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Health Outreach Services Provision by Community Health Workers, Marsabit County, Kenya

Kenya Drought Flash Update No. 05

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Reporting Period: 1 September to 30 September 2022

Highlights

- The drought situation continues to worsen in 20 out of the 23 ASAL counties in Kenya due to a generally poor onset of the October- December 2022 season. Eleven counties are in alarm phase while nine are in alert phase. Drought is affecting over 4.35 million people.
- In response to this critical situation, UNICEF has re-programme about **US\$ 5.6 million** of its existing resources to support and scale up the drought response.
- In September, **7,987 children (4,103 girls and 3,884 boys)** were admitted for treatment of severe acute malnutrition and **170,230** primary caregivers were reached with infant and young child feeding counselling over the reporting period.
- In September, **88,746 people (22,181 men, 23,074 women, 21,299 boys and 22,192 girls)** were reached with safe water through the rehabilitation of 5 non-functional boreholes.
- During the reporting period, **24,345 people (5,023 girls, 4,264 boys, 8,519 women and 6,539 men)** were reached with life-saving integrated outreach services in supported health facilities.
- **10,146 children (5,274 girls and 4,872 boys)** were supported to re-enroll in school with an additional 3,500 (50% girls) of them reached with emergency education supplies.
- UNICEF's funding requirements to provide life-saving services in health, nutrition, WASH, protection, and education to drought affected people over the period April - December 2022 remains at **US\$ 67.8 million**, with a **funding gap of US\$ 32.5 million or 48 per cent, compared with 50 per cent in August**.

Situation in Numbers



1.4 million
children in need of
humanitarian assistance
(NDMA, April 2022)



3.5 million
people in need
(LRA, August 2022)

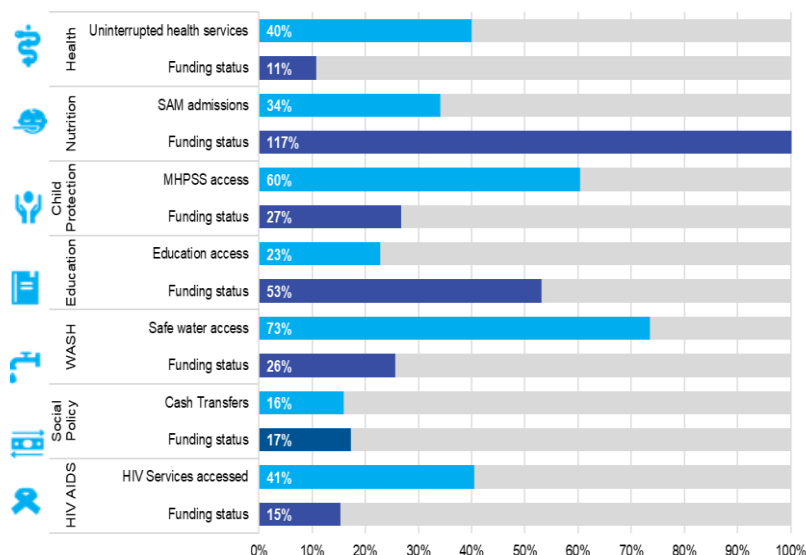


222,720
Children 6-59 months
targeted for treatment of
severe acute
malnutrition (SAM)
(LRA August 2022)

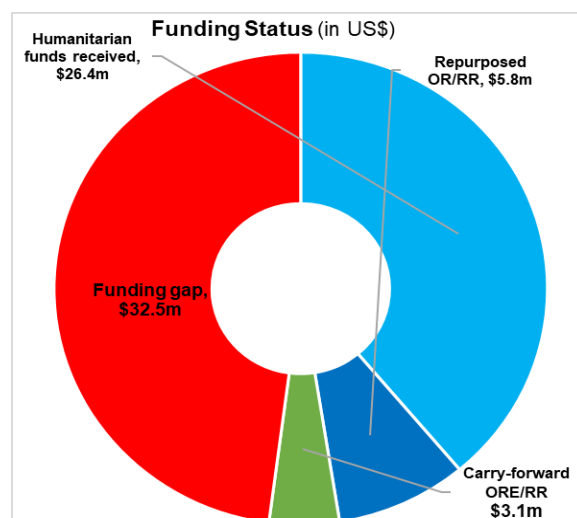


884,464
Children 6-59 months
requiring treatment for
severe acute
malnutrition
(LRA August 2022)

