

National Drought Management Authority
THARAKA NITHI COUNTY (THARAKA)
DROUGHT EARLY WARNING BULLETIN FOR SEPTEMBER 2019



A Vision 2030 Flagship Project



September 2019 EW Phase

Drought Status: **ALARM**



Mipango ya kukabiliana na ukame

Early Warning Phase Classification

	EW PHASE	TRENDS
Mixed Farming	Alarm	Deteriorating
Marginal Mixed Farming	Alarm	Deteriorating
Rain Fed Livelihood Zone	Alarm	Deteriorating
County	Alarm	Deteriorating
Biophysical Indicators	Value	Normal Ranges
Rainfall % of Average	Below 80%	80-120
VCI-3month	18.21	>35
Water Sources	Below Normal	Normal
Production Indicators	Value	Normal Ranges
Livestock Migration Pattern	Migration towards the National park	No Migration
Livestock Body Conditions	Poor	Good
Milk Production	0.7 Litre	Above 0.9 Litre
Livestock deaths (from drought)	No death	No death
Access Indicators	Value	Normal
Terms of Trade	56	Above 73
Milk Consumption	0.7 Litres	Above 0.76 Litre
Water for Households	Below Normal	Normal
Utilization indicators	Value	Range/Value
MUAC	5.7	Below 6.7
Coping Strategy Index (CSI)	12.67	Below 1.76
Food Consumption (Acceptable FCS)	45.57%	Above 73.87%

Drought Situation & EW Phase Classification

Biophysical Indicators

- Weather condition for September remained dry and hot. Acute water scarcity was witnessed in most areas. Water flow in Permanent Rivers remained low while most seasonal rivers and boreholes were dry.
- The 3months cumulative vegetation cover across the County showed below normal condition which was similar for pasture and browse.

Socio Economic Indicators (Impact Indicators)

Production Indicators

- Livestock body condition continue to reduce from that of previous months due to reduction in pasture and browse. Cattle were greatly affected due to insufficient pasture especially in the Marginal Mixed Farming Zone of Gatunga and Chakariga Wards.
- Food Stock at households' level was low with a reducing trend due to high food commodity prices which continued to increase.
- School dropout cases was still high in Secondary and primary schools due to the worsening drought situation.

Access Indicators

- Livestock prices continued to decrease while food commodity prices increased. Household water distance was high with acute shortage been experienced in Marginal Mixed Farming Zones. However ongoing water trucking by NDMA was a reprieve to most institutions and households.
- Milk production and consumption was low with a reducing trend leading to increased malnutrition cases.

Utilization Indicators

- Percentages of children at risk of malnutrition increased due to low food stock at Household level.
- Following all the above prevailing conditions, the overall drought phase in September was still at Alarm with a deteriorating trend.

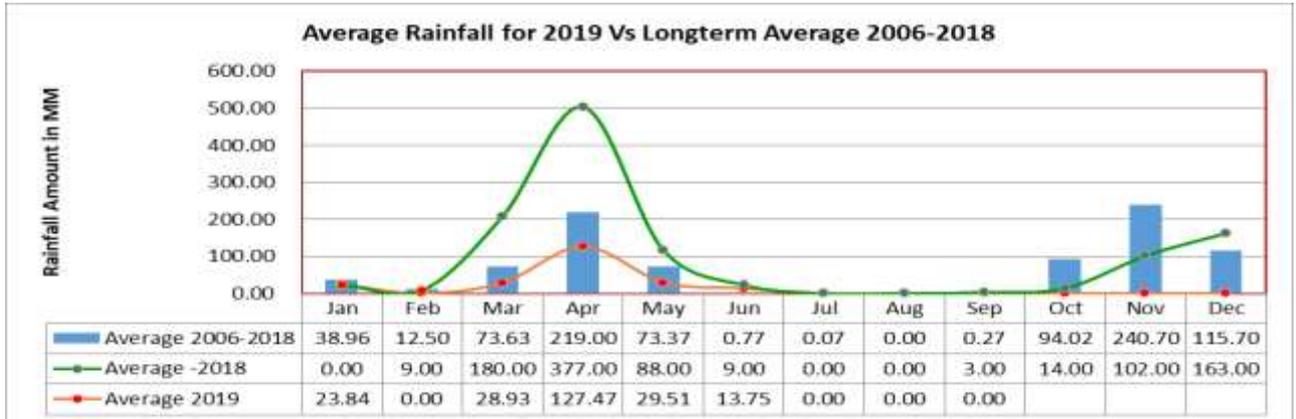
Seasonal Calendar

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short rains harvests Short dry spell Reduced milk yields Increased HH Food Stocks Land preparation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planting/Weeding Long rains High Calving Rate Milk Yields Increase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long rains harvests A long dry spell Land preparation Kidding (Sept) Increased HH Food Stocks 	Short rains Planting/weeding								
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec

