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# Somalia

## Humanitarian Situation Report No. 1



for every child

### Highlights

- UNICEF and implementing partners provided emergency life-saving essential care using static health facilities, outreaches and mobile clinics to reach a reported 102,642 people, of which 50,624 were children under five years and 1,901 people were in crisis affected IDP camps.
- In January, some 13,200 children were reached with lifesaving severe acute malnutrition (SAM) treatment by UNICEF and its partners.
- A total of 157,446 people in IDP and host community settlements in Gedo, Bay, Middle and Lower Shabelle regions were provided with water through water trucking and 100 water wells were chlorinated in flood affected areas of Belet Weyne, Bulo Burto and Jalalaqsi in Hiraa region to benefit 85,563 people.
- Resumption of learning of 27,500 children started in January after schools' closure due to flooding in Hirshabelle.
- In January, UNICEF child protection programmes supported 6,973 people who accessed psychosocial support and 641 separated and 441 unaccompanied children were identified and documented.
- In light of the potential locust swarms expected later in the year, UNICEF is monitoring the situation and planning a response.

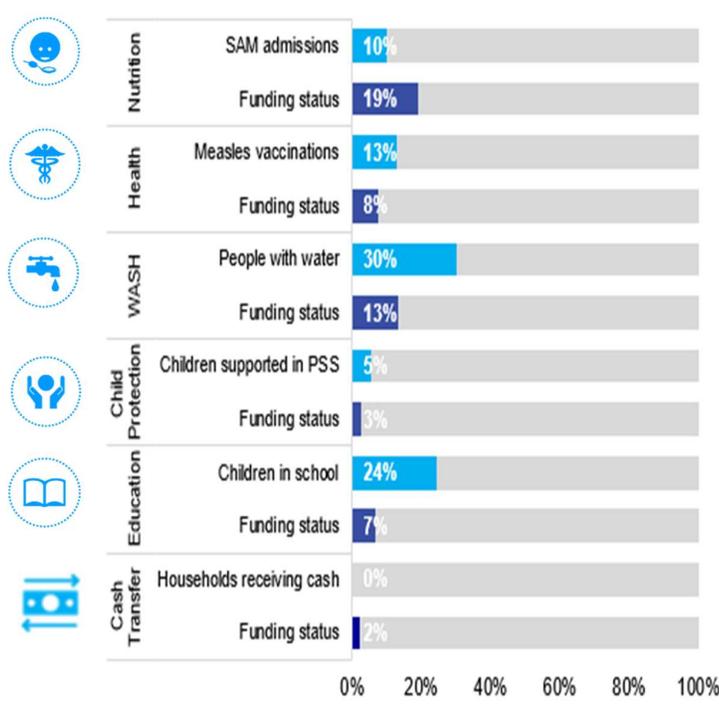
### Situation in Numbers

 **3,200,000** children in need of humanitarian assistance (Humanitarian Needs Overview December 2019)

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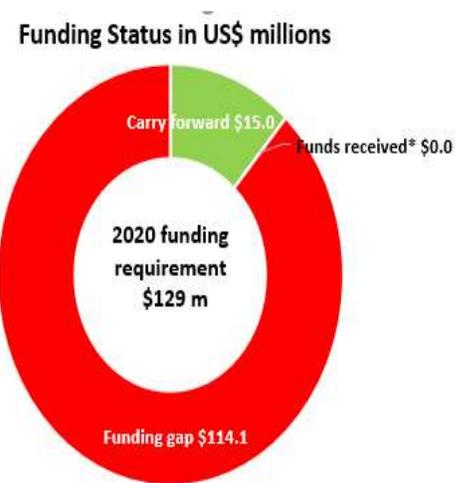
 **2,600,000** Internally displaced people (IDPs) OR refugees (Humanitarian Needs Overview December 2019)

### UNICEF's Response and Funding Status



### UNICEF Appeal 2020

## US\$ 129 million



## Funding Overview and Partnerships

In 2020, UNICEF is appealing for **US\$ 129.1** million to sustain provision of life-saving services including critical nutrition, health, WASH, child protection and education in emergency interventions, as well as cash-based assistance for women and children in Somalia. Continued predictable, flexible and timely donor support is critical to sustaining vital response activities and preventing further deterioration of the situation. The contributions made in 2020 will enable UNICEF and partners to ensure the delivery of humanitarian assistance at scale as a result of droughts, floods and conflict.

## Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

At the start of 2020, Somalia continues to be impacted by the lingering effects of the floods of late 2019. In addition, a locust swarm which emerged in late 2019 grew in size and intensity as it worked its way through the country, impacting the tail end of the *Deyr* cropping season. The impact of the locusts, if control measures are not undertaken, is expected to be significant on the countryside and crops within Somalia as well as other countries throughout the Horn of Africa. As a result of the potential impact of the locust, the Federal Government of Somalia has declared it a national emergency due to the potential heightened risk of food insecurity.

The 2020 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) was launched in 2020 and identified 5.2 million (of which 3.2 million are children) people in need in Somalia. The HRP targets 3 million people and seeks US \$1.03 billion in funding to support life-saving activities and supplies throughout the year<sup>1</sup>. The average to above average rains throughout most of the country in the *Deyr* have led to an improvement in the overall food security situation. However, 1.3 million people are estimated to face food consumption gaps in the country through mid-2020 and an additional 2.8 million to be stressed (IPC phase 2)<sup>2</sup>. Following the post 2019 *Deyr* assessment in January 2020, it is estimated that the number of children estimated to suffer from severe acute malnutrition will be slightly lower at 162,000 than compared to the initial estimate of 178,437 cases in 2020 HRP<sup>3</sup>.

## Summary Analysis of Programme Response

### Nutrition

The emergency nutrition response has maintained its momentum to save lives of the severely acutely malnourished (SAM) children and prevent further occurrence of acute malnutrition. The median global acute malnutrition (GAM) stands at 13.1 per cent as per the assessment of the 2019 *Deyr*, an increase from 12.6 per cent registered in the 2018 *Deyr*<sup>4</sup>. Despite improvement in the food security situation between 2018 and 2019 *Deyr* seasons, with a 16% reduction in population with acute food insecurity, the number of children projected to have acute malnutrition increased by 7%. In January, some 13,200 children were reached with lifesaving SAM treatment by UNICEF and its partners. The proportion of girls reached continues to be much higher than boys at 55 per cent. The nutrition programme continues to prioritize the neediest populations including internally displaced persons (IDPs) and other marginalised population groups. This is premised on the heightened needs of these populations as per 2019 *Deyr* assessment findings. The GAM of Internally Displaced People (IDP) in Bossaso, Gaalkacyo, Mogadishu and Baidoa were above the emergency threshold.

### Health

UNICEF and implementing partners provided emergency life-saving essential care using static health facilities, outreach teams and mobile clinics to reach a reported 102,642 persons of which 50,624 were children under five years and 1,901 people were in IDP camps. Support continued for the Acute Watery Diarrhoea (AWD) outbreak linked to water source contamination and poor sanitation following the post *Deyr* floods affecting mainly Belet Weyne, Lower Shabelle and Hiraan regions. Of the cases cholera was confirmed in 730 out of 965 reported cases of AWD. A two and a half-fold increase in persons with AWD was recorded compared to the same period in 2019 with 76 per cent of the children affected being under the ages of five in flood affected areas and Banadir. In Sanaag region, 23 suspected cases of Diphtheria were managed by UNICEF supported facilities. Of the 23 suspected diphtheria cases, there were two deaths, with two of the cases occurring in children under five years and 21 cases affecting children older than five years.

### WASH

In January, UNICEF continued to provide lifesaving interventions to vulnerable people including IDPs. The flood response through water trucking and chlorination continued in January. A total of 157,446 people in IDP and host community settlements in Gedo, Bay, Middle and Lower Shabelle regions were provided with water through water

<sup>1</sup> 2020 Humanitarian Response Plan Somalia, OCHA, January 2020

<sup>2</sup> <https://news.net-east-africa/somalia/key-message-update/february-3-2020>

<sup>3</sup> Ibid

<sup>4</sup> Ibid

trucking and 100 water wells were chlorinated in flood affected areas of Belet Weyne, Bulo Burto and Jalalaqsi in Hiraan region to benefit 85,563 people. An additional 56,824 people were supported with sustainable water sources in part through the completion of pipe extensions from Boroma town in Awdal region to five IDP settlements outside of the town, providing durable water source to 42,120 people. In emergency sanitation, 4,639 people were reached through new latrines and desludging. Distribution of hygiene kits and promotion continued, reaching 22,729 people in Lower Juba.

