

Kenya Floods Response

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Kenya Country Office

Humanitarian Situation and Needs

An estimated 64,045 flood-affected people are still in camps in Galole, Tana Delta and Tana North Sub counties in Tana River County. A comprehensive assessment of the population still displaced in Tana River will be completed next week. Across the country, the heavy long rains season from March to May has displaced a total of 291,171 people.

Rainfall continues in the Highlands west of the Rift Valley (Kitale, Kericho, Nandi, Eldoret, Kakamega), the Lake Basin (Kisumu, Kisii, Busia), parts of Central Rift Valley (Nakuru, Nyahururu), the border areas of Northwestern Kenya (Lokichoggio, Lokitaung), and the Coastal strip (Mombasa, Mtwapa, Malindi, Msabaha, Kilifi, Lamu).

Humanitarian access by road is constrained due to insecurity along the Turkana-West Pokot border and due to poor roads conditions in Isiolo, Samburu, Makueni, Tana River, Kitui, and Garissa.

As of 25 June 2018, a total of 5,470 cases of cholera with 78 deaths have been reported (Case Fatality Rate of 1.4 per cent). Currently, the outbreak is active in eight counties (Garissa, Tana River, Turkana, West Pokot, Meru, Mombasa, Kilifi and Isiolo counties) with 75 cases reported in the week ending 25 June.

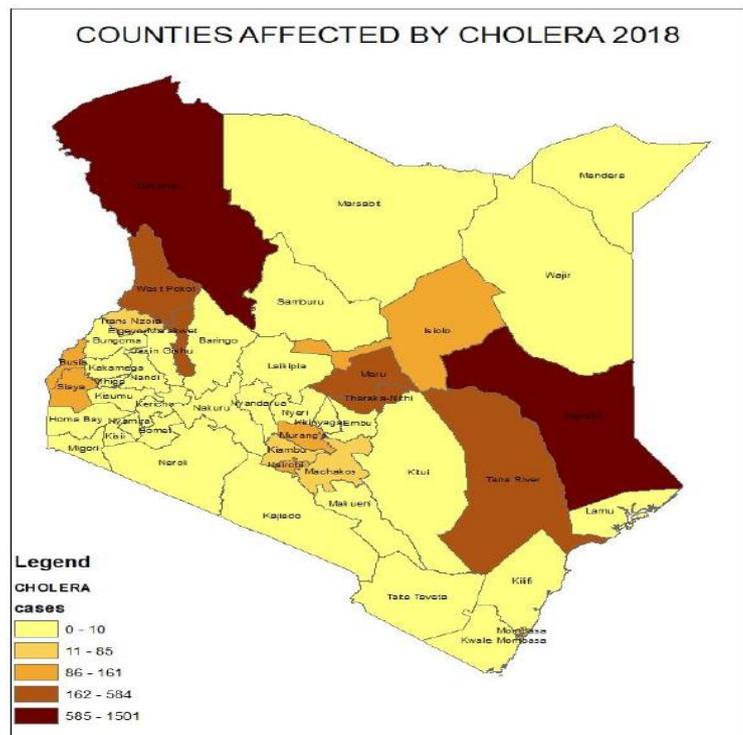
A total of 111 cases of Rift Valley Fever (RVF) have been reported with 14 death in three counties (Wajir 75, Marsabit 35 and Siaya 1). Case Fatality Rate is reported at 8 per cent in Wajir and 20 per cent in Marsabit. Active case finding, sample testing, ban of slaughter, quarantine, and community sensitization activities are ongoing. The Ministry of Health noted a shortage of Rift Valley Fever drugs in the country. As per WHO, this outbreak follows heavy rainfall and floods that occurred in several parts of the country, resulting in increased vector density and RVF virus activity.