1.0 CLIMATIC CONDITIONS

1.1 RAINFALL PERFORMANCE

- The month of September was characterised by a mixture of dry, hot, and sunny weather condition with no actual rainfall being recorded in any of the rain gauge station.
- This was normal compared to the long term average for September however, poor performance of the 2019 long rain will continue to impact negatively in the County till the next harvest in February should the October to December rainfall perform well.
- Crop failure experienced made the drought situation and food security situation of the county to be at an alarming state since crop harvest is depended upon both for food and income.
- The figure below shows the rainfall trend for 2019 compared to the long term Average.



1.1.1 Spatial and Temporal Distribution of Rainfall

- No rainfall was received during the month of September.

2.0 IMPACTS ON VEGETATION AND WATER

2.1 Vegetation Condition Index (VCI)

- The cumulative 3-month vegetation cover for Tharaka Nithi County (Tharaka) for the month of September was 18.21 which was indicating below normal vegetation condition. Due to prolonged dry spell, the palatable pasture and browse was below normal and it continued to deteriorate across all the livelihood zones.
- The matrix in figure 1(a) below shows vegetation cover classification based on the drought phases while figure 1(b) shows the trend of vegetation cover in terms of vegetation condition index for Tharaka Nithi (Tharaka) County.

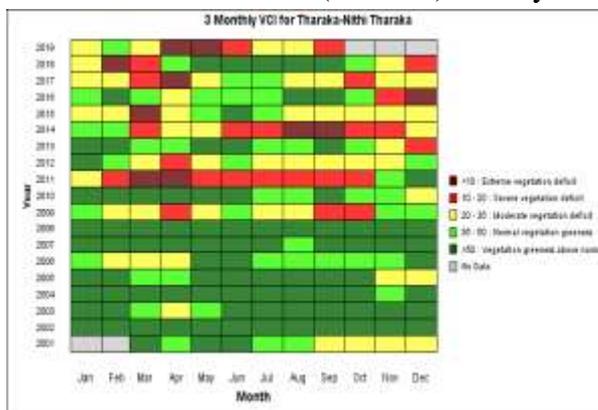


Figure 1(a): Matrix of VCI Classification

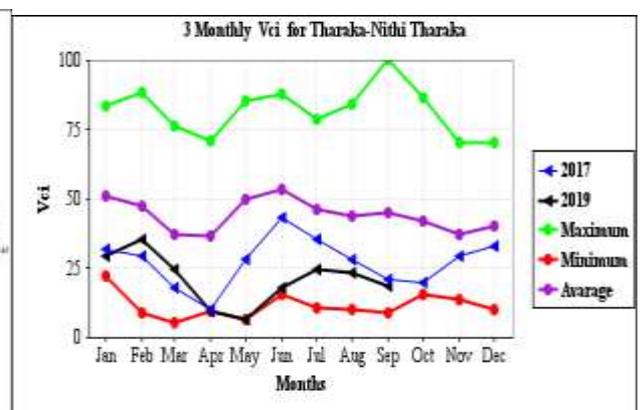


Figure 2(b): Chart of VCI Trend

Table 1: September Vs August 2019 VCI (3M)

ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS		VCI as at 25 th August 2019	VCI as at 25 th September 2019
County	County/Sub County		
Tharaka Nithi	County	43.11	37.36
	Tharaka	22.92	18.21
	Chuka Igambang'ombe	71.03	62.56
	Maara	73.36	67.58

2.2 Natural Vegetation and Pasture Condition

Pasture Condition

- Pasture quantity and quality was poor across all the Livelihood zone during the month of September.
- Pasture condition decreased slightly from that of the previous month in selective areas due to the dry weather condition experienced during the month of September.

Browse Condition

- Browse condition in terms of quantity and quality was poor across all the livelihood zones in the month of September and it continued to decrease compared to that of the previous month.
- The poor browse condition for September was due to depressed rainfall from March to September 2019.

Livestock Access

- Average grazing distance decreased from 2.2 Km in the month of August to 1.9 Km in September which was almost the same as of the previous month. Poor pasture and browse continued to be experienced in the County with most livestock migrating towards the Meru National park while some farmers try to supplement livestock feed with maize jam and hay.
- The longest distance to grazing areas was recorded in the Marginal Mixed Farming Zone at 3.1Km, 1.8 Km in Mixed Farming Livelihood Zones and 1 Km in the Rain Fed Cropping Zone.
- The distance to grazing areas was however 32.14 percent lower than the long term average of 2.8 Km for this time of the year.