## **Education**

Resumption of learning of 27,500 children started in January after schools' closure for two months due to flooding in Hirshabelle. The UNICEF-supported education response to the recovery following the floods targeted 8,966 children. These interventions seek to bring children back to schools, ensure most vulnerable girls and boys remain in schools, and continue to learn in a protected environment. In addition, UNICEF supported through school meals, safe drinking water and teacher incentives 407 IDP children affected by evictions in Mogadishu to resume schooling after two schools were relocated to the newly resettled areas for IDPs. School-based child protection mechanisms are being established to protect children from various forms of violence. To support this programme, 80 teachers were trained on psychosocial first aid and child protection issues as child protection focal points from 40 schools in Bay and Bakool as per the Somalia Education Child Protection response framework. They are expected to support children in need of psychosocial care and those with protection concerns and referral pathways. In January, 31,577 children benefited from safe drinking water and 9,044 children were supported with school feeding. The impact of this programme is aimed at reducing absenteeism, promoting retention of children and mitigating WASH related diseases in schools. In addition, there were 20 UNICEF supported schools in IDP settlements have been connected to piped water for sustainable safe water benefitting 2,203 children.

## **Child Protection**

In January, 33,559 people benefited from UNICEF programmes throughout Somalia, 6,973 people accessed psychosocial support, 641 separated and 441 unaccompanied children were identified and documented. UNICEF and partners supported 6,343 people in community-and-school-based risk awareness and 530 people accessed Gender Based Violence (GBV) response services. To support the flood recovery in Belet Weyne and Bulo Burte UNICEF and partners provided children with psychosocial support and GBV response. There were 719 children formerly associated with armed forces and groups and 195 other vulnerable children who accessed UNICEF-supported reintegration programs. IEC materials, face to face consultations and radio messagers were used to disseminate prevention messaging on mine risk education, child abuse and family separation reached 10,748 children and 6,671 caregivers.

## **Cash-based Programming**

The Nutrition Safety Net Cash Transfers enrolments continued in Wajid and Hudur Districts throughout the month of January targeting households with children with severe acute malnutrition for a monthly cash transfer of US\$ 20. New banking regulations introduced by the financial service provider have resulted in a delay in payments to the households for January. Social behaviour change communication has been integrated into the cash transfers programme and sectoral messaging on WASH, Nutrition and Health have been developed for dissemination to the recipient households.

## **Communications for Development (C4D), Community Engagement & Accountability**

In January C4D activities reached 11,511 people with key messages on AWD/Cholera, safe drinking water, malaria, handwashing, sanitation, breastfeeding, complementary feeding and immunization through house to house visits in four cyclone-affected districts North East Somalia. Other communication and community engagement activities included interpersonal communication training conducted for 49 community mobilizers and four district social mobilization coordinators and regional coordinators prior to the start of all the interventions. Three radio stations were engaged to broadcast key messages, with a total of 900 radio spots broadcast during the month. There were eight community meetings to discuss ways to focus on uplifting the standards of health, nutrition and hygiene, and immunization promotion and were facilitated by a national team comprised of representatives from the Ministry of Health, UNICEF and key partners. The team also provided additional on-the-job training for community mobilisers as well as supportive supervision to ensure quality of interventions. messages.

## **Humanitarian Leadership, Coordination and Strategy**

UNICEF's ongoing humanitarian action focuses on an integrated, inclusive, and multi-sectoral response to residual drought impact, displacement, conflict, disease outbreaks and seasonal floods. In line with the 2020 Somalia

Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP), as well as the Centrality of Protection Strategy, UNICEF's priorities are to provide life-saving services to address critical malnutrition and excess mortality, effectively respond to mounting protection threats and support resilience building and early recovery. UNICEF is also committed to implementing gender-responsive and socially inclusive humanitarian action to ensure those most in need receive the right life-saving services.

