



Prices on wheat have tripled, adding pressure on already strained household economies. For this country there are no figures.

Food prices and drought have compromised the food security of **150,000** people, while almost 17% of the children suffer from acute malnutrition (in the north west region the figure rises to 25%). Authorities have estimated that 265,000 people need emergency water supplies.

Horn of Africa: Food Insecurity Crisis

[as of September 2008]

As many as **17 million** people in the Horn of Africa region are sliding into a humanitarian emergency. An acute crisis originated by a mix of conflict, prolonged drought, rising prices and animal disease is hitting Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti, Kenya, Somalia and Uganda (Karamoja region).

6.4 million people are in need of urgent humanitarian assistance. An additional 5.7 million drought affected people in areas targeted by the Productive Safety Net Programme will require extended support (food or cash).

The number of people in need of assistance has increased to nearly **3.2 million** people, or 43% of the Somali population, a 77% increase since January 2008.

The **Karamoja region** is experiencing a prolonged dry spell and crop diseases in addition to conflict and under-development. WFP is distributing emergency rations to 707,000 people in Karamoja.

Kenya is experiencing widespread food insecurity with **1.38 million** people in need of food assistance and an estimated 70% of the overall population affected by rising food prices.

Disclaimer:

The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on all maps do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

The data and information represented originates from public sources as indicated. ReliefWeb makes every effort to use the latest available data and to ensure that its products are accurate, complete and timely, but no warranties are made to this effect. Comments are welcome to maps@reliefweb.int.

Creation date: 07 Oct 2008

Base map sources: UNCS, ESRI, GAUL.

Narrative and statistical sources:

CARE, OCHA, WFP, World Vision.
Crises in Africa's Horn reach emergency levels, 02 Jul 2008.

Government of the Republic of Djibouti, United Nations Country Team in Djibouti.
Djibouti: Joint Appeal Jul 2008 - Response Plan for Drought, Food and Nutrition Crisis, 31 Jul 2008.

UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.
Horn of Africa Alert, 19 Sep 2008.