

Drought in the Somali Region, Ethiopia

2.1 million people across 74 woredas in the Somali region require humanitarian assistance as a result of drought.

Dawa, Liban, Afdher and Shabelle are the most affected Zones followed by Sitiand Jarar Zones. Traditional water sources have dried and there are limited functional water schemes/boreholes in the affected areas.

“Unless urgent intervention is taken within this week, many people in the Somali State will die of thirst. The livestock is already dying.”

According to the UNOCHA, “At least \$65.5 million is required to cover all identified needs. The overall response currently is limited to water trucking and rehabilitation of non-functional water schemes.”

Between January and March 2021, humanitarian partners (UNICEF, Save the Children International, local NGO OWDA, Mercy Corps and ACF) have reached 257,892 people with water trucking support, representing 13% of the region’s total needs. Additional resources are required to urgently provide water trucking in all the 74 prioritized woredas and to rehabilitate all 95 non-functional boreholes/water schemes.

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