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## Welthungerhilfe: We must not let the people in Africa starve

Bonn/Berlin, 06.04.2017. Welthungerhilfe is warning that the alarming food situation in Africa will worsen further unless more money is made available. Over 20 million people in Yemen, South Sudan, Nigeria and Somalia are dependent on urgent humanitarian assistance for survival, primarily as a result of civil wars. In Kenya and Ethiopia, a severe drought has destroyed the livelihoods of more than 8 million people.

“It is a scandal that the international community is not providing enough money for the people suffering from hunger. So far, only 10 percent of the necessary funds have been transferred. In contrast, local willingness to help is great. I have spoken with women in Somalia who walked up to 400 km with their children, in the hope of finding a few drops of rain. They are given a little food and water in the villages. But there is no longer enough to share,” warns Till Wahnbaeck, Welthungerhilfe’s chief executive officer.

Welthungerhilfe is supplying urgently needed drinking water to the affected villages in Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia. At the same time, children, pregnant and breastfeeding women are receiving food, which is sufficient for at least one meal a day. Animals belonging to livestock herders are also being given water and fodder, as they are often the families’ only source of income. Even now, many goats and cows have died or are so emaciated that the herders can no longer sell them.

If required, we can arrange interviewees for you in the affected countries.

Further information can be found at: [www.welthungerhilfe.de/en/press/africa-20-million-hunger](http://www.welthungerhilfe.de/en/press/africa-20-million-hunger)

*Welthungerhilfe is one of the largest private aid organisations in Germany; politically independent and non-denominational. It is fighting for “A world without hunger by 2030”. Since its establishment in 1962, more than 8,120 overseas projects in 70 countries have been supported with 3,033 billion euros. Welthungerhilfe works on the principle of help for self-help: from fast disaster relief to reconstruction and long-term development cooperation projects with national and international partner organisations.*

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