

UNICEF Uganda Karamoja Response Report No. 3 (July 2022)



A medical staff being supported by a VHT to conduct screening at Nadunget HCIII in Moroto DLG

Situation Overview

- **The findings from the recent mass screening reveal that acute malnutrition levels remain critical** (25 per cent in Kaabong and 14 per cent in Moroto), with a high percentage of the eligible children not being enrolled into therapeutic care.
- **Mass screening has improved the enrolment of malnourished children into therapeutic care.** A scale up for mass screening and referral is urgently required to the rest of the districts in order to reverse the effects of increased malnutrition levels.

UNICEF's Humanitarian Response

Health & Nutrition

- **A total of 61,786 children aged 6-59 months have been reached in Kaboong and Moroto,**
- **12,971 of the projected cases of SAM have been treated** or are undergoing treatment in the region with 140 health facilities providing Outpatient Therapeutic Center (OTC) services (57per cent).
- **11,946 cartons of Ready to Use Therapeutic Feed (RUTF), 91 cartons of F75, 15 cartons of F100 and two cartons of ReSoMal delivered** to all the nine districts of Karamoja to support the treatment of malnutrition and to ease the last mile delivery of nutrition supplies.
- **rehabilitation of Inpatient Treatment Centres (ITC)** in Moroto, Amudat and Nakapiripit districts to manage the increasing acute malnutrition cases.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

- **Five boreholes have been rehabilitated in Moroto district** and are in use benefiting an estimated 1,500 affected people.
- **Training of 35 water user committee members at the five water points** conducted and community sensitization on household sanitation and hygiene is ongoing in Moroto district.

Child Protection

- **120 para social workers were provided with key nutrition messages in Karenga district** reaching 1,200 households with integrated nutrition messages and ensuring safety for children.
- **Children victims of Violence Against Children (VAC) have been provided with case management services** including the following;
 - i) A total of 114 children (38 boys & 76 girls) were provided with basic Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) in Moroto, Kotido and Kaabong districts.
 - ii) 47 malnourished and hunger-stricken children (15 boys & 32 girls) were provided with basic food items in Kotido and Moroto districts.

Social Behaviour Change (SBC)

- **A total of 1,410 Village Health Team (VHT) members (906 in Kaabong and 504 in Moroto) and 705 Local Council one (LCI) chairpersons from 252 and 453 villages** in Moroto and Kaabong districts respectively were trained on how to use Mid Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) tapes during house-to-house nutrition screening and provision of integrated key messages to over 169,200 people.
- **700 maternal, infant, young child, and adolescent nutrition (MIYCAN) job aid counselling cards were printed and disseminated** to each VHT in an effort to scale up the identification of households with children aged 6 to 59 months requiring nutrition services for referral and provision of key nutrition messages on the management and prevention of wasting. Over 28,000 children were referred from the community for appropriate nutrition care and management.
- **A total of 71 Manyatta Wagons and community barazas have been conducted** through which 132,523 people were reached with integrated social behaviour change messages on nutrition and mass screening.

Humanitarian Coordination

At national level, a light Humanitarian Coordination Team (HCT-L) & Humanitarian Inter Agency Coordination Group (HICG) with active participation from UNICEF is ongoing. These platforms bring together heads of UN agencies and technical focal persons supporting the Karamoja Response from different Organisations including NGOs to ensure common strategies and targets.

At field level, UNICEF is the secretariat and chair of the weekly Nutrition and Health Partners Coordination meeting in Karamoja. This forum brings together relevant UN agencies, implementing partners as well as the district local governments and Moroto Regional Referral Hospital (RRH) to deliberate on the response.

UNICEF has internally established a special Emergency Management Team (EMT) meeting for Karamoja response to ensure smooth coordination and alignment of interventions and address any emerging issues as they arise.

Funding Overview

UNICEF Uganda is appealing for US\$12 million for the Karamoja response as part of the 2022 Humanitarian Action for Children (HAC) and resilience building efforts. UNICEF has so far received US\$2.8 million, a generous contribution from UNOCHA and Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), leaving a funding gap of US\$9.2 million or 77 per cent.

