## Eastern Africa: Drought – Humanitarian Snapshot (as of 28 Jun 2011)



Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) (%)<sup>a</sup>

33.0 Somali refugee camps in

Over the past year, the eastern Horn of Africa has experienced two consecutive poor rainy seasons, resulting in one of the driest years since 1950/51 in many pastoral zones. The impacts of the drought have been exacerbated by high local cereal prices, excess livestock mortality, conflict and restricted humanitarian access in some areas.<sup>a</sup>

#### Typical Season<sup>a</sup>

Rains in pastoral areas of Somalia, Kenya, southern Ethiopia and cropping areas of south-eastern Kenya bring pasture regeneration, increase water availability, and support crop development.

Typical lean season in pastoral areas. Main harvest in **south-eastern Kenya**. Minor harvest in **Somalia**.

Main rains in southern pastoral and belg-producing Ethiopia, Somalia, and pastoral areas of Kenya; secondary rains in south-eastern cropping areas of Kenya.

Main harvest in Somalia (mid-Jun to mid-Aug). Minor harvests in south-eastern Kenya.

#### Drought 2010-2011a

Sep 2010

Oct

Nov

Dec

Feb

Mar

Mav

Jan 2011

One of the driest Oct-Dec seasons ever. Second or third consecutive poor season in some pastoral and cropping areas. Very poor livestock production.

Livestock body conditions worsen. Crops fail in all marginal cropping areas of the eastern Horn. Lean season shortages exacerbated.

Late start of rains and erratic distribution over season. Rainfall less than 30% of the 1995-2010 average in some areas. Excess livestock mortality of 15-30% reported in pastoral areas, with mortality levels as high as 40-60% in localized areas, especially for cattle and sheep.

# Harvests expected to be delayed and below normal. Crop failure in marginal cropping areas likely. Staple cereal prices approach/exceed record levels.

### **Dramatic increases in cereal prices**

Grain Market <sup>b</sup>	Grain	% price change (May '10- May '11
Baidoa, Somalia	Red Sorghum	+ 240%
Jiiga, Ethiopia	Yellow Maize	+ 117%
Mandera, Kenya	White Maize	+ 58%

