Eastern Africa, Regional Overview

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78 million people face acute hunger across Eastern Africa.

South Sudan, Sudan, Ethiopia and Somalia hotspots of highest concern.

Conflict, climate-induced shocks and costs are key drivers.

Outlook for 2023 is grim - needs could exceed 2022 levels.
2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- **43.5 million people** reached – historic high
- **Funding raised at** record level of USD 4.09 billion
- **Famine kept at bay in Somalia** - 6.4 million beneficiaries assisted
- **CBT boosted at scale:** USD 750 million transferred in 2022 - 70 percent increase compared to 2021
- **USD 300 million from World Bank** for national social protection programmes
- **Ebola outbreak** in Uganda contained
- **341 MT of food moved** - injecting USD 554 million into local economy
Worst drought in four decades in Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya and Djibouti

23 million people affected by drought

WFP relief assistance more than doubled in 2022

USD 2.4 billion required to support 8.8 million people in 2023
23.6 million people facing hunger across Ethiopia

Progress on peace in the North but drought continues in the South

Armed conflict intensifying in Oromia and Amhara regions

USD 453 million required for the next six months
Famine kept at bay for now

Unprecedented expansion of food and nutrition support

Investment in recovery and sustainable resilience required

USD 480 million required for next six months
Persistent violence remains driver for humanitarian needs and displacement

Half the population food insecure and impacted by climate shocks

Strengthened coordination with local government to support resilience

USD 582 million required for the next six months
GOOD NEWS FROM THE REGION

Localisation agenda

Partnership with UNEP

Resilience building with foundations

Water engagement

Advancing Innovation

Going green
Funding needs for 2023 projected at USD 6.5 billion

Unprecedented needs outpacing funding

Record contributions received in 2022 but not enough

Increased funding from IFIs and private sector
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