Quarterly Update, [April - June 2022]

KENYA Preparedness

**Highlights**

- Capacity Needs Mapping activities were concluded. Final review and feedback are pending and foreseen in the coming quarter.
- Emergency Simulation Exercises were conducted in two target counties in the second half of May 2022, with technical facilitation from the National Drought Management Authority and Baringo County Government.
- Logistics Capacity Assessment (LCA) Officer recruitment process was completed by WFP. The officer was on-boarded and the data collection process commenced during the quarter.

**Background**

The recently concluded short rains assessment (SRA) estimated that over three million persons, mostly located in the arid counties, need immediate food assistance. Further, more than 500,000 children under five years old require nutrition treatment for acute or severe acute malnutrition. The number of people in need of food assistance is projected to grow further in the coming months given the failed long rains seasons, shocks on the global supply chains for cereals and fertilizer occasioned by the war in Ukraine, inflation and the persistent waves of the COVID-19 pandemic. Consequently, the Government of Kenya and stakeholders at national and county level are updating response plans and mobilising resources for subsequent activities.

The Global Logistics Cluster (GLC) Field-Based Preparedness Project (FBPP) is centred on strengthening national supply chain resilience, enhancing coordination between stakeholders, and promoting a common methodology towards logistics preparedness. The core concept of logistics preparedness is to support local and international actors before an emergency occurs. This will be achieved by working together to identify and address systemic challenges in local supply chain systems in a sustainable way, driven by national government and actors. Globally, the project promotes a common framework. At the national level, this framework is tailored to each country’s unique operational context.

In Q2 2022, the focus shifted to implementation of key activities agreed upon in the interim work plan for the project – including the engineering projects funded by the World Food Programme Country Office, simulation activities with funding facilitated through by GLC and the conclusion of the capacity needs mapping (CNM) reports. It is foreseen that the CNM will be finalized in the coming quarter, and an extract of entry points defined for the subsequent months of the project implementation.

**Coordination**

- Technical working groups for the two counties continued to engage in project coordination activities throughout the quarter, especially by forming the core team of facilitators that contextualized the simulation exercise scenarios in collaboration with external facilitators.
- Desk support from GLC Global team has been of great assistance in making the strides and progress of the FBPP in Kenya as the analysis and planning phase related activities were being concluded. Meetings were scheduled on bi-weekly basis – save for unforeseen exigencies which led to a few cancellations.

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Information management

- The project information management activities were conducted as planned. Key project documentation is centrally stored in the Kenya Channel of the GLC Teams Platform which is accessible to all team members anywhere on the globe at any time.

Advocacy

- At a technical level, advocacy has focused on sustaining the momentum of the project commitments against a background of drought and stretched counterpart staff. The Project analysis and planning phase extended longer than initially planned due to some constraints, but continuous advocacy has seen some progress towards addressing the challenges to secure smooth and timely implementation of activities going into Q2.
- Kenya has witnessed a surge in electoral activity in readiness for the General and Presidential elections coming up in August 2022. As such, a period of reduced activity is foreseen for the coming few weeks until the election events are concluded. Further, a severe drought continues to affect the Arid and Semi-Arid lands of which Garissa and Tana River Counties are a part thereof. It is foreseen that most effort and resources will be channelled towards operational aspects of emergency response implementation and less towards institutional capacity strengthening and preparedness.

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