Current Nutrition Situation

The admissions trends in Somalia remained relatively high in 2017 compared to the previous 2 years. The post Gu survey results showed that at least 1.2 million children will be at risk of malnutrition with about 231,829 suffering life threatening severe acute malnutrition (SAM). The nutrition Cluster partners scaled up the emergency response reaching 376,549 SAM beneficiaries, 579,000 moderately malnourished beneficiaries and about 227,000 pregnant and lactating women with life saving interventions.

The nutrition situation is likely to remain the same with limited funding that has forced some actors to close some sites that were opened during emergency.

NB: By the end of July, other actors admitted 20,112 beneficiaries into the SAM program. This could not be included in the graph because the admissions were not submitted in months but rather lumpsum.
Providing the complex nature of causality & the heavy burden of malnutrition besides the high susceptibility of malnourished children to death, it’s by far & large paramount to put collective effort in prevention & treatment of malnutrition multi-sectorially in an integrated manner. Additionally, it is imperative to protect households and build resilience to minor shock & alleviate economic hardship by preserving vital/limited assets. Preventative programs to circumvent malnutrition through early action interventions to those most at risk are essential. Over 1 million children & pregnant and nursing women would benefit from lifesaving preventative nutrition programs that aims to break the intergenerational cycle of hunger.

**Preventive Nutrition Program Totals (Jan-Dec. 2017)**

- IYCF - 394,809
- MCHN - 289,734
- BSFP - 205,580
- TSFP PLWs - 227,017

**SAM with Complications**

**Total Cluster SAM/TSFP<5 Years Response**

**SAM Response by Region**

**Global Acute Malnutrition Prevalence**

- GAM <10%
- GAM 10-14.9%
- GAM >15%

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