



Somalia: El Niño response

In numbers

500,000-900,000 people likely to be affected (not all requiring assistance)

About 200,000 people expected to be assisted by WFP

Funding Update

- Total resource needs for immediate El Niño response (initial 3 months): **USD 16 million**
- Funds received so far: **USD 4 million**

WFP is grateful for the donor support received so far. In addition, WFP has made use of internal funding mechanisms to support preparedness and response actions.

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Highlights

- WFP has provided over 28,000 people affected by the flooding in Middle Shabelle, Hiran and Lower Juba with emergency relief.
- WFP is using prepositioned logistical assets, including boats and helicopter, to assist people in areas where road access is compromised.
- WFP has airlifted nutrition products to Somaliland to respond to rising levels of malnutrition.

Situation Update

- The food security and nutrition situation in Somalia continues to be extremely fragile: Over 1 million* people are acutely food insecure and require assistance and an estimated 308,000 children* under the age of five are acutely malnourished. Overall, 4.9 million* people are in need of life-saving and livelihood support.
- El Nino conditions have led to drought in Somaliland and heavy rains in other parts of the country. In the southern and central parts of the country, rivers have started to overflow leading to flooding around the Shabelle and Juba river valleys and forcing people to leave their homes. In Somalia, a country that is still recovering from a catastrophic crisis in 2011, flooding and drought conditions will lead to a significant deterioration in the already fragile food security and nutrition situation.
- Somaliland is seeing one of the driest years in memory: due to severe shortages of water and the deaths of livestock, about 60,000 people are in need of assistance.

WFP Preparedness & Response

- **Target populations/beneficiaries:** WFP is planning to assist up to 200,000 people affected by flooding and displacement in and around Beletweyne, Bullo Burti, Jalalaqsi, Jowhar, Balad, Awdegele, Kurtwewene Jamama and Kismayo. In Somaliland, WFP's emergency response is targeting up to 60,000 people affected by drought.

- All response activities—in-kind as well as cash-based transfers— will be implemented through an electronic management platform (SCOPE) for biometric registration and verification of transfers by beneficiaries.



Food Assistance

- WFP has provided 12,000 people in Beletweyne with **emergency food (High Energy Biscuits)**. The local authorities have requested the start of the cooked meals programme. WFP is conducting an assessment to verify the need to start the intervention. **Cooked meals** can be provided within 24 hours.
- About 12,000 people in Jowhar and Balad districts in Middle Shabelle have received **emergency relief** rations.
- WFP has distributed High Energy Biscuits to 4,000 people near Kismayo. 3,000 children in the area have received nutrition assistance.

WFP Beneficiaries		
Location	Beneficiaries	Activity
Beletweyne	12,000 people	High Energy Biscuits
Balad	9,798 people	Emergency relief
Jowhar	2,400 people	Emergency relief
Kismayo	4,000 people	High Energy Biscuits
Kismayo	3,000 children	Nutrition assistance



Logistics

- Using prepositioned **boats**, WFP has transported 65 metric tonnes of commodities to areas inaccessible by road.
- WFP's cargo plane has airlifted 5 metric tonnes of **nutrition products** to Somaliland to respond to rising levels of malnutrition.
- WFP has transported 200 metric tonnes of **food and nutrition products** by helicopter to **Bule Burte**.
- WFP has provided the local authority in Jowhar with **50,000 empty bags** to strengthen river banks at risk of breaking.

Clusters



Food Security Cluster

- The Food Security Cluster continues to work with partners to map ongoing activities and ensure coordination of preparedness and response. In collaboration with SWALIM, the Cluster is monitoring and disseminating information on El Niño to its regional coordination hubs in Somalia.



Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster continues to coordinate the response with other humanitarian partners and clusters and provide updates on road and airstrip conditions. The Cluster is coordinating logistics services (shipments and air and road transport) for humanitarian items on cost-recovery bases.

Partnerships



- WFP has put in place agreements with Cooperating Partners. These are allowing WFP to respond immediately with the assistance of Cooperating Partners in the field.

Resourcing Update



- WFP is facing shortfalls of over US\$70 million through April 2016 for its overall operation (PRRO 200443). The new emergency caseload is of a magnitude that the operation will not be able to accommodate with current resources and projected shortfalls.

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WFP Operation in Somalia (overall)

	Project Duration	Planned number of people 2015	Total requirements 2015 (in US\$)	Total received 2015 (in US\$)	Funding requirements (Nov-Apr 2016)
PRRO 200443	2013-2015	1.93 million	276 million	118 million	70 million