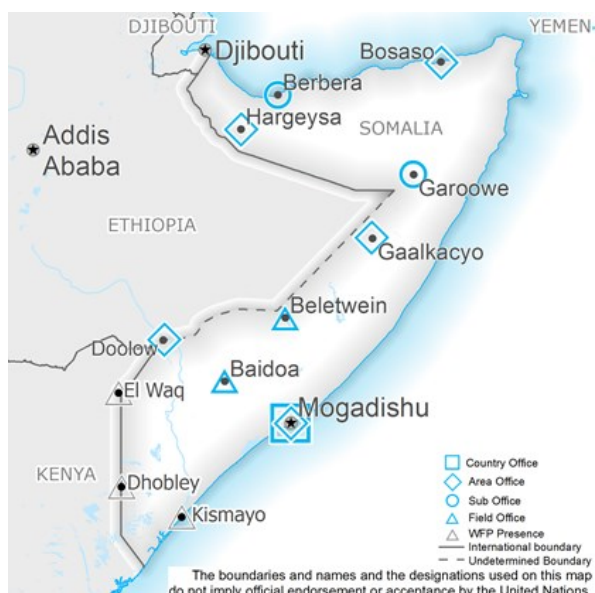




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Highlights

- WFP is providing about 2,400 people displaced by flooding in Middle Shabelle with emergency relief.
- Prepositioning of food and nutrition products for one month in areas likely to be affected by flooding has been completed.
- 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: 855,000 people* are acutely food insecure and require assistance and an estimated 214,700 children under the age of five are acutely malnourished. Overall, 3.2 million* people are in need of life-saving and livelihood support.
- The 2015 El Niño event could be among the strongest on record. 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 some people to leave their homes. In Somalia, a country which is still recovering from a catastrophic crisis in 2011, large scale flooding will have a devastating impact and lead to a further deterioration of the fragile food security and nutrition situation.
- Somaliland is seeing one of the driest years in memory: due to severe shortages of food and water and the deaths of livestock, over 10,000 families are in need of assistance.

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.

WFP Preparedness & Response

- **Target populations/beneficiaries:** WFP is ready to assist up to 200,000 people affected by flooding and displacement in and around Beletweyne, Bulo Burte, Jalalaqsi, Jowhar, Balad, Awdegle, Kurtweene Jamama and Kismayo. In Somaliland, WFP's emergency response will target up to 60,000 people affected by drought.

*as at Post-Gu assessment released in August 2015.

- 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 started responding and is assisting about **2,400 displaced people in Mahadey** district in Middle Shabelle (Xaanooleey, Buurfuule and Duunsuule) with emergency relief.
- WFP and partners are **preparing to provide 1,800 people displaced in Kamsuma** village near Kismayo in Lower Juba with High Energy Biscuits and cash-based transfers in the coming days.
- WFP and partners in the Shabelle river **prepare to open kitchens** to be able to provide cooked meals within 24 hours of displacement.

WFP is planning to assist up to 200,000 people through emergency food assistance (High Energy Biscuits, cooked meals) and nutrition assistance. After the flooding has receded, WFP is planning to provide 'return rations' and support communities with asset creation programmes to rehabilitate infrastructure in areas most affected by the flooding.



Logistics

- WFP has **completed the pre-positioning** of food for one month, including High Energy Biscuits and nutrition products in accessible areas expected to see an influx of people, including Beletweyne, Jowhar, Balcad and Afgoye.
- Responding to rising levels of malnutrition, WFP has airlifted **nutrition products to Somaliland to support the emergency response**.
- WFP has transported **food and nutrition products** by helicopter to **Bule Burte, a town expected to be affected by the flooding**.
- WFP has prepositioned a **cargo aircraft, helicopter and seven motorised boats** in strategic locations to be able to access flood affected areas.
- WFP has provided the local authority in Jowhar with **56,000 empty bags** to strengthen river banks at risk of breaking.

Clusters



Food Security Cluster

- Over the past week, the Food Security Cluster has worked with its operational 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 held stakeholder meetings 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) and has been forced to significantly reduce its assistance by cutting rations and suspending activities. 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