Health situation in Somalia

Somalia is on the brink of famine and experiencing a severe drought. More than 3 million people go hungry every day and 6.2 million people (nearly half the country's population) are in need of humanitarian aid. Food insecurity, internal displacement of populations and communicable diseases are increasing.

Affected

3.3 million people
by severe drought and food insecurity

600 000 people displaced
by drought since November 2016

WHO response

450 000 people vaccinated in Somalia's first and Africa's largest oral cholera vaccination campaign - March/April 2017

50 000 kgs medicine and medical supplies were provided in the areas most hard-hit by cholera

300 + 15 primary health care facilities and hospitals in six regions provide emergency support

275 disease surveillance sentinel sites operational and reporting regularly

>90 health partners are coordinated by WHO under the Health Cluster

79 cholera treatment centres & units operational in 40 districts supported by WHO and health partners

5.5 million people need access to healthcare services

≥360 000 children acutely malnourished
1 in 7 Somali children dies before their 5th birthday.

Only 30% of the population has access to safe water and 37% has no access to basic sanitation

≥36 000 cases of cholera

≥7000 cases of measles

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