

FOOD INSECURITY KENYA: SITUATION REPORT NO. 9

Date: 11th December 2017

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

Title of emergency: Food Crisis Emergency Response

Dates covered by report: 1st to 30th November 2017

HIGHLIGHTS

- According to the Kenya Meteorological Department, near-average to above-average rainfall was recorded in most parts of the country in November. The analysis indicates that the performance was good over the better part of the country particularly the northern parts of the country, the coastal region and several parts of central Kenya.
- Pasture availability for livestock improved in all counties. The body condition of livestock that survived the drought has improved. Unfortunately, following the rains, there was an upsurge in malaria cases in various counties, especially in Turkana North sub-county.
- FEWSNET food security outlook indicates that food availability is still poor in remote rural areas as market operations just started to improve while humanitarian assistance deliveries especially from both the County and the National Governments were reduced because of the political stalemate that prevailed in the country.
- Malnutrition outcomes started showing signs of improving, except in isolated remote areas. For examples, records from the regular monthly growth monitoring done by ChildFund Kenya and Turkana County Government Ministry of Health staff in 21 Early Childhood Development (ECD) centers in Turkana North and Loima Sub-Counties indicates that 60% of the enrolled 0 to 5-year-old children are normal and 40% are in moderate to severe malnutrition status. The situation has, however not yet improved among the most vulnerable households in peri-urban settlements as compared to pure pastoralists because the beginning of the short rains does not translate immediately to increased food availability for the households that lost livestock to drought. This explains why the malnutrition situation is still a concern in Turkana County.
- Water shortage has eased following rain water collected in some water pans, pools and in hand dug wells. People and livestock have access to water in grazing areas. Water trucking is however still needed for ECD centers and communities that live far from water sources and were provided with water tanks.

CHILDFUND KENYA'S RESPONSE

1. Vulnerable persons supported with supplementary feeding

In this reporting period, ChildFund Kenya nutritionists working in Turkana County conducted regular monthly joint monitoring visits to 74 health facilities and outreach service centers where out-patient therapeutic feeding funded by WFP 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 ration of the regular premixed CSB. The nutritionists monitored distribution of the food stocks and ensured that the health personnel continued to screen and treat target children and women.

In Samburu County, ChildFund distributed the following food items to 90 PLW, 48 bags of beans (45kg each), 54 bags of maize (90kg each), 342 liters of cooking oil, 56kg table salt and 90 jerricans.

2. ECD centers supported with supplementary feeding and water

In Samburu County, ChildFund Kenya procured and distributed the following food items to 26 ECD centers with 2,932 children (1,470 boys and 1,462 girls): 141 bags of beans (45kg/bag), 348 bags of rice (50kg/bag), 78 cartons of oil (24 bottles of 5L/bottle), 100 kg of table salt. In

addition, ChildFund trucked 90,000 litres of water and distributed 9 water tanks (10,000 litres each) to 9 ECD centers with 857 children (436 boys and 421 girls).

In Turkana County, 17 ECD centers with 4,174 children, received 465 bags of unimix, which will provide a meal of porridge a day for 4,174 children for 3 months. In addition, 7 ECDs in Loima Sub-County with 1,143 children, received 70,000 litres of safe drinking water.

In Marsabit, 12 ECD centers with 645 children (319 boys and 326 girls) received 12 cooking pots and additional unimix porridge.

3. Blanket Supplementary Feeding Program in Turkana County

In November 2017, ChildFund Kenya continued to implement Blanket Supplementary Feeding Program (BSFP) in the worst hit areas of Kibish and Turkana North Sub-Counties in partnership with WFP and Save The Children. ChildFund Kenya transported 178.264 MT of premixed CSB++ of the sixth cycle to benefit 22, 824 children and 6,682 PLW. Elsewhere in the worst hit areas of Turkana Central and Loima Sub-Counties, ChildFund, in partnership with WFP and International Rescue Committee (IRC), completed the dispatch for the third cycle of Blanket Supplementary Feeding Program food to reach all children under 5 years and PLW. By the time of preparing this report ChildFund Kenya transported 134 MT of premixed CSB++ to benefit 15, 250 children under 5 years and PLW in 153 outreach sites.

4. Child Protection in Emergencies

During this period, previously trained community based resource persons continued to support the Department of Children's Services to identify children experiencing various protection issues and facilitate appropriate referrals. Efforts to create awareness at the community level on the critical role in prevention and referral mechanisms available in the community for response are ongoing. In Marsabit and Isiolo counties, consultative meetings on child protection in emergencies were held with 62 and 45 stakeholders respectively, including community leaders and the local administration. A total of 99 children in Nairobi County were supported with various child protection interventions.

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1. Security & logistics

The security situation across the country, including Turkana, Marsabit, Samburu, Isiolo and Nairobi counties was generally calm. No incidents affecting this emergency response 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 fund raising and response will ensure that child protection issues are addressed at all levels.

Food Security

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

foods to selected health facilities in 4 sub-counties. BSFP and IRC introduced by WFP, SCI and ChildFund is implemented in 206 outreach centers.

Nutrition Mass Screening, Referral and Treatment

In Turkana County, 424 children, under 5 years in 11 ECD centres were screened for malnutrition. The analysis indicated that 60% were of normal and 40% were of moderate and severe malnutrition status. None had serious malnutrition issues to warrant referral.

WASH

A topographic survey was done to guide the development of the Kooliyoro community water project in November 2017.

- 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 | 60,000 |
| 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 | | 1,519,056 |

5. Finance

To date, ChildFund Kenya has received US \$1,415,800 for the emergency response and an additional \$103,256 was redirected for the emergency by local partners totaling to \$1,519,056 received to date.

6. Media/Communications

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