



# COST OF INACTION UNICEF SOMALIA

MAY 2021

## Humanitarian Situation in Somalia

Somalia is one of the most complex and protracted humanitarian crises in the world. Recurrent climatic shocks, particularly drought and floods, conflict and the additional impact of COVID-19 is pushing Somali children and their families to the brink.



**5.9 million**

people need urgent humanitarian assistance including 3.4 million children



**2 million children**

displaced



**3.9 million people**

need immediate access to lifesaving healthcare



**1.4 million school aged children**

nearly half girls, need humanitarian assistance to keep them learning



**1.2 million people**

in need of emergency WASH services



**2.6 million people**

are facing high levels of food insecurity



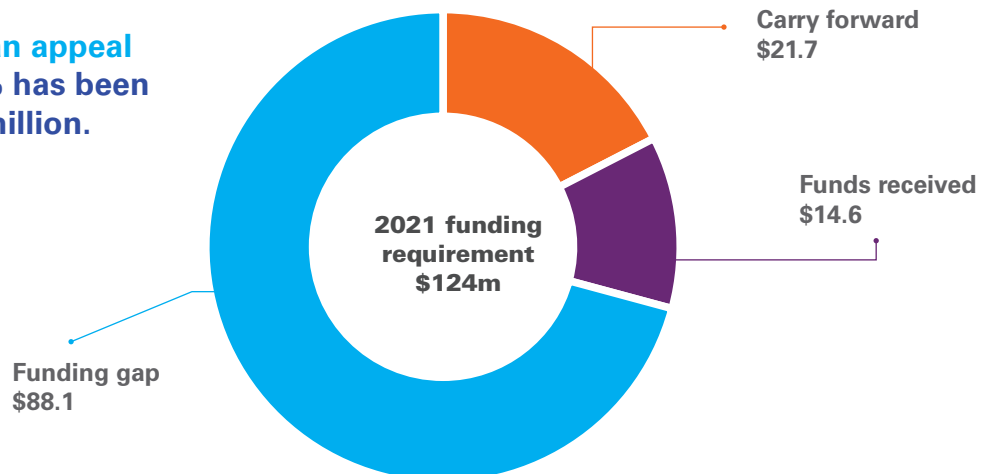
**1.8 million children**

require emergency protection services

## Funding status

UNICEF's total humanitarian appeal is \$124 million. To date, 29% has been funded with a gap of \$88 million.

- Carry Forward
- Funds Received
- Funding Gap



## We need to act now

Flexible and predictable humanitarian funding is urgently needed to avoid a humanitarian disaster in Somalia. Somalia is a chronically underfunded emergency and if financial shortages persist, access to life-saving services will be severely disrupted, risking the lives of countless children. Donor support is critical if we are to meet the basic humanitarian needs of Somali women and children.

### The cost of inaction for 2021

#### Health



**Funding required: \$18 million**  
**41% funded**

- > An estimated 800,000 people, including 200,000 children, will not be able to access basic healthcare.
- > More than 65,000 children will not be vaccinated against measles in high burden areas.
- > 1,740 frontline health workers will not receive essential training on infection prevention and control to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

#### **\$1.9 million needed for the next 3 months for priority interventions:**

- > Life-saving essential health care services - fixed and mobile.
- > Training of frontline and community health workers on basic case management, IPC and RCCE.
- > Ensure community engagement for prevention and control of epidemic prone diseases (e.g. AWD/Cholera, COVID-19, measles).

#### Nutrition



**Funding required: \$32.5 million**  
**47% funded**

- > 1 million children will be acutely or severely malnourished.
- > In the last quarter of 2021, 100,000 children with severe acute malnutrition will not receive lifesaving treatment due to a break in the pipeline.

#### **\$2.8 million is needed for the next 3 months for priority interventions:**

- > Provision of lifesaving nutrition treatment for children affected with SAM and MAM.
- > Provision of malnutrition prevention services to children, pregnant and lactating women.
- > Prepositioning of curative and preventive nutrition supplies.

#### WASH



**Funding required: \$33 million**  
**18% funded**

- > 500,000 people, including 290,000 children, will no longer have access to safe water and sanitation services.
- > 400,000 IDPs will be at extreme risk of AWD/cholera and malnutrition.

#### **\$2.5 million needed for the next 3 months for priority interventions:**

- > Emergency WASH supplies including hygiene kits.

## Child Protection



**Funding required: \$19 million**  
**23% funded**

- > Diminished protective environment for 1.1 million people.
- > Over 57,000 children (48% per cent girls) most at-risk and survivors of violence, including GBV, will not have access to case management services.
- > Over 1,500 children formerly associated with armed forces and groups will not get the highly specialized protection and reintegration services they require.
- > Over 120,000 children and caregivers will not have comprehensive mental health and psychosocial support services.

#### **\$1.5 million needed for the next 3 months for priority interventions:**

- > Monitoring and reporting grave child rights violations.
- > Case management for children at risk and GBV survivors.
- > Reintegration services for children formerly associated with armed forces and groups.
- > Mental health and psychosocial support services for children and caregivers.

## Education



**Funding required: \$19 million**  
**16% funding received**

- > 165,000 crisis affected children will miss out on learning opportunities.
- > 100,000 children will no longer have access to WASH services in schools.

#### **\$1.6 million needed for the next 3 months for priority interventions:**

- > Provision of education supplies.
- > Provision of safe water in schools.
- > Provision of school feeding.
- > Teacher training and teachers' monthly allowance.
- > Learning spaces rehabilitation.

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