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### Key Issues

- Humanitarian Partners supporting Somali Regional Health Bureau response to AWD
- A New Drought has started in south eastern parts of Ethiopia
- Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) to provide livelihood support to refugees and host community in Gambella

Drought exacerbated by El Niño, combined with extensive flooding, disease outbreaks and the disruption of basic public services, continue to have a negative impact on the lives and livelihoods of 9.7 million Ethiopians. Urgent funding gaps for the response remain across multiple sectors to the end of 2016, notably for response to Acute Watery Diarrhoea (AWD), for interventions in animal health and food assistance. Major funding requirements to address huge humanitarian recovery needs and the impact of a La Nina and negative Indian Ocean Dipole induced drought are anticipated for early 2017, notably.

### Humanitarian Partners Support Somali Regional Health Bureau Response to AWD

In the wake of acute watery diarrhoea (AWD) situation in Somali region, a command post has been established to coordinate various pillars of activities: surveillance, case management, social mobilization, WaSH and logistics. One of first steps currently ongoing is stakeholders mapping and updating of the AWD Response Plan document; 6 *woredas* of Fafan zone are currently affected by AWD. Additionally, combination of the outbreak and water shortage in some areas of Doollo (1 *woreda*), Shabelle (1 *woreda*), Erer (1 *woreda*), Sitti (3 *woredas*), require increased response and resource mobilization. Critical water shortage has been reported in most areas of Somali region.

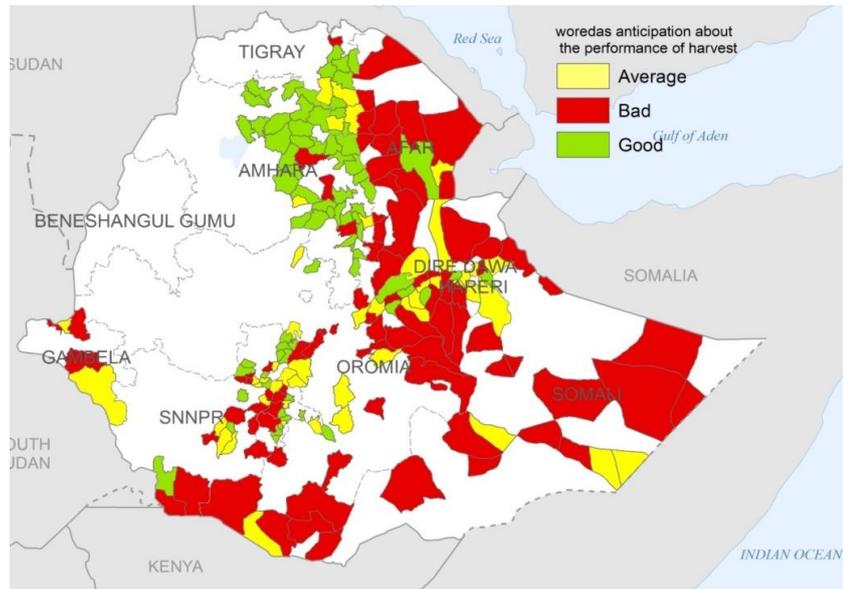
According to the WaSH Cluster, there is adequate stock of water treatment chemicals and WaSH NFIs at the regional water bureau, and the UNICEF and Save the Children warehouses. Representative of the national WaSH Cluster and the Ministry of Water, Irrigation and Electricity are planning a visit to Somali region soon to monitor the response. Additionally, WaSH response in internally displaced people (IDP) sites of Qoloji and AWD affected *woredas* is ongoing and supplies are closely monitored.

### A New Drought has started in Ethiopia

A joint call-around survey conducted by the National Disaster Risk Management Commission and UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs has gathered that a new drought caused by failed *dyer/hagayya* rains is affecting south eastern parts of Ethiopia.

Of the 212 *woredas* contacted by the survey, 93 *woredas* anticipate bad *meher* harvest performance, 47 *woredas* an average harvest while 72

*woredas* anticipate a good harvest. In Oromia, 32 *woredas* anticipate bad harvest, 21 *woredas* expect an average harvest and 8 *woredas* a good harvest. For SNNPR, the survey showed 15 *woredas* facing the possibility of a bad harvest, 12 *woredas* an average harvest and 19 *woredas* a good harvest. The Call-around was carried out between 10-20 October 2016.



### Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) to Provide Livelihood Support to Refugees and Host Community in Gambella

Assessment to the livelihood situation of recent refugees' influx in Gambella identified that the coverage of livelihood intervention in the refugees' camp is limited in scope and quantity. FAO is planning to scale up livelihood interventions such as provision of vegetable seeds, to both refugees and host community, provision of improved crop seed to the host community and strengthening of animal health delivery to both refugees and host community in November.

Consensus is reached by partners to conduct comprehensive livelihood assessment involving all implementing partners including UN agencies. Currently, Gambella hosts nearly 71,000 South Sudanese refugees.

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