Overall HAC funding

Funding requirements 2022					
Sector	HAC Requirements	Funds available		Funding gap	
		Humanitarian resources received in 2022	Resources available from 2021 (carry-over)	US\$	%
Nutrition	4,884,958	2,302,938	70,272	2,511,748	51
Health and HIV and AIDS	6,981,458	1,336,081	316,010	5,329,367	76
Water, sanitation & hygiene	4,949,473	1,213,810	44,308	3,691,355	75
Child protection, GBViE and PSEA	4,491,123	404,311	428,460	3,658,352	81
Education	3,692,988	221,097	0	3,471,892	94
Total	25,000,000	5,478,237	859,050	18,662,713	75

Karamoja Response Funding table¹

Funding requirements 2022/2023				
Sector	Karamoja Requirements	Funds available	Funding gap	
		Humanitarian resources received in 2022	US\$	%
Nutrition	7,298,400	2,302,938	4,995,462	68
Health and HIV and AIDS	649,200	89,836	559,364	86
Water, sanitation & hygiene	2,754,000	138,472	2,615,528	95
Child protection, GBViE and PSEA	1,298,400	273,009	1,025,391	79
Total	12,000,000	2,804,255	9,195,745	77

The next update will be provided on 12 August

¹ To meet immediate response needs, UNICEF Uganda reallocated funds totalling US\$400,000 to support mass screening, integrated outreaches and facilitation for consultants in Kaabong and Moroto districts for continuity of provision of nutrition services

Annex A: Karamoja Response²: Summary of Programme Results (draft)

	Total in need	UNICEF Target	Achieved Result
Health			
Number of children (Boys and girls) vaccinated against measles		56,709	8,433
Proportion of targeted children (Boys and girls) vaccinated against measles	53,561 (100%)	90	13.4%
Number of primary healthcare consultations provided (children and women accessing primary health care in UNICEF-supported facilities)	N/A	44,940	
Nutrition			
Number of children screened for acute malnutrition (children < 5)	191,707	22,740	2 DLGs: 61,786 (Kja:146,920)
Number of children aged 6 to 59 months admitted in SAM treatment programme	91,600	15,918	5,946
Percentage of children aged 6-59 months who were admitted for SAM treatment and recovered (SAM recovery rate) [>75%]	75%	75%	74%
Number of children aged 6-59 months receiving vitamins and/or micronutrient supplements	198,050	150,000	85,899 (Vit. A)
Proportion of targeted people receiving vitamins and/or micronutrient supplement	100%	80	136%
Number of children 12-59 months who received deworming medicine in a) first semester, and b) in the second semester	580,450	139,990	167,364
Percentage of health facilities reporting no stock out of SAM supplies	140	80	74%
Number of people in community awareness sessions on maternal, infant and young child feeding in emergencies	9,500 PLWs	139,715	21,654
Child Protection			
Number of children receiving protection support (e.g. family tracing, reunification, reintegration, case management services, etc)		1,200	47
Number of children and parents/caregivers accessing mental health and psychosocial support		6,420	141
Number of people who participate in social and behaviour change communication interventions promoting elimination of violence against children		10,300	120
WASH			
Number of people accessing sufficient and safe water for drinking, cooking and/or personal hygiene use as per agreed sector standard	³ 186,000	12,000	1,500
Number of people benefiting from hygiene promotion through Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) in 40 villages.	20,000	20,000	4,324
Cross -sectoral (Risk Communication and Community engagement)			
People engaged in risk communication and community engagement actions	1,245,600	1,245,600	132,523

² Period= May and June 2022 (since the response started)

Coverage= Whole region, but more numbers contributed by Moroto & Kaabong where UNICEF had intensified support

Source documents= 2022 IPC analysis targets, DHSI-2 and activity reports

³ Water access based on 30 % of unserved population of Kaabong, Karenga, Moroto and Nabilatuk