



**KENYA**

## **EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN 2010**

### **BACKGROUND<sup>1</sup>**

The humanitarian crisis in Kenya has been growing since mid-2008. The economic and social impacts of the late 2008 post-election violence remain dire, and drought conditions have intensified throughout 2009 due to four consecutive poorly performing rainy seasons. Sustained high food prices, below-normal crop production, livestock disease and an ever-increasing level of vulnerability have converged to precipitate a serious food and livelihood crisis. At the same time, a strong likelihood of El Niño-related heightened rainfall is expected to result in flooding in some parts of the country in 2010. El Niño rains are expected to lead to some displacement, loss of livelihoods, infrastructure damage, potential disease outbreaks and increased levels of malnutrition. Up to 750,000 people could be affected and require assistance, including 100,000 people possibly displaced.

Given the demands on health facilities due to soaring malnutrition and various disease outbreaks, the lack of resources and skilled personnel, and the damage or destruction of health infrastructures, women and girls' access to sexual and reproductive health services has become particularly difficult. Additionally, adverse weather conditions heighten the risks of gender-based violence. Poor sanitation and diminishing access to clean water can lead families, and particularly women and girls, to venture far from the home to collect water risking rape, assault, abduction, theft or exploitation. On-going migration to urban areas, fueled by natural disasters, is also expected to contribute to the continuation of the trend towards increased crime, high-risk behavior and sexual violence, particularly against women and children.

### **UNFPA AREAS OF CONCERN AND PROPOSED INTERVENTIONS FOR 2010**

<b>INTERVENTION AREA</b>		<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>
<b>SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH</b>		<b>US \$ 856,000</b>
<a href="#">KEN-10/H/27396/1171</a>	Emergency Sexual Reproductive Health Response for Victims of El Nino Floods and Drought	856,000

*For 2010, UNFPA is requesting \$856,000 to ensure that 40,000 women and girls of reproductive age affected by drought and floods have access to sexual and reproductive health services and gender-based violence counseling services and treatment. Project activities include:*

- Procuring reproductive health supplies and equipment, such as contraceptives, safe delivery kits, PEP kits, etc.
- Supporting the Ministry of Health and the Kenya Red Cross to mobilize additional staff;
- Establishing mobile reproductive health outreach services.

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<sup>1</sup> Please see [Volume 1](#) of the Kenya CAP for more information on the crisis, its humanitarian consequences and overall sector response plans.