

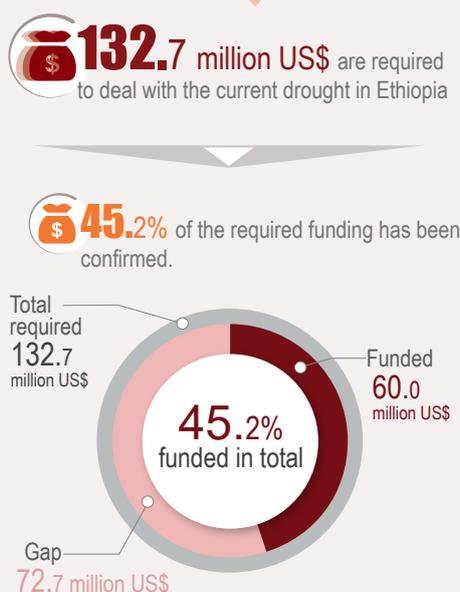
The drought continues to compromise fragile livelihoods heavily reliant on livestock and causing a worsening food security and malnutrition while eroding coping strategies for the most vulnerable. The drought is impacting severely on farming and pastoralist communities/livelihoods through livestock deaths, loss of income, absence of milk, and crop failure. Over **3.5 million** livestock are estimated to have died due to lack of pasture and water in Oromia and Somali regions. Livestock market value has also significantly dropped, as animals are not marketable, impacting families' income sources. The Agriculture cluster is estimating that approximately **7.2 million** individuals have been affected by the current drought and need agricultural support, this number may increase in the coming period if the expected rains perform poorly. **588,155** out of the **1.1 million** households targeted have been reached with agriculture support interventions. The cluster needs **132.7 million USD** to respond to the drought till December 2022 (the plan is under revision). Currently the cluster has confirmed **60 million USD (45.2%)**, the funding gap is **72.7 million USD**.

Drought response: 2.940 million people reached

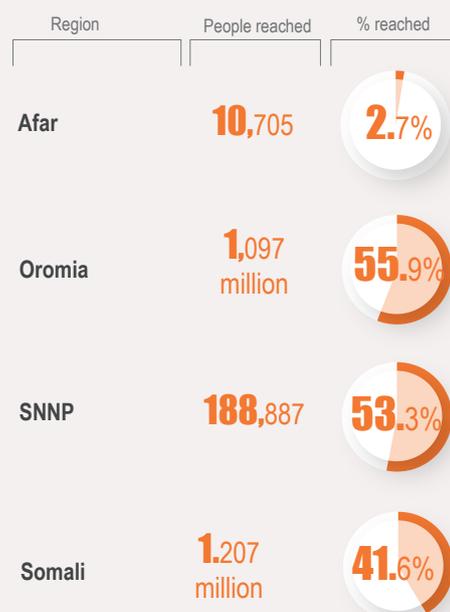
Beneficiaries reached by activities



Total required funding



Beneficiaries reached by region



Assisting urgently pastoral and agro pastoral communities to protecting their livestock and assets is crucial to avoid the adoption of irreversible coping mechanisms, to reduce the number of pastoralists becoming destitute and food assistance dependent. Partners of the Agriculture cluster and the Ministry of Agriculture are responding to the drought emergency by implementing various activities, including feed support, livestock treatment; slaughter destocking, water point rehabilitation and earlier forage development, vaccination and training. In the drought affected regions, regional authorities and partners plan to protect **10 per cent** of the core-breeding animals.

