

Rapid Response Team (RRT) Response to El Niño







17 November 2023

Situation overview

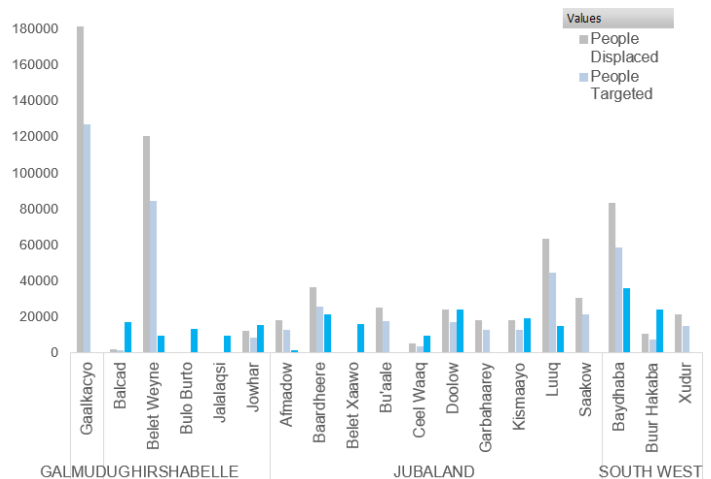
Children, their families and communities in Somalia are feeling the impact of an El Niño phenomenon that has affected over 1.7 million people, upward from 1.17 million in just one week, also doubling the number of displaced people to 649,000. The shock is largely borne by children in South West State where 454,320 people are impacted, followed by Gedo region in Jubaland State (291,765 people) and Mudug region in Galmudug State (213,356 people). There have been at least 40 fatalities, 40 per cent of them children, while more than 125,000 people have relocated to higher ground, adding to the current displacement caused by conflict and most recently drought. Children account for 54% of all acute watery diarrhea (AWD) cases where under-fives contribute to half of new cases. With clusters of confirmed cholera cases during floods, there is concern of a surge in infections particularly among children.

UNICEF deployed over 35 personnel in **Beletweyne, Jowhar, Balcad, Buloburte, Jalalaqsi, Kismayo, Dollow and Baidoa** with integrated services in emergency WASH, protection, health, nutrition and education. UNICEF clusters have deployed sub-cluster coordination in flood affected areas with support of partners.

UNICEF Priority Actions

	259,200 primary caregivers of children 0-23 months receive IYCF counselling 132,265 children with SAM aged 6-59 months treated
	407,347 people with access to WASH services 67,891 households receiving hygiene kits
	265,400 children reached with child protection and GBV awareness 1200 UASCs supported with mobile CP teams
	86,000 children accessing education services
	204,000 children vaccinated against measles and supplemented with Vitamin A 406,107 people accessing emergency health care
	780,000 people reached with life-saving messages on key behaviours

Highlights: UNICEF and Partners Reach



Jubaland State

In Gedo region, gender-based violence prevention, response and risk mitigation activities reached 4,985 individuals in October (1,406 girls, 1019 boys, 1,632 women and 928 men.)

Dollow: UNICEF dispatched a boat to support the evacuation of landlocked households. Distribution of 1,500 hygiene kits commenced in Ladan (500), Kabasa (500) and Garbolow (500).

Luuq: UNICEF with partner Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) is currently constructing 5,000-liter water storage tanks in 10 schools.

Baardhere: UNICEF is scheduled to distribute 1,500 hygiene kits in partnership with Gargaar Relief and Development Organization (GREDO) and another 2,000 kits in partnership with Himilo Relief and Development Association (HIRDA).

Elwak: UNICEF is set to distribute 1,500 hygiene kits with Soma-Action International Fund (SOMA-Action), Active in Development Aid (ADA) and ARDA.

Rapid Response Teams Outcomes

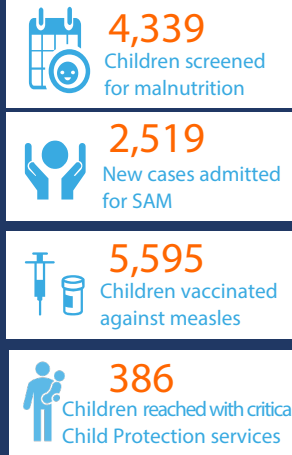


155,846 →
People reached

96,625
Children reached



Results as of 17 November 2023



Hiraan Region (Hirshabelle State)

Throughout Hirshabelle, 190 flood-affected children received measles vaccines, 1,775 women and children received emergency health care services and 8,070 children were screened for severe wasting.

Beletweyne: UNICEF is providing integrated health and nutrition services, coupled with the delivery of targeted hygiene messages in 11 sites, nutrition services in 3 sites and nutrition supplies in the remaining 13 of a total of 27 higher ground sites.

UNICEF participated in two flood task force meetings. A total of 788 of the affected children were admitted into UNICEF supported facilities and treated for severe acute malnutrition (SAM). A total of 5,281 caregivers were reached with infant and young child feeding (IYCF) messages. UNICEF supported the Ministry of Health in providing health services to the affected population in three flooded districts through three mobile teams. In Beletweyne, 1,618 people were

reached with hygiene promotion messages and 6,500 hygiene kits are currently being distributed across Hirshabelle state.

Jowhar: UNICEF supported the Ministry of Health in providing health services to the affected population in three affected districts through a mobile team.

Balcad: UNICEF supported the Ministry of Health in providing health services to the affected population in three affected districts through a mobile team.

Bay Region (South West State)

Baidoa and Berdale: In Southwest State (Bay and Bakool), 699 individuals (131 girls, 133 boys, 322 women and 113 men) were reached with gender-based violence, prevention, response and risk mitigation activities. In Baidoa, 63 children from flood affected households received measles vaccines, while 2,310 accessed emergency healthcare services at UNICEF-supported facilities.

A total of 110 community social mobilizers received training on the EI-Niño preparedness response package in Baidoa and Berdale districts. A total of 16,252 individuals (6,814 males and 9,437 females) were reached and offered comprehensive information on EI-Niño preparedness and response, as part of UNICEF's social and behavior change package in Baidoa and Berdale districts.

In Baidoa, UNICEF partner DMO screened and admitted 293 children for severe wasting. Infant and Young Child feeding (IYCF) knowledge was provided to 203 caregivers (68 male and 135 female). UNICEF has prepositioned 7,290 hygiene supplies in Baidoa. Additional 3,000 kits reaching 18,000 people have been released to WASH partners. 50 shallow wells were chlorinated, providing safe drinking water to 1,571 people in Baidoa. UNICEF with the Ministry of Water plans to provide emergency water supply and hygiene kits to 4,036 households.

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