UNICEF leads the WASH and Nutrition Clusters and the Child Protection Area of Responsibility and co-leads the Education Cluster with Save the Children. The operational capacity of the UNICEF-led Clusters is significant, with a network of over 240 partners, including sub-regional coordinators in over 15 regions. The network facilitates access to information, coordination and interventions in hard-to-reach and inaccessible areas. UNICEF has also supported gender capacity strengthening through multiple training sessions for Clusters to ensure the drought preparedness and response is gender-responsive and inclusive, including access to gender-based violence (GBV) services and psychosocial support to separated or unaccompanied children. UNICEF and partners engage with the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management (MoHADM) on strengthening collaboration mechanisms for humanitarian response.

## Human Interest Stories and External Media

In January, UNICEF Somalia facilitated the visit of the Danish Ambassador to Somalia, Mette Knudsen, to a UNICEF-supported vocational training centre in Baidoa. At the centre, young people, some of whom were forcibly recruited by Al-Shabaab, are taught job training skills. The Ambassador underscored the Danish government's strong commitment to uphold the protection rights of Somali children and announced an additional contribution of \$7.4 million to UNICEF Somalia – bringing its total contribution to \$17 million. A large portion will go towards supporting former child soldiers rehabilitate and reintegrate back into their communities. In addition, UNICEF, government counterparts and partners will provide a broader range of protection services to children and women whose rights have been violated, including supporting gender-based violence survivors and preventing exploitation of children on the move. The news was disseminated through a [press release](#) and social media platforms.

## Next SitRep: 20 February 2020

UNICEF Somalia Crisis: <https://www.unicef.org/somalia/>

UNICEF Somalia Humanitarian Action for Children Appeal: <http://www.unicef.org/appeals/somalia.html>

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## Annex A

### Summary of Programme Results

Sector	Overall needs	UNICEF and IPs			Cluster/AoR Response		
		2020 target	Total results*	Change since last report ▲ ▼	2020 target	Total results*	Change since last report ▲ ▼
<b>Nutrition</b>							
# of boys and girls 6-59 months with moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) admitted to therapeutic care through the simplified protocol	830,000	43,000 (21,930 G   21,070 B)	456 (251 G   205 B)	0	623,000 (317,730 G   305,270 B)	25,625 (13,734 G   11,891 B)	0
# of boys and girls 6-59 months with severe acute malnutrition admitted to therapeutic care	178,437	133,500 (68,085 G   65,415 B)	13,200 (7306 G   5894 B)	0	178,437 (91,003 G   87,434B)	16,684 (9064 G   7620 B)	0