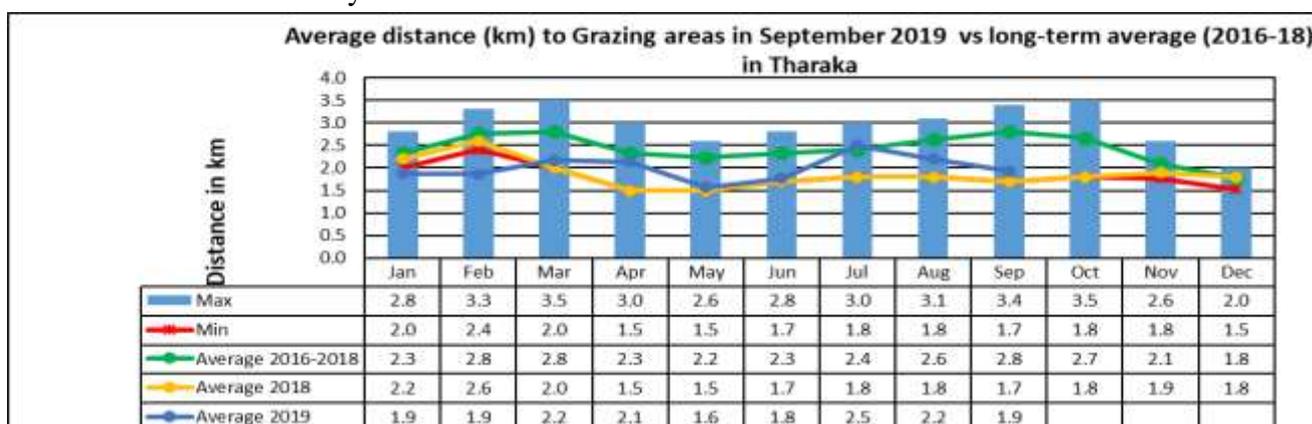


Figure 3: Grazing Distance for Livestock

2.2 Water Sources and Availability

2.2.1 Main Sources of Water

- The major sources of water for livestock and domestic use in Tharaka Nithi County for the month of September were: Rivers, Boreholes, Piped Water System and Traditional River wells as shown by figure 7 below.

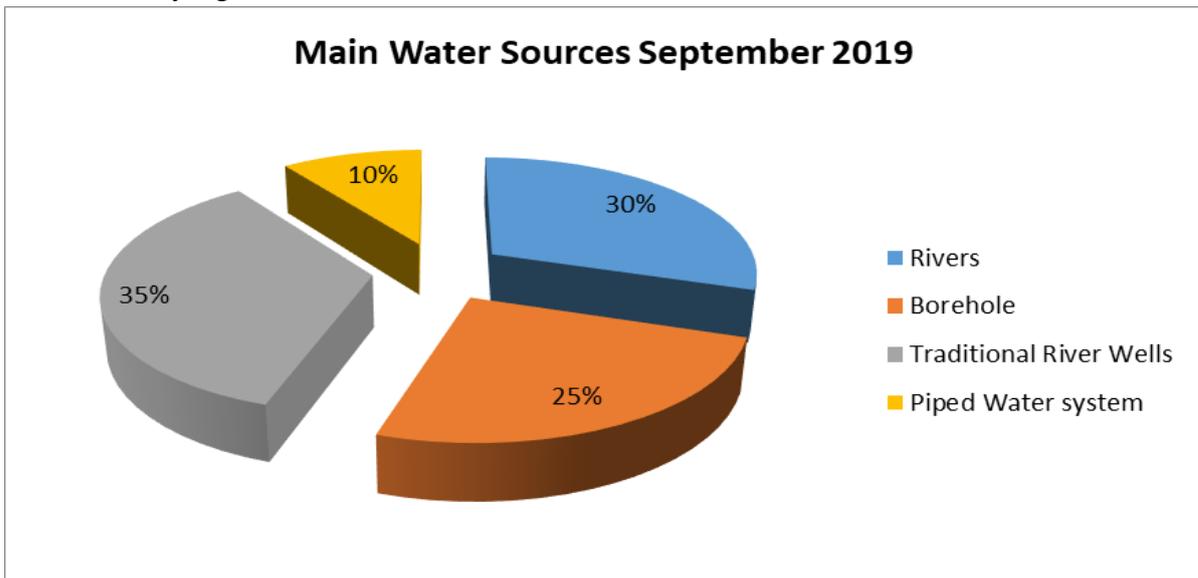


Figure 4: Main Water sources Tharaka Nithi County

2.2.2 State of Water Sources

- The state of water sources for the month of September was below normal and the trend was reducing from that of the previous months. