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Laas Caanood Conflict: Situation and Humanitarian Needs Weekly Update

As of 13th April 2023

Situation and Humanitarian Needs

- Despite increased tensions, the security situation in Laas Caanood has been relatively calm since the intense fighting on March 26.
- More than 30 locations are accessible for both low-profile and high-profile missions, according to a list of areas provided by UNDSS that includes access points from both Somaliland and Puntland field offices.
- Between April 2 and April 10, UNICEF participated in an inter-agency joint assessment mission in nine different locations. The following is a summary of the assessment's main conclusions:
  - The impacted population's most urgent humanitarian needs are food assistance, shelter/NFI, as well as health and nutrition interventions. In every place visited, there has been a significant rise in food costs, with items like rice, flour, oil, and sugar seeing an increase of about 30%.
  - The primary concern of the dipslaced population affected by the Laas Caanod conflict in the areas visited has been identified as lack of sufficient shelter and NFIs.
  - Inadequate health and nutrition services have also been noted as a challenge for IDPs.

Programme Highlights

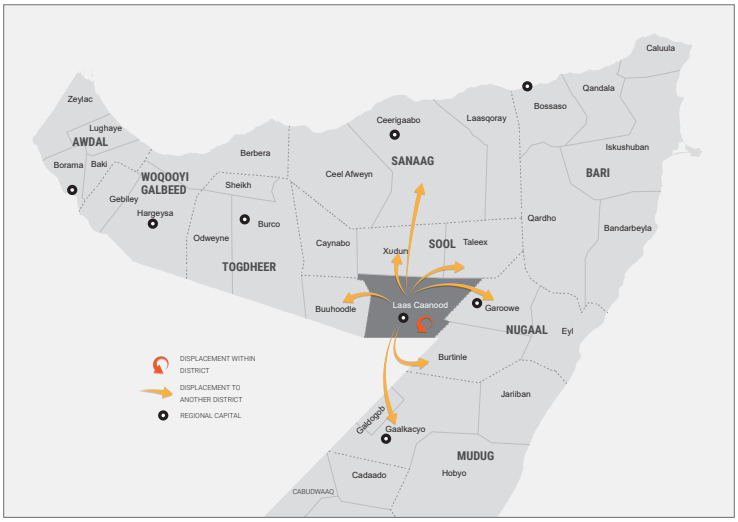
HEALTH

- UNICEF continued to provide incentives and supplies to health facilities for the implementation of integrated health and nutrition services. The Outpatient Department (OPD) has treated over 13,767 patients, including 6,118 children under the age of five. In addition, 792 youngsters were immunized against measles.
- During the reporting week, UNICEF provided life-saving medical supplies worth over US$89 thousand to its implementing partners to sustain the life-saving interventions.

NUTRITION

- To date, 3,606 children have been screened for malnutrition, of which 300 have been admitted to the treatment programme for severe wasting, 20 have been treated in a stabilization center, and 1,700 have been supplemented
- Furthermore, 7,063 pregnant and lactating women have received Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) counseling and health education, exceeding the target of 2,154.
- To support the treatment of children with severe wasting, UNICEF provided essential nutrition supplies worth over US$60 thousand.

Sool Region - Laas Caanood District



WASH

- During the reporting period, UNICEF continued supporting over 35,000 people to access safe and clean water in 19 villages through water trucking.
- About 2,290 people were provided with hygiene kits, aqua tabs and soaps.

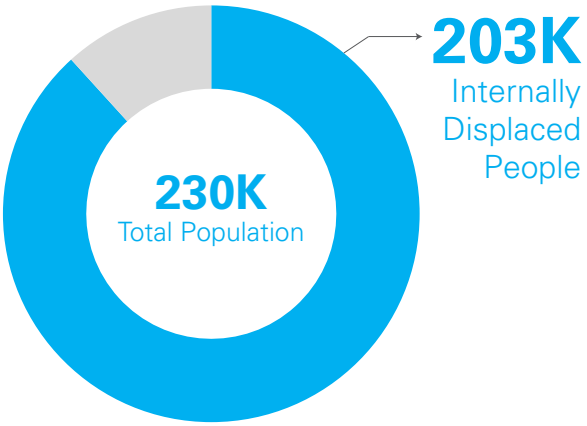
CHILD PROTECTION

- UNICEF continues to deliver essential protection services in the impacted areas through deployed mobile social workers and established safe houses.
- So far, 169 children and caregivers benefited from psychosocial support, and 24 unaccompanied and separated children accessed gender-based violence and PSEA risk mitigation and awareness sessions.

EDUCATION

- UNICEF continues to support an estimated 1,400 children to access education services in schools.

Laas Caanood Displacement



Source: OCHA

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UNICEF RESPONSE

WASH

35,332

# of people reached with temporary safe drinking water through water trucking

2,290

# of people reached with hygiene kits including soaps and aqutabs for water treatment

NUTRITION

3,606

# of children screened for acute malnutrition

300

# of children admitted for OTP SAM treatment

20

# of children admitted for SC SAM treatment

7,763

# of pregnant and lactating women receiving counselling on appropriate IYCF/IYCF-E "

1,700

# of children given Vitamin A supplementation

HEALTH

13,767

# of children over five recieved OPD consultation.

7,262

# of children under five recieved OPD consultation.

565

# of number of diarrhea cases treated in health facilities

975

# of number of children vaccinated measles

EDUCATION

1,400

# of children reached and provided with learning apportunity

27

# of teachers reached and supported to continue teaching affected children

792

# of learning Spaces established and operationalized

CHILD PROTECTION

3,988

# of children and caregivers accessing mental health and psychosocial support through mobile social workers and child friendly spaces with intersectoral programming interventions disaggregated by sex.

245

# of unaccompanied and separated girls and boys registered with family tracing and reunification services and family- based care or appropriate alternative services disaggregated by sex.

51

# of CAAFAC identified, screened and provided with community-based reintegration services including vocational educational.

5,416

# of persons reached with IEC material with key CP messages on prevention of family separation, mine risk awareness, prevention of GBV, SEA & child marriage and prevention of child recruitment

Coordination

- OCHA and WFP held the first subnational logistics meeting on Laas Caanood. The objective of the meeting was to identify logistical challenges encountered by partners on the ground and to coordinate aid delivery to affected populations.
- The Child Protection team from the Somaliland and Puntland field offices coordinated a joint mission to Sool in order to monitor ongoing responses and promote a coordinated implementation of interventions.

Challenges/Recommendations

- Additional funds and supplies (such as hygiene kits, High energy biscuits, and medical supplies) are needed to meet the growing humanitarian needs of the displaced populations and maintain the ongoing interventions.

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