# of pregnant and lactating women receiving preventative services through supplementary nutrition	562,000	199,500	14,645	0	202,000	18,804	0
# of primary caregivers of children 0-23 months who received counselling on infant and young child feeding	N/A	650,000*	37,340	0	421,696	48,042	0
<b>Health</b>							
# of children vaccinated against measles		99,743 (50,869 G  48,874 B)	12,998 (7014 G  5984 B)	0			
# of emergency-affected pregnant woman receiving delivery services by skilled birth attendants		48,420	3,536	0			
# of people provided with access to essential and life-saving health care services		968,389 (264,719 G  254,337 B  229,160 W  220,173 M)	102,642 (26,700 G  23,924 B  33,047 W  18,971 M)	0			
% of communicable diseases outbreaks investigated and responded to in the first 72 hours		90%	3	0			
<b>WASH</b>							
# of people reached with emergency water services in targeted settlements and communities.	2,400,000	800,000 (240,000 G  248,000 B  168,000 W  144,000 M)	243,009 (50,874 G  44,896 B  72,174 W  75,065 M)	0	2,229,199 (1,049,953 W  1,179,246 M)	251,743 (75,523 G  88,110 B  45,314 W  42,796 M)	0
# of people reached with hygiene promotion activities and hygiene kits distribution in vulnerable settlements and communities.	2,700,000	1,200,000 (360,000 G  372,000 B  252,000 W  216,000 M)	22,729 (6751 G  7021 B  4758 W  4199 M)	0	2,359,564 (1,111,355 W  1,248,209 M)	84,098 (25,230 G  29,434 B  15,137 W  14,297 M)	0
# of people reached with sanitation services in vulnerable settlements and communities.	1,800,000	220,000 (66,000 G  68,200 B  46,200 W  39,600 M)	4,639 (1378 G  1433 B  971 W  857 M)	0	980,221 (461,684 W  518,537 M)	21,173 (6352 G  7411 B  3811 W  3599 M)	0
# of people reached with sustainable access to safe water in targeted settlements and communities.	1,400,000	450,000 (135,000 G  139,500 B  94,500 W  81,000 M)	56,825 (16,877 G  17,553 B  11,896 W  10,499 M)	0	1,249,102 (588,327 W  660,775 M)	68,207 (20,462 G  23,873 B  12,277 B  12,277 W  11,595 M)	0
<b>Child Protection</b>							
# of children participating in community-based mental health and psychosocial support activities, including child friendly spaces	N/A	175,000 (80,000 G  80,000 B  10,000 W  5000 M)	6,973 (2373 G  3196 B  781 W  623 M)	0	310,419 (90,022 G  108,647 B  58,980 W  52,271 M)	7,391 (3184 G  4207 B)	0
# of girls and boys formerly associated with armed forces and armed groups provided with reintegration support	4,000	2,000 (500 G  1500 B)	719 146 G  573 B)	0	3,725 (1080 G  1304 B  708 W  633 M)	719 (146 G  573 B)	0
# of people targeted with rights-based public outreach and awareness raising activities	N/A	200,000 (80,000 G  80,000 B  20,000 W  20,000 M)	17,419 (5554 G  5194 B  4035 W  2636 M)	0	566,205 (164,199 G  198,172 B  107,579 W  96,255 M)	20,983 (7710 G  6997 B  4110 W  2166 M)	0
# of registered unaccompanied and separated children supported with reunification services, family-based care or appropriate alternative care	N/A	8,000 (3000 G  5000 B)	1,052 (382 G  670 B)	0	18,625 (8440 G  10,186 B)	1,741 (701 G  1040 B)	0
# of survivors of gender-based violence accessing a package of GBV services (medical, legal, mental health, psychosocial support and materials)		3,000 (1400 G  70 B  1500 W  30 M)	530 (134 G  16 B  361 W  19 M)	0			
<b>Education</b>							
# children and youth accessing quality formal or non-formal primary education	1,300,000	130,000 (65,000 G  65,000 B)	31,577 (14,409 G  17,168 B)	0	307,283 (150,569 G  156,714 B)	49,200 (22,757 G  26,443 B)	0
# of classrooms constructed or rehabilitated with child friendly and inclusive (incl. children with disabilities) WASH facilities available to emergency-affected school children and youth	N/A	120	3	0	5,000	171	0
# of school children benefitting from emergency teaching and learning materials	1,300,000	130,000 (65,000 G  65,000 B)	4,800 (1920 G  2880 B)	0	307,283 (150,569 G  156,714 B)	31,534 (14,668 G  16,866 B)	0

# teachers supported with emergency incentives	N/A	800 (240 W  560 M)	323 (86 W  237 M)	0	7,300 (3,577 W , 3,723 M)	482 (175 W  307 M)	0
<b>Cash Transfers</b>							
# of vulnerable households received cash transfers		8,000	0	0			

\* The Nutrition target is higher than the Nutrition Cluster target as UNICEF will be programming in an additional 14 districts.

## Annex B

### Funding Status\*

Funding Requirements (as defined in the 2020 Humanitarian Appeal)					
Appeal Sector	Requirements*	Funds available**		Funding gap	
		Funds Received Current Year	Carry-Over	US\$	%
Health	21,346,576	0	2,395,724	18,950,852	89%
Nutrition	33,653,015	0	4,841,503	28,811,512	86%
Education	18,727,500	0	1,328,353	17,399,147	93%
WASH	35,340,722	0	4,916,122	30,424,600	86%
Child Protection	14,256,379	0	533,155	13,723,224	96%
Cash-based response	2,860,790	0	342,683	2,518,107	88%
Cluster/Sector Coordination	2,999,588	0	683,492	2,316,096	77%
<b>Total</b>	<b>129,184,570</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15,041,032</b>	<b>114,143,538</b>	<b>88%</b>

\*Funds available' includes funding received against current appeal as well as carry-forward from the previous year.

UNICEF humanitarian programmes also benefit from resilience funding generously contributed by multiple different donors. Such resources help UNICEF contribute towards both humanitarian efforts and interventions at the nexus between humanitarian and development action for children.