

Drought in the Horn of Africa

A drought is when there is very little rain over a long time. It affects plants, animals and people.



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In 2022, countries in the Horn of Africa (including Ethiopia and South Sudan) experienced one of the worst droughts in over 40 years. A severe shortage of rainfall left crops dying, wells and rivers drying up. Most people in Ethiopia and South Sudan grow their own food crops to eat on small pieces of land. But hot, dry weather makes it impossible for people to plant their crops and to grow any food to eat.

The drought has meant:

- 15 million people are struggling with hunger in the Horn of Africa region
- Many families moved from their homes in search of food and safe drinking water
- An increase in conflict over the limited resources of land, water and food.

Mary's story

Mary lives in South Sudan with her husband and their 10 children. Flooding has been extreme in South Sudan in recent years. Then, drought has followed.

Mary's family have been struggling with the extreme weather for years. Their small plot of land no longer provides enough food for them.

In June 2022 SCIAF launched an appeal to help people facing the worst ever hunger crisis in the Horn of Africa.

So far, SCIAF have worked with our partners to help those most in need, providing:

- Emergency food (flour, maize, beans, cooking oil) and clean drinking water
- Seeds so families can grow food that can survive extreme weather.
- Support to increase income, save money and build a secure future.



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