Eastern Africa: Drought - Humanitarian Snapshot (as of 29 Jul 2011)



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Food insecurity remains at emergency levels across parts of the Horn of Africa, famine has been declared in two regions of Southern Somalia. Humanitarian organizations are struggling to cope with the influx of Somali refugees in Ethiopia and Kenya. Malnutrition and mortality rates are alarmingly high in many parts of the region.

12.4 million

people in need of humanitarian assistance

Typical Season^b

Rains in pastoral areas of Somalia, Kenya, southern Ethiopia and cropping areas of south-eastern Kenya bring pasture regeneration, increase water availability, and support crop development.

Oct

Nov

Dec

Feb

Mar

Apr

May

Jun

Jul

Aug

Jan 2011

Typical lean season in pastoral areas. Main harvest in south-eastern Kenva. Minor harvest in Somalia

Main rains in southern pastoral and belg-producing Ethiopia, Somalia, and pastoral areas of Kenya; secondary rains in south-eastern cropping areas of Kenya.

Main harvest in Somalia (mid-Jun to mid-Aug). Minor harvests in south-eastern Kenya

Drought 2010-2011^b

Sep **2010** One of the driest Oct-Dec seasons ever. Second consecutive poor season in some pastoral and cropping areas. Very poor livestock production.

> Livestock body conditions worsen. Crops fail in all marginal cropping areas of the eastern Horn. Lean season shortages exacerbated.

Late start of rains and erratic distribution over season. Rainfall less than 30% of the 1995-2010 average in some areas. Excess livestock mortality of 15-30% reported in pastoral areas, with mortality levels as high as 40-60% in localized areas, especially for cattle and sheep.

Harvests expected to be delayed and below normal. Crop failure in marginal cropping areas likely. Staple cereal prices approach/exceed record levels