UNICEF's Response and Funding Status



UNICEF Appeal 1 April – 31 December 2022 US\$ 67.8 million



Funding Overview and Partnerships

UNICEF Kenya has appealed for USD 67.8 million to provide life-saving services for drought-affected children covering the period of April to December 2022 (see *Annex B*), of which USD 35.5 million (52 per cent) has been received, leaving a funding gap of USD 32.4 million (48 per cent). Pipeline funding is approximately USD 11.2 million from USAID/BHA and FCDO for WASH & Nutrition respectively as well as Education Cannot Wait. UNICEF is currently reviewing its drought emergency response plan in light of the deteriorating situation in the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) which will see a substantial increase in the planned targets and budget.

The European Commission/ECHO, USAID, Foreign Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), the Government of Japan, Norway, Irish Aid, German Natcom, Netherlands Committee for UNICEF, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), Japan Committee for UNICEF, and UN OCHA (CERF) have generously contributed to UNICEF Kenya's humanitarian response against the drought appeal. UNICEF continues to support the Government of Kenya, at both the National and County level, civil society organizations (CSOs) and other humanitarian partners to respond to the drought affected population.

Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

The drought situation continues to worsen in the 23 ASAL counties with a poor onset of the October-December 2022 rainy season witnessed thus far. According to the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), 11 counties are in alarm phase, 9 are in alert phase and only 3 are at normal levels. Based on the Long Rains Assessment (August 2022), projections show that by October 2022, the number of food insecure population will have risen to 4.35 million people, an increase from the 3.5 million reported in July/August Long Rains Assessment (LRA) ¹.

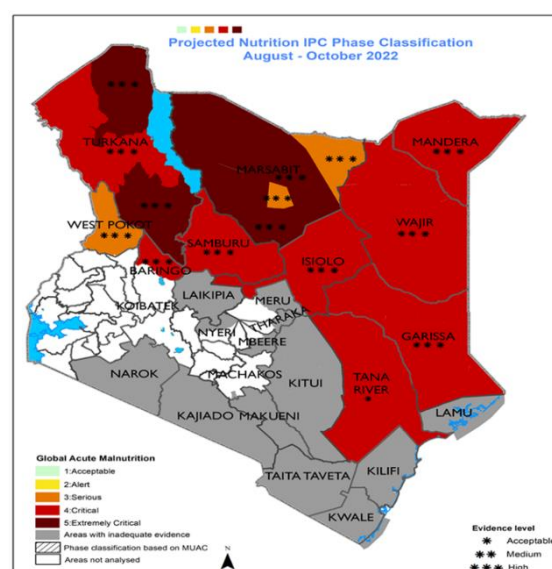
About 4.2 million people need access to safe water, where the average individual water consumption has decreased from 15-20 litres to 4-8 litres per day². The on-going data collection exercise by UNICEF and the county government water departments identified 973 out of 4,375 boreholes (22 per cent) as still non-functional, affecting 2.9 million people. Water hauling distances have increased to an average of 2 to 6 kms, up from the five-year average of 1 to 2 km. The scarce water and pasture have led to deterioration of livestock with increased mortalities (over 2.1 million livestock dead) and low milk production in 83 per cent of counties.

Overall, the nutrition situation is worse than that experienced during the 2011 Horn of Africa (HoA) crisis with the total number of 6-59 months children acutely malnourished and in need of treatment reaching 884,464, of which 222,720 require treatment for severe acute malnutrition. The main drivers of malnutrition include acute food insecurity characterized by low milk availability, unfavourable terms of trade (ToT), high food prices and water stress which is expected to continue through to the end of the year.

The 3rd round of mass screening has been completed in Marsabit, Turkana and Tana River Counties and analysis of data and results is ongoing. Mass screening will start on 17 October 2022 in Mandera, Wajir and Isiolo.

Around 20 – 30% of the population in ASALs have minimal to no access to essential health with outpatient attendance in health facilities having reduced by 42% due to drought-related population movement, poorly supplied health facilities, insecurity and the inadequate scale of outreaches.

