**Shotlist/Info:**

**WFP News Video: The Worst is Yet to Come: Floods Devastate East Africa as World Leaders Meet at UN Climate Summit**

**Shot: 13 November–6 December**

**Locations: Beledweyne, Mahaday, Mogadishu - Somalia**

**TRT: 2:50**

**:00-:11**

Aerial shots of flooding.

**Shot: 5Dec23**

**Beledweyne**

**:11-:38**

GVs of people carrying their belongings through flooded streets.

**Shot: 13Nov23**

**Beledweyne**

**:38-:55**

A resident shows what is left of his home after the floods.

*“Look at this here. This tank used to be for water storage. Now it’s full of flood water.”*

**Shot: 13Nov23**

**Beledweyne**

**:55-1:01**

(No Sound) Drone footage of flooding in Alle Suge camp where people displaced by drought are living.

**Shot: 17Nov23**

**Mahaday**

**1:01-1:11**

A father and his sons moving mattresses and salvaged personal effects from their flooded home.

**Shot: 14Nov23**

**Mahaday**

**1:11-1:19**

Batulo Ibrahim heads a family of 13 people, including children and elderly relatives. They moved to Alle Suge IDP camp after the drought decimated their livestock. Recent floods took the few goats and chickens that survived the drought and submerged the farms they depended on for occasional work.

**Shot: 17Nov23**

**Mahaday**

**1:19-1:40**

**SOT Batulo Ibrahim (Somali)**

*“We were surviving before, but now, we're surrounded by this water. There is nowhere to build a fire, nowhere to forage. Before, we used to collect wild fruit, wash clothes, prepare corn. But now in this situation even if we find something to eat, we don’t have anywhere to cook.”*

**Shot: 17Nov23**

**Mahaday**

**1:40-1:48**

GVs of people on the move with their belongings through flooded streets.

**Shot: 14Nov23**

**Mahaday**

**1:48-2:23**

**SOT Petroc Wilton, WFP Somalia (English)**

*“El Ni*ñ*o and the climate crisis have taken a terrible toll on many parts of East Africa*

*We’ve just seen a barrage of climate shocks. Here in Somalia the levels of hunger are some of the worst we’ve seen in 10 years as deadly floods sweep the country devastating families who were already food insecure, who have been struggling to recover from the longest drought in the country’s recorded history.*

*WFP is on the ground here in Somalia we are using boats we are using helicopters to get life-saving support to the people who need it most .”*

**Shot: 5Dec23**

**Mogadishu**

**2:23-2:50**

GVs offloading WFP food from helicopter.

**Shot: 5Dec23**

**Beledweyne**

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**THE WORST IS YET TO COME: SEVERE FLOODS RAVAGE EASTERN AFRICA, THREATENING MORE HUNGER**

**NAIROBI**–Devastating floods threaten to worsen food insecurity across eastern Africa as heavy rains lash a region that less than a year ago was in the grips of drought, warns the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP).

Climate change continues to wreak havoc in Eastern Africa, a region with minimal emissions yet which bears the brunt of the global climate emergency. Five consecutive failed rainy seasons from 2020 to 2022 resulted in a devasting drought that pushed millions into food insecurity and malnutrition as livelihoods were destroyed at a massive scale – damage that will take families and communities many years to recover.

Now that nascent recovery is being swept away by floods. Since the start of the October-December rains, rainfall 140 percent above average has destroyed property, infrastructure, and crops, and washed away livestock. Scores of lives have also been lost.

Nearly 3 million people have been affected, with more than 1.2 million forced to leave their homes. Somalia, Ethiopia, and Kenya are bearing the brunt of this crisis, closely followed by Sudan, South Sudan, Burundi, and Uganda. Unfortunately, the rains are expected to persist until early 2024.

“Eastern Africa is being lashed by the extremes of climate change – from no water to too much water is resulting in a catastrophe. Severe floods are causing devastation, illustrating how an erratic climate continues to punish the region. With more rain forecast, I fear that the worst is yet to come,” said Michael Dunford, WFP Regional Director in Eastern Africa.

WFP has provided food and cash assistance to nearly 580,000 people affected by the floods across the Horn of Africa, in addition to those supported through our pre-existing relief operations.

In Somalia and Burundi, WFP provided anticipatory assistance to 230,000 people prior to the floods, including through early warnings and cash transfers. People were able to use this information and money to prepare – either moving or buying essential supplies. Anticipatory action initiatives like this mean fewer people need humanitarian assistance after disasters hit.

In Ethiopia, above average rains have caused flooding in southern and south-eastern parts of the country. It is estimated that 1.5 million people have been impacted in Afar, Amhara, Gambella, and Oromia. In the Somali region, one of the most food-insecure regions of Ethiopia, more than 1.1 million people are affected by the floods, including more than 400,000 displaced people. 

“WFP is supporting governments and humanitarian partners with logistics services across the region. However, the scale of the crisis demands more support and expanding our operations. We are actively working to secure additional resources to reach up to 2 million more people affected by the floods. The need is urgent, and we cannot do it alone,” Dunford adds.

“It is particularly crucial at the UN Climate Change Summit in Dubai that developed nations to step up and assist countries, like Somalia and Ethiopia, which are disproportionately paying a high price for the climate crisis. We need to break the never-ending cycle of crisis and respond with climate action that focuses on preparedness and protection before predictable shocks hit,” Dunford concluded.

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