

FOOD INSECURITY KENYA: SITUATION REPORT NO. 14

Country/Location: Kenya (Turkana, Marsabit, Samburu, Isiolo and Nairobi counties)

Title of emergency: Food Crisis Emergency Response

Dates covered by report: 1st to 30th April 2018

HIGHLIGHTS

- April marked the peak of the Long Rains (March-April-May) season. The month began with heavy rainfall being recorded in some parts of North Eastern, Lake Victoria Basin, Rift Valley as well as the Central Highlands, including Nairobi.
- Rainfall analysis from 1st March to 26th April 2018 indicates that so far the rainfall received has been generally enhanced over most parts of the country. As a result, there has been significant improvement in vegetation condition across the country, with above normal vegetation greenness being observed across all counties. The body condition of all livestock species is good and improving leading to improved milk production and consumption. Distance to water sources has also reduced significantly.¹
- The outlook for May 2018 indicates that several parts of Kenya are likely to experience generally enhanced rainfall.
- Unfortunately, the heavy rainfall also led to several cases of flooding, loss of lives, damage to property and displacement of households. For example, in Turkana County, over 1,500 people living in 5 villages in Lodwar, Turkana County were rendered homeless, with property worth millions of shillings destroyed after their houses were submerged when River Kawalasee burst its banks due to the heavy rains. ChildFund Kenya and its Local Partners are monitoring the situation and may develop a flood response strategy in May if needed.
- In March 2017, ChildFund Kenya issued an emergency appeal requesting \$2,360,000 to reach 44,562 people in 5 counties with life-saving assistance. ChildFund Kenya received \$1,445,800 to implement various interventions in Food Security, Health and Nutrition, and WASH with Child Protection as a cross-cutting sector. To date, the local partners' re-directed subsidy is \$103,256. The response activities ended on April 30, 2018.

CHILDFUND KENYA'S RESPONSE

1. Vulnerable persons and ECDs supported with supplementary feeding

In this reporting period, ChildFund Kenya nutritionists working in Turkana County conducted regular monthly joint monitoring exercise by visiting 74 health facilities and outreach service centers where out-patient therapeutic feeding funded by World Food Program, provided 6,723 acutely malnourished children (3,535 boys and 3,188 girls) under the age of 5 with Corn Soya Blend (CSB) and plumpy sups while 3,903 Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW) received dry rations of the regular premixed CSB. The nutritionists monitored consumption of the food stocks and ensured that health personnel continued to screen and treat the target children and women.

In Marsabit County, ChildFund distributed various food commodities including 150 bags of beans (50 kgs each), 250 bags of rice (50 kgs each), 300 cans of vegetable cooking oil (1 liter each), and 200 bags unimix (25 kgs each), to 300 PLWs and 12 ECD centers with 1,050 children (550 boys and 500 girls).

In Turkana County, 100 bags of unimix (25 kgs each) were dispatched to 18 ECD centers with 2,587 children (1,393 boys and 1,194 girls) in Kalapata ward in Turkana South Sub-County. In addition, 514 PLW received 701 bags of maize (45 kgs each), 140 bags of beans (50 kgs each), and 50 jerricans of cooking oil (1 litre each).

¹ <http://www.meteo.go.ke/pdf/monthly.pdf>

In Isiolo County, ChildFund distributed 200 bags of unimix (25 kgs each) to 20 ECD centers with 1,552 children (793 Girls 759 Boys).

2. Response to Cholera Outbreak in Turkana County

Cholera outbreak remains a concern in Turkana County. The number of cholera cases reported keeps on increasing despite the fact that the Ministry of Health and other health partners have revised the cholera response plans and mobilized internal resources, including county emergency funds, to respond to cholera outbreaks. Community mobilization is ongoing to raise awareness on measures to ensure access to safe water and safe excreta disposal in cholera-affected areas. ChildFund responded by supplying 15 boxes of water guard for water treatment, 100 20-litre jerricans and 50 bags of unimix (25 kg each) to affected households in Turkana North Sub-County. There are indications that other communicable diseases like malaria might break out soon. It may therefore be necessary to purchase anti-malarials and Insecticide Treated Nets.

3. Child Protection in Emergencies training

In Turkana County, community dialogues on child protection were conducted in Turkana Central Sub-County. One hundred twenty one (121) community members participated in the dialogues and committed to take up their role in mitigating the effects of the drought emergency that touch on the protection of children.

In Samburu, Isiolo, Nairobi and Marsabit counties, trained community based resource persons continued to support the Department of Children's Services to identify children experiencing various protection issues and work together with the government to facilitate appropriate referrals.

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1. Security & logistics

The security situation across Turkana, Samburu, Isiolo and Nairobi counties has generally remained calm. No major incidences were reported.

2. Partnership and coordination

ChildFund continues to participate in national and county level coordination forums. Local Partners are actively participating in county level coordination forums and assessment and planning processes.

3. Programs

Child Protection

Child Protection is mainstreamed in all programs. All fundraising and response will ensure that child protection issues are addressed at all levels.

Food Security

In Samburu County, ChildFund supported Morijoi community farm, comprised of 30 families, with seeds and farm equipment to plant high yield crops like tomatoes, onions, kales and cabbages which are profitable and in high demand. The community transformation has been realized through their contribution to sustain the project.

The Food For Assets program funded by WFP is ongoing in parts of Loima, Turkana Central and Turkana North sub-counties. In addition, ChildFund is transporting therapeutic and supplementary food to selected health facilities in 4 sub-counties.

4. **Donors:** ChildFund International, ChildFund New Zealand (implemented in collaboration with Trocaire), ChildFund Sweden, ChildFund Germany, ChildFund Korea, ChildFund Australia, World Food Program, Un enfant par la main (France) and sponsors.

Confirmed funding:

Donor	Program	Amount (USD)
ChildFund International	Kenya Food Crisis Emergency Response in Turkana, Marsabit, Samburu, Isiolo and Nairobi Counties	90,000
ChildFund New Zealand	Kenya Food Crisis Emergency Response in Turkana County	281,847
ChildFund Australia	Kenya Food Crisis Emergency Response in Turkana County	115,388
ChildFund Germany	Kenya Food Crisis Emergency Response in Turkana, Marsabit, Samburu, Isiolo and Nairobi Counties	398,535
ChildFund Korea	Kenya Food Crisis Emergency Response in Turkana and Marsabit Counties	200,000
ChildFund Sweden	Kenya Food Crisis Emergency Response in Turkana and Marsabit Counties	20,000
Un enfant par la main (France)	Kenya Food Crisis Emergency Response in Isiolo County	12,100
World Food Program	Food for Assets and Blanket Supplementary Feeding, Turkana	327,930
Subsidy re-allocation by LPs	Kenya Food Crisis Emergency Response in Turkana, Marsabit, Samburu, Isiolo and Nairobi Counties	103,256
Total		1,549,056

5. **Finance**

To date, ChildFund Kenya has received US \$1,445,800 for the emergency response and an additional \$103,256 was redirected for the emergency by local partners totaling to \$1,549,056 received to date.

6. **Media/Communications**

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