An estimated 1.5 million learners in the drought affected counties need support to remain in school. Over 400,000 learners are impacted directly by drought with an estimated 66,000 learners not attending school due to the drought. The main drivers of school absenteeism, that are increasing the risk of learners dropping out are: the migration of families



¹ Long Rains Assessment Report (NDMA), August 2022

² Ibid

in search for water; reduced water availability in schools; the lack of school meals; the inability to pay school fees and children caring for livestock.

A total of 561,836 refugees and asylum seekers continue to live in Kenya, 53.4 per cent of whom are from Somalia, 25.1 per cent from South Sudan, 8.9 per cent from Congo and 5.6 per cent from Ethiopia and the remaining are from other nationalities. Forty-two per cent of the refugees live in Kakuma, 42 per cent live in Dadaab and 16 per cent live in urban areas³. Continuing instability and drought in the HoA region is leading to more inflows of people into Kenya further requiring additional resources to respond to their basic needs and to provide immediate protection. The escalation of the conflict in Somalia coupled with the impact of the drought has led to over 55,000 refugees from Somalia arriving in Kenya's Dadaab refugee camp (Garissa county) since September 2022⁴.

Humanitarian Leadership, Coordination and Strategy

A consultative meeting on Drought was called and chaired by HE the Deputy President on Friday 7th Oct, with a large participation of key ministries from the national government and partners. An enhanced drought coordination structure was presented by NDMA for immediate set up. The "Intergovernmental Committee for DRM" chaired by the Deputy President will provide overall strategic decision-making while the "Sector Technical Committee for Drought Management" at the national level would be a technical decision-making body. At the operational level, the County Steering Groups will be reinvigorated and linked to the National level with regular compulsory reporting. These will be jointly chaired by the County Governors and County Commissioners. Sub-County Steering Groups will also be established.

UNICEF is supporting the government in co-leading the national sector response through our sector lead role in WASH, Education, Nutrition and Child Protection, as well as in supporting county-level response through the zonal offices in Lodwar and Garissa. UNICEF provides technical and financial support to line ministries at national and county level to support sector coordination and leadership. At the county level, UNICEF lead sectors especially WASH and Nutrition, have been highly engaged in the County Steering groups in drought affected counties.

The Resident Coordinator's Office and UNOCHA are leading the coordination of humanitarian action for the UN and partners' support to the government's response. UNICEF actively participates in interagency coordination mechanisms, including the Kenya Humanitarian Partnership Team (KHPT) and the Inter-Sector Working Group (ISWG).

UNICEF continued to provide Nutrition sector coordination during the reporting period at the national and sub-national levels to maintain quality coverage and the overall effectiveness of the response. The Emergency Nutrition Advisory Committee chaired by the government was convened and a dedicated coordination call has been instituted on a biweekly basis to ensure a coordinated response for both SAM and MAM prevention and treatment.

UNICEF is co-leading the Education in Emergencies Working Group (EiE WG) with the Ministry of Education. During the reporting period, UNICEF recruited an Information Management Specialist (IMS) to provide technical support, data management and reporting. County level mechanisms/structures to effectively coordinate the response and stakeholder engagements are being established in the 17 counties whose focal points were trained on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR).

UNICEF is co-leading the WASH sector with the Ministry of Water Sanitation and Irrigation and organized one national WASH sector coordination meeting in September 2022 and facilitated county sector coordination meetings in Wajir, Marsabit, Garissa, Isiolo, Samburu and Turkana with support from UNICEF's implementing partners.

The child protection sector coordination has been enhanced through an increased focus on the drought response under the leadership of the Strategic Intervention Unit of the Department of Children's Services (DCS) with UNICEF's support. Coordination mechanisms are activated in all drought affected counties as well as at the national level.

Summary Analysis of Programme Response

³ UNHCR Statistics, 31 August 2022

⁴ ACAPS, CrisisInSight Weekly Picks 9 November 2022

Health

In partnership with the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) a total of 341,845 people have been reached (40 per cent of the target) with critical life-saving integrated outreach services intargeted and supported health facilities, of which a total of 24,345 people (5,023 girls, 4,264 boys, 8,519 women and 6,539 men) were reached during the reporting period. These services included: immunization, treatment of pneumonia, diarrhoea, health education, demonstration to community members participating in outreach services on household water treatment, nutrition monitoring, issuance of supplementary foods and antenatal care.

