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CHILDFUND INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN SITUATION REPORT

DROUGHT EMERGENCY
RESPONSE - KENYA
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2022

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BACKGROUND

According to the November 2022 drought bulletin by National Drought Management Authority (NDMA), the drought situation continued to deteriorate in twenty-one (21) of the 23 ASAL counties. This is attributed to four failed consecutive seasons, and late onset and poorly distributed 2022 short rain seasons. The number of people in need of food assistance stands at 4.35 million. Fourteen counties are classified under Alarm drought phase and seven counties are in the Alert drought phase.

Acute malnutrition has been noted across the counties with 942,000 cases of children aged 6-59 months acutely malnourished and 134,000 cases of pregnant or lactating women acutely malnourished in need of treatment.

The United Nations and humanitarian partners in Kenya are appealing for \$472.6 million to help the 4.35 million drought-affected people. A press release by United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, (UNOCHA) indicated that despite being an underfunded crisis, 89 humanitarian partners had reached nearly one million people with vital assistance between January and September 2022, complementing the Government-led response to the drought. Those reached includes 763,000 people who were assisted with access to safe drinking water and sanitation and hygiene items.

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Humanitarian actors also reached 600,000 people with food assistance, including in-kind food, cash transfers or livelihood support. In addition, 293,000 children under age five and pregnant and lactating women received treatment for severe or moderate acute malnutrition. Multi-purpose cash was delivered to 176,000 people, enabling them to make dignified choices and purchase what they most needed. However, the exceptional duration and severity of this drought which is longer than any in recent history is outpacing the response. In pastoral areas, herders have already lost 2.5 million livestock because of the drought. Early projections indicate the possibility of a sixth consecutive poor rainy season from March to May 2023.



A woman from Chalbi community walking long distance to a water point with many water jerrycans. She will spend more than 6 hours before she fills the containers and walks back home.

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THE RESPONSE

Support from ChildFund Australia donors is targeted in the Marsabit and Samburu Counties. Working with the Nawiri Child Development Programme, ChildFund implemented various response interventions, including:

- 500 families in Marsabit were supported with a cash transfer of KES 5,000 per Household for two months in 4 wards of Maikona, Karare, Sagante-Jaldesa and Marsabit Central.
- 100 families Marsabit and 100 families in Isiolo received 4 bales of hay each.
- 200 households in Isiolo were provided food worth KES 5,000 per family which included 10kgs of maize, 5kgs of beans, 5kgs of rice, 2L of cooking oil and 500g tin of powder milk.
- One inter-clan peace forum was organised at Loglogo in Marsabit where 64 elders from Borana, Rendille, Samburu and Gabra communities attended. Additionally, 2 peace fora for children and young adults were organized where 301 children and youths from 10 different schools in Marsabit County attended.
- 8 schools benefited from water trucking in Marsabit and Isiolo counties.
- 500 jerricans for storing safe drinking water were distributed to 250 families.
- County MoH was facilitated to carry out screening of the under-fives for malnutrition in Saku and Maikona where ChildFund supported the hiring 2 vehicles for 7 days and paying allowances of 2 Nutritionists for 7 days.

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A child mourning the loss of their cow due to drought in Marsabit county

Samburu County: Samburu Children's Programme (SCP) with support from ChildFund Kenya supported 500 households with cash transfers, Water trucking for 4 schools and communities in Baragoi and Barsaloi. SCP also facilitated the rehabilitation of 2 community boreholes in Suyan and Bendera. Construction of one water livestock water trough was done in Suyan community.

Turkana County: Frontiers Children Development Organization (FCDO), Local Partner of ChildFund disbursed cash transfers worth KES 3,000 to 200 enrolled families in its 13 zones.

ChildFund and its Local Partners (LPs) continue to participate in national and county level emergency response coordination forums. LPs are actively participating in county level steering groups charged with assessment, planning and implementation of interventions.

ChildFund also works in collaboration with other international and local Non-Governmental Organizations and UN agencies such as UNICEF, FAO, Save the Children, Mercy Corps, USAID and World Vision.

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The number of people in need of food assistance stands at 4.35 million.



Community members in Torichia Community in Maikona, Marsabit drawing water for domestic and livestock use from water trucking distribution point.



ChildFund Local Partner Staff visiting a sun scorched homestead to assess the effect of the drought in Marsabit County.