additional top up of EUR 1.5 million to support Dire Dawa and East Hararghe zone of Oromia.



#### TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE REACHED THROUGH OXFAM INTERVENTION





clean and safe water



People received cash transfers



Animals supported through vaccination and treatment



People reached through Public Health and Hygiene Promotion and Community Mobilization

### **OXFAM HORN OF AFRICA CLIMATE CRISIS**

#### **ETHIOPIA**

Oxfam has reached 48,772 new beneficiaries as of September 30, 2018 in the new Somali Humanitarian and Resilience strategy that was effective since April 2018.



Through donor support borehole rehabilitations in Jarar zone was completed and handed over to the community and the Government.



2,800 drought affected households and 700 flood affected households received second round cash transfers. The third round cash transfer is planned for October 2018.



3,261 animal treatment vouchers were distributed and the support drug to private veterinary pharmacies was also delivered to Oxfam store.



3,000 individuals (1,900 female and 1,100 male) have been reached through hygiene promotion and awareness creation activities.



208 doors of sex segregated emergency latrines in 4 IDP sites under 3 districts were completed in Jarar Zone.



Reusable pads were distributed to 80 women/girls (40 host and 40 IDP). Each beneficiary received 2 underwears and 3 reusable pads.



2,508 bars of multipurpose soap and 1,672 sachet of laundry soap were distributed to 418 households affected by inter-communal conflict. Each household received 6 bars of soap and 4 laundry soap.

### **SOMALILAND**

A total of 31,359 people were reached in Sool, Sanaag and Toghdeer in September 2018.



1,750 households received Aquatabs for water treatment under ongoing cash for water activities in 18 villages of Sool and Sanaag.



Community health volunteers reached 6,200 households with engagement sessions on handwashing, safe water chain, latrine use, germ transmission routes and maintenance in all 18 project implementation sites.



3,145 households received second round transfer of USD 85 entitlement from ECHO multipurpose Cash.



Oxfam distributed fodder concentrates (50kg per HH) to 2,000 HHs in Sool and Sanaag to improve both animal and milk yield. Training was also provided to 40 community Animal Health Workers and provision of veterinary start-up kits.



Community protection awareness activities reached 2,633 households (15,215 individuals) with protection messages.



Contractor Award was signed between Oxfam and Awale Construction company for the construction of 420 latrines in Sool and Sanaag.



Somaliland agriculture minister issued an alert over possible heavy rains that are forecasted in the Eastern parts of Sool and Sanaag regions in the next two months that could lead to localised flooding.

### **KENYA**

Our partner ADAPT consortium attended 3 coordination meetings where it was resolved that the IDP camps in Tana River county were to be closed by 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018. All actors were encouraged to make the return villages their point of service delivery.



The repair and rehabilitation of 8 water systems with flood resistant designs was completed in 5 villages.



2,464 flood affected households in Tana River have received cash transfers of KSH 4000.



It is worth noting that during the recent floods, there has been high cases of school drop outs attributed to floods experienced in Malindi, Tana and Magarini counties making schools inaccessible.



425 people were reached with key hygiene messages on effective hand washing at critical time, proper use of latrines and safe water chain.

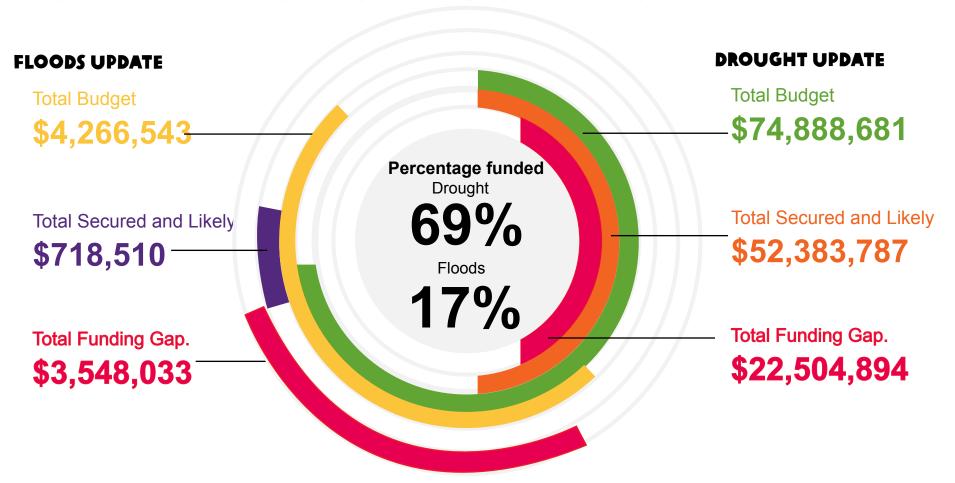


Construction of 15 latrines have been completed for people in Tana River county.



1,050 dignity kits for women were procured and delivered in the month of August 2018.

## HORN OF AFRICA FUNDING UPDATES



#### **HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT THROUGH CASH GRANTS**



Hindisa Awale Kadiye feeding her child.

"Before the cash grant, older people didn't eat much. We focused on the children. Many people could only eat rice. I used all of the cash grant on food, water and clothes. With the cash grant, we had enough money for older people to be able to eat properly," explains Hindisa Awale Kadiye, at Kra Sherka IDP camp in Somaliland, where her family seeks refuge after drought killed all of her family's livestock.

The intense 2016-2018 drought devastated already vulnerable communities throughout Somalia, killing tens of millions of livestock and displacing millions of people in search of basic necessities, particularly in urban areas. As the primary source of income and where most pastoralists store their wealth, livestock are central to rural Somali lives. Nur Saleban Dama describes the devastation:

"Before the drought, we were living with our livestock near the border of Ethiopia. Everyone lost all their livestock. Many people were thinking of suicide. Our lives changed a lot."

In partnership with Candlelight, a vibrant Somaliland NGO, the multi purpose cash grants are a lifeline for communities with nothing. Participatory selection processes ensure grants reach the most vulnerable, with the vast majority of grants going to women. Ensuring everyone has access to mobile money transfers by providing sim cards when necessary, multiple rounds of cash are delivered entirely through mobile transfers. This facilitates timely, efficient distributions and reduces risks of individuals carrying cash, particularly women.

"The cash grant gave us hope to live," praises Nur, while Hindisa notes that "physically, we are much better than before."

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