A total of 8,530 pregnant women (33 per cent of the target) have been supported with access to antenatal care (ANC) services, of which 1,772 pregnant women have been supported during the reporting period.

Nutrition

UNICEF, together with its implementing partners, continued to directly support 1,067 integrated health and nutrition outreaches (64 per cent) out of the 1,671 mapped outreaches in arid and semi-arid areas. A total of 55,201 children (34 per cent of the target) have been admitted for treatment of severe acute malnutrition, of which 7,987 (4,103 girls and 3,884 boys) children were admitted for treatment of severe acute malnutrition during the reporting period. In Marsabit, during the mass screening, 21,609 children between 6-59 months were provided with Vitamin A and 18,277 children between 12-59 months were dewormed.

Over 1 million primary caregivers (56 per cent of the target) were reached with infant and young child feeding counselling, of which 170,230 (86,817 female; 83,413 male) were reached during the reporting period. Training on integrated management of acute malnutrition was provided to 60 (15 women, 45 men) health workers from Wajir county to strengthen the capacity for quality management and care of acute malnutrition.

The distribution of 19,521 cartons of RUTF reached 2,100 health facilities during the reporting period to support the continued treatment of severe acute malnutrition.

Child Protection

In collaboration with the Directorate of Children Services (DCS), UNICEF reached a total of 19,919 people (33 per cent of target) with child protection related services, prevention from violence, abuse and exploitation, community based mental health and psychosocial support services, GBV risk mitigation and supported with family re-integration, of which 3,621 children (1,905 girls and 1,716 boys) were reached during the reporting period. This included 446 children (263 girls and 183 boys) who were prevented from experiencing violence, abuse and exploitation. A total of 35 (24 women and 11 men) community members were trained on child protection in emergencies.

A total 14,393 people (60 per cent of the target) received community based mental health and psychosocial support services, of which 1,406 (473 girls, 583 boys, 211 women and 139 men) were reached during the reporting period.

GBV risk mitigation, prevention, or response interventions reached 4,352 women and children (54 per cent of the target), of which 514 people (171 girls, 180 boys and 163 women) were reached during the reporting period.

Social Protection

In collaboration with the Directorate of Children Services (DCS) Garissa County, 8,364 people (equivalent to 1,390 households) have been reached with the 3 cycles of monthly emergency cash payments (16 per cent of the target). Of this number, 389 households were already in receipt of one of the Government's Inua Jamii social protection cash transfer programmes and received a top up of KES 3,680 (equivalent to US\$31). The remaining 1,001 households were not benefiting from any government social protection programme prior to UNICEF intervention and have received a total of KES 5,680 (or US\$49).

In partnership with the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) in Turkana, 6,354 people (2,511 households) of which 3,002 (1,547 girls and 1,455 boys) are children, have been identified for emergency cash transfer support. They will benefit from monthly humanitarian cash assistance to the value of Kshs 9,282.40 (including withdrawal fee and transaction cost) for six cycles. Target communities are among those with the highest levels of acute malnutrition in the country and will also benefit from UNICEF-supported nutrition outreach and referrals for child protection cases and to access disability cards.

Education

A total of 40,208 children, (18,677 girls; 21,531 boys and 17 per cent of target) have been supported to re-enrol in school (23 per cent of target) and were provided with remedial and catch-up lessons, of which 10,146 out of school children (5,274 girls & 4,872 boys) in the counties of Baringo, Samburu, Turkana and West Pokot were reached during the reporting period. In 40 schools in Garissa County, 3,500 children (50% girls) were provided with 1,000 desks to improve the school environment and 220 teachers (193 males & 27 females) from Garissa and Mandera counties were trained on detailed remedial and catchup pedagogical approaches to support newly enrolled learners.

A total of 180 (138 male & 42 female) members of the School Board of Management (BoM) from 66 schools in Tana River County were trained on development of school sustainability and improvement plans including mobilization of resources for drought related interventions. UNICEF has also supported the training of 12 Education officers (10 males & 2 females) from Garissa County on mentorship and life skills, including MHPSS.

