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Laas Caanood Conflict: Situation and Humanitarian Needs Weekly Update

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WASH



35,332

People provided with
Emergency Water

NUTRITION



500

Treated children with
Severe Acute Malnutrition

HEALTH



360

People provided with essential
health services

Highlights

Fighting has entered its fifth week in Laas Caanood, in the contested Sool Region, with intense fighting reported on the outskirts of the town on 6 March, according to local officials cited by media. The international community has continued to advocate for a peaceful resolution to the conflict. The number of displaced people is rising. Between 154,000 and 203,000 individuals have been displaced by the violence, according to estimates made by the authorities in Puntland and Somaliland, respectively. Due to restricted access and secondary and third displacement, humanitarian partners have not been able to verify population numbers on migration.

Summary Analysis of Programme Response



HEALTH

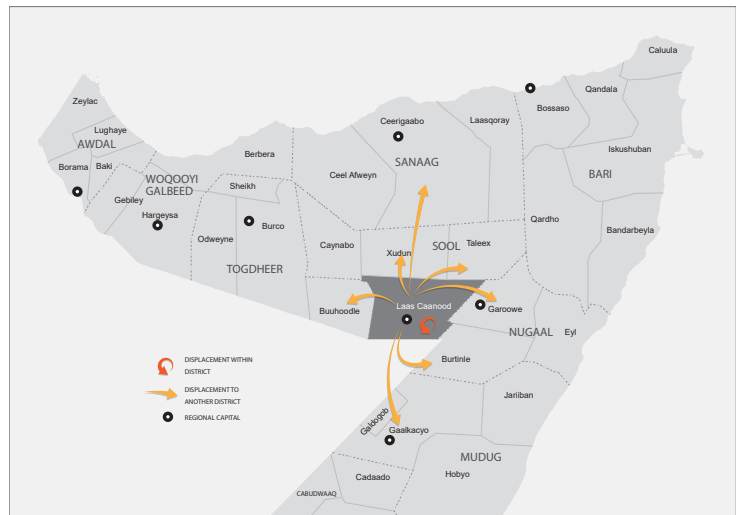
- ✓ A total of 360 people (186 under the age of five) received curative health services
- ✓ A total of 169 children screened for Malnutrition in the Health facilities
- ✓ A total of 50 children with diarrhoea treated in different health facilities



NUTRITION

- ✓ 500 children screened for acute malnutrition. Among these, 28 children with severe wasting were admitted in UNICEF supported treatment program
- ✓ A total of 120 children received micro-nutrient supplementation including Vitamin-A supplements.
- ✓ A total of 669 pregnant and lactating received Nutritional supports including Micro-Nutrient supplementation and Infant young child feeding counselling services

Displacement - Laas Caanood



WASH

- ✓ Approximately 35,332 people are currently receiving from the ongoing emergency water services (7.5 l/p/day).
- ✓ Additionally, 9 onion bladder tanks with a capacity of 10,000 litres were set up in 6 villages of Bocaame and Lascaanood Districts. The onion tanks will serve as temporary water storage for the emergency water trucking activity.

EDUCATION AND CHILD PROTECTION

UNICEF supported the enrollment of 1,260 school age children into the existing schooling facilities. Training of 18 mobile social workers has started for a delivery of child protection services to the affected communities in Laascaanod. The training sessions focused on key components of child protection services including provision of psychosocial support, identification of UASC and other needy children.

Coordination and Management

- ➔ Cluster coordination mechanisms such as WASH, Nutrition, Education and CPAoR are in place and functional.
- ➔ UNICEF and UNICEF partners are actively participating and contributing to the OCHA led inter-agency coordination meetings and assessments.