GREATER HORN OF AFRICA FOOD AND HEALTH EMERGENCY

Millions of people in the Greater Horn of Africa currently face food insecurity not seen in decades resulting from intensifying conflict, more frequent and extreme weather events due to climate change, economic shocks, and growing inequalities.

WHO RESPONSE FOCUSES ON 7 AFFECTED COUNTRIES

Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda

How is a food crisis a health crisis?

- Severe Acute Malnutrition: a life-threatening condition requiring urgent treatment
- Increased risk of water-borne diseases due to scarcity of safe drinking water
- Outbreaks of anthrax, measles, cholera, yellow fever, chikungunya, meningitis, and other infectious diseases
- Decreased access to sanitation, shelter and health services as people move to find sustenance
- Malnourished people become more easily sick and sick people become more easily malnourished
- Increased crime and communal violence leading to traumatic injuries
- Hampered surveillance for epidemic-prone diseases
- Survival sex and child marriage leading to premature babies and high maternal and infant deaths

Acting now can save hundreds of thousands of lives

There are close to 300 million people living in this region

- 47M People suffering high levels of malnutrition
- >11M Acutely Malnourished children under five
- 13.5M Internally Displaced People
- 4.5M Refugees

The World Health Organization is on the ground, taking urgent action to ensure access to basic health services, provide treatment for severe malnutrition, and detect, prevent and respond to disease outbreaks.

WHO FUNDING NEEDS

Currently only 39% of the WHO appeal of US$124M for 2022 is funded. Continued humanitarian assistance is required beyond December 2022 to reduce the risk of death and disease for millions of people.

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