Drought has swept across Kenya’s coastal and semi-arid regions in the north and north-east following two consecutive failed seasonal rains in 2016 and 2017. Farmers struggle to plant enough crops and feed their livestock and food prices have swelled, which puts further constraints on vulnerable families’ access to food. Malnutrition rates in some areas have reached crisis levels, especially among children under five and expectant mothers, putting them at further risk of disease.

An IFRC emergency appeal is supporting Kenya Red Cross in assisting more than one million people by February 2018. The IFRC is supporting the Kenya Red Cross to work within affected communities and deliver life-saving relief and recovery activities to hard-to-reach populations.

Leveraging the permanent community presence of its more than 100,000 active volunteers, the Kenya Red Cross is providing animal destocking; water, sanitation and hygiene; food distributions; nutrition; and food security support, mainly through cash transfers.

Kenya Red Cross

January 2018

KENYA

RESPONDING TO FOOD INSECURITY

Red Cross urgent actions

Livelihoods and food security
Unconditional cash grants

Water, sanitation and hygiene
Construction and rehabilitation water points and trucking in emergency water

Health
Providing basic health care, screening, case management and referrals

Relief
Food distributions
Thanks to the generous support of the global community through the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, we are reaching some of the most isolated, vulnerable and hard-to-reach communities with life-saving services. The IFRC Emergency Appeal is working with the Kenyan Red Cross to ensure their short and longer-term efforts continue to meet the urgent needs of people now and their resiliency to future droughts.

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