The National Drought Monitoring Unit confirmed that the nutritional status of children in most counties improved this month with 20 counties now on a stable or improving trend. However, deterioration in nutrition status of children under 5 years was observed in Meru, Samburu and Lamu. In Samburu, the proportion of sampled children under 5 years at risk of being malnourished increased from 19.5 per cent in April to 21.8 per cent in May which was associated with increased cases of diarrhoea in children because of contamination of water sources due to floods. In Lamu, the average malnutrition rate increased from 5.0 per cent in April to 5.3 per cent in May which is attributed to low milk availability and consumption.

UNICEF and Partners' Response

UNICEF is working directly and through existing partnerships in affected areas to maintain critical services and scale up to meet the most urgent needs of affected populations, while undertaking rapid needs assessments to identify gaps and expand service delivery where needed. UNICEF also continues to provide technical support in coordination with County Government for the floods, and epidemic response through its Garissa, Lodwar and Kisumu zonal offices.

- **Health:** Isiolo and Tana River Cholera treatment centres (CTCs) are still operational with surge staff from UNICEF's partner Kenya Red Cross. The total number of cases line listed since beginning of intervention are 161 for Isiolo and 320 for Madogo Tana River. As number of cases in Isiolo are reducing,



case management in Isiolo CTC is being handed over to the county government. 8,352 people were reached with hygiene promotion messages in Tana River County in response to cholera outbreak. The 31 community health volunteers and public health officers have conducted demonstration and distribution of water treatment commodities, disseminated Information Education and Communication materials, demonstrated hand washing techniques, and supported in active case finding.

- **Nutrition:** Malnutrition screening was conducted in nine IDP camps in Tana Delta sub-county. 2,407 children under five were screened for malnutrition of whom 108 were identified as severely malnourished, 159 as moderately acute malnourished and 384 at risk. 725 pregnant and lactating mothers were screened for malnutrition – 70 were identified as malnourished. The identified cases were referred for treatment.
- **WASH:** 52,547 people in Bunyalla, Busia County have had their shallow wells disinfected by the county health department using UNICEF supplies. The county government has also provided handwashing stations with chlorine along the Omena and Bukoma beaches and markets centres. Two mass handwashing sinks have been installed at Port Victoria hospital in Bunyalla sub county. The sinks will be maintained by the public health team with chlorine supplied by UNICEF. In Kisumu, the county health department has distributed WASH supplies from UNICEF through the health facilities and is reaching 3,953 persons. 22,455 people have been reached with cholera prevention messages. 7,290 people are benefitting from UNICEF supported water trucking services in IDP camps in Madogo, Bura, Hola and Garsen, Tana River County. 1,950 people were reached with WASH emergency supplies in Garissa County which include water purification tablets, buckets and jerrycans. 165 school children (45 girls and 120 boys) benefited from the distribution of WASH supplies in Garissa as well.
- **Communication for Development:** 200,000 people in Wajir County are targeted with special radio messages in Kiswahili on the identification of RVF symptoms and where to go for assistance if infected.. Electronic posters along with a factsheet on the viral disease have also been sent to Wajir, Marsabit and Tana River Counties. The posters were used by community health volunteers, Kenya Red Cross Society, outreach teams and community radio stations to sensitize people how to identify RVF in people and animals and where to seek treatment in their community.
- **Child Protection:** UNICEF and Kenya Red Cross have launched the Child protection floods response project for Garissa and Tana River which will target 3000 children affected by floods. UNICEF and KRCS have trained 21 volunteers who will support this project.
- **Education:** 4,000 children in Tana River county will also be provided with 40 education kits, five classroom tents, 30 early childhood development kits and 30 recreational kits. Similar supplies will also be distributed in Daadab and Kakuma refugee camps targeting 2000 children.

In 2018, UNICEF requires **US\$ 34.2 million** for its Humanitarian Action for Children (HAC) Appeal in Kenya to respond to the humanitarian needs of children in Kenya because of the ongoing drought, refugee response, inter-communal conflict, disease outbreaks and flash floods. The 2018 HAC has a funding gap of 70%.

The next update will be provided as soon as more information is available.

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