WASH

During the reporting period, a total of 88,746 people (22,181 men, 23,074 women, 21,299 boys and 22,192 girls) were reached with safe water through the rehabilitation of 18 non-functional boreholes in Wajir, Marsabit, Garissa, Mandera and Turkana counties leading to a cumulative reach of 687,819 people (73 per cent of target). UNICEF continues to support 5 Rapid Response Teams in Wajir, Marsabit, Garissa, Mandera and Turkana counties who are supporting the restoration of water and sanitation services in these counties.

A cumulative total of 557,948 people (60 per cent of target) have been reached with WASH supplies (Jerry cans, buckets, soap, and Aqua tabs), out of which 58,210 people (28,523 men, 29,687 women) were reached during the reporting period. A total of 652,565 people (70 per cent of target) have been reached with hygiene messaging, out of which 133,508 people (65,419 men, 68,089 women) were reached during the reporting period. A total of 41,715 children (20,440 boys and 21,275 girls) were reached with hygiene messaging in 6 learning facilities during the reporting period, reaching a cumulative total of 121,516 school going children (81.01 per cent of target).

HIV/AIDS

A total of 2,914 children, adolescents and pregnant/breastfeeding women living with HIV (855 girls, 557 boys and 1,502 women) continued to receive anti-retroviral therapy (41 per cent of the target) due to the capacity building of health care workers who deployed the skills gained for a wider reach out in target communities.

Additionally, through UNICEF's support, a total of 460 (271 girls and 189 boys) children under 2 years old and born to HIV positive women in Garissa, Turkana, Mandera, Wajir, Marsabit, Isiolo, Tana-river counties were reached with 1,400 paediatric diagnostic supplies that were procured and distributed to 14 health facilities offering HIV services in the mentioned counties.

Social and Behaviour Change (SBC) and Accountability to Affected Population

A desk review and key informant interviews on Accountability to Affected People (AAP) and Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) were conducted with drought emergency focal points and selected programme partners resulting in the identification of enablers and barriers of AAP and PSEA as well as mechanisms of effective implementation of this approach.

A rapid information and communication needs assessment was undertaken by KRCS in Garissa, Marsabit and Turkana, during which a total of 1,152 households were interviewed (384 in each county), 18 focus group discussions (6 per county) and 9 key informant interviews (3 per county) were facilitated – the data analysis is ongoing. This will enable the establishment of an effective, two-way communication mechanism for gathering and disseminating life-saving information especially between social service/aid providers and communities.

Through CBCC's integrated drought messaging media plan, the Digiredio platform has been transformed from a network of community-based radio stations into an AAP platform. Dialogue on drought is facilitated and lifesaving information and practices transmitted to educate, amplify community voices, enhance participation, catalyse action and nurture social accountability. Engagement on radio is complemented by the Angaza social listening which collates community/listener issues with feedback provided through subsequent radio programmes.

Security Updates

During the reporting period, intermittent intercommunal conflicts in drought prone pastoral counties such as Samburu, Garissa, Tana River, Isiolo, Laikipia and Baringo were reported, and UNICEF has guided its implementing partners in ensuring that minimum standards are applied for safety of personnel and to ensure smooth delivery of supplies to target vulnerable populations. Some of these locations have not been accessible during the nutritional survey/assessment exercises. Critical analysis on programmatic impact of insecurity on the ongoing drought emergency response has been provided continuously to mitigate the risk of significant disruptions in the provision of life-saving assistance.

Supply & Logistics

UNICEF has continued to support the sectors in the prompt procurement, transportation, distribution, and end user monitoring of drought emergency commodities and to effectively execute the supply plan valued at about US\$15 million. Until August 2022, UNICEF managed to procure supplies worth approximately US\$12.6 million, out of which supplies valued at US\$7.8 million has already been distributed to target affected populations. The total value of purchase orders placed towards this drought emergency response during the reporting period was for about \$956,315 USD to support the scale up of the response based on available funds.

