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Urgent Support Needed for the East Africa Famine Response

ABM has launched an emergency appeal seeking to raise \$100,000 as the crisis worsens in parts of East Africa due to extreme drought.

ABM's partners, the Episcopal Church of South Sudan & Sudan and the Anglican Church of Kenya are responding to this urgent humanitarian emergency as more than 3 million people have been forced to flee their homes and nearly 7.5 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance and protection as a result of the ongoing conflict.

Famine has been declared in parts of South Sudan, and other countries like Somalia, Ethiopia, Yemen, due to protracted drought in East Africa.

The people mostly affected are Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and the communities where they are hosted.

It is estimated that 4.9 million people are already food insecure with 100,000 of those facing famine conditions.

Conflict and insecurity are the main causes which have led to loss of livelihoods and acute malnutrition and reports state that one in three children in the southern part of Unity State are severely malnourished.

In Kenya, the government has declared the drought a national emergency. ADSE (Anglican Development Services Eastern), the development arm of the Anglican Church in Kenya, is working in Kitui and Makuani counties with the main focus on emergency food provision along with support for resilience building such as water harvesting and seed provision.

According to last month's OCHA's (Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs) *Kenya Humanitarian Snapshot*; 2.7 million are food insecure, 496,420 are refugees, 357,300 acutely malnourished children (6-59 months) and 2.6 million are in need of Water and Sanitation interventions.

ABM is also in contact with the Anglican Alliance with regards to a response by SUDRA (the relief and development arm of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan) for food and other emergency relief aid.

ABM is urgently seeking to raise \$100,000 to provide much needed emergency aid to the many starving and displaced people in South Sudan and Kenya.

Your support will be greatly appreciated by ABM's Partners. To donate to the East African Crisis Appeal please phone 1300 302 663 or give at www.abmission.org/EastAfrica.

Contact Elizabeth Baker, ABM Media Consultant at media@abm.asn.au for more information.

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