External Media

UNICEF continues to highlight the situation of children and their families in Kenya and advocate for their support through external and internal media outlets. High profile UNICEF, Government, donor, and media missions have been facilitated by UNICEF to the affected field locations. The following are some human-interest stories relating to UNICEF response in Kenya:

Human interest stories

<https://www.unicef.org/kenya/stories/providing-integrated-outreach-services-marsabit-county>

<https://www.unicef.org/kenya/stories/child-nutrition-key-accelerating-development>

<https://www.unicef.org/kenya/stories/call-help-open-line-protecting-children>

<https://www.unicef.org/kenya/stories/top-class-helping-adolescent-girls-return-school-turkana>

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Annex A: Programme Results (1 - 30 September 2022)

Results Table: Key results from the drought response plan

Sector Indicator	UNICEF and IPs Response			
	2022 target (April - December)	Total Results	Change during reporting period (▲ ▼)	
			Absolute	Percentual
Health				
# of people who accessed to uninterrupted health services.	855,036	341,845	24,345*	3% ▲
# of pregnant women receiving at least 4 ANC visits.	25,651	8,530	1,772*	7% ▲
# of children, caregivers and communities’ members are aware of behaviour change for drought-related disease prevention.	855,036	272,339	0	0%►
Nutrition				
# of children under 5 with SAM admitted for treatment.	162,137	55,201	7,987*	5% ▲
# of caregivers, families, and/or community members reached with key nutrition messages.	1,800,000	1,016,442	170,230*	9% ▲
Child Protection				
# of people (including) children covered by child protection services/prevented from violence, abuse, and exploitation.	59,551	19,919	3,621*	6% ▲
# of children and parents/caregivers accessing mental health and psychosocial support.	23,820	14,393	1,406*	6% ▲
# of women, girls and boys accessing GBV risk mitigation, prevention, or response interventions.	8,000	4,352	514*	6% ▲
Education				
# children accessing formal or non-formal education, including early learning.	176,342	40,208	10,146*	6% ▲
# of children provided with individual learning materials.	88,170	30,647	3,500*	4% ▲
WASH				
# of people accessing safe water at 7.5 litres, to at least 15 litres per person per day (SPHERE).	936,261	687,819	88,746*	9% ▲
# of children accessing appropriate hygiene awareness raising in learning facilities and safe spaces.	150,000	121,516	41,715*	28% ▲
# of people that participated in hygiene promotion sessions.	936,261	652,565	133,508*	14% ▲
# of people in targeted drought affected counties benefitted of WASH NFI.	936,261	557,943	58,210*	6% ▲
Social Protection				
# of people in targeted drought affected counties receiving cash transfer.	52,722	8,364	0	0% ►
HIV / AIDS				
# of pregnant, lactating women, and children living with HIV receiving ART.	7,187	2,914	0	0% ►

Annex B: Funding Status as of 30th September 2022⁵

Sector	2022 Requirements (April - December 2022)	Funds available			Funding Gap without Pipeline		Funding Gap with Pipeline		2022 Pipeline Funding
		Humanitarian Funding Received (April - December 2022)	Re-purposed OR/RR Resources used (April - December 2022)	Carry over -OR- from Sept 2021- March 2022	\$	%	\$	%	
Nutrition	21,128,019	23,154,846	0	1,500,347	0	0%	0	0%	3,700,449
Health	12,370,970	680,000	297,207	350,150	11,043,613	89%	11,043,613	89%	-
HIV/AIDS	425,390	0	65,000	0	360,390	85%	360,390	85%	-
WASH	14,173,790	1,007,000	1,613,000	1,014,360	10,539,430	74%	5,050,870	36%	5,488,560
Child Protection	4,292,650	190,000	706,777	249,100	3,146,773	73%	3,146,773	73%	-
Education	4,985,972	467,326	2,183,797	0	2,334,849	47%	0	0%	2,000,000
Social Protection	9,946,170	750,000	970,000	0	8,226,170	83%	8,226,170	83%	-
C4D/SBC	468,000	243,534	0	0	224,466	48%	224,466	48%	-
Total	67,790,961	26,492,706	5,835,781	3,113,957	32,348,517	48%	28,052,282	41%	11,189,009

⁵ Figures reported to FTS may differ for same period due to exchange rate fluctuation, recovery cost estimates, and in-process allocation of flexible funding and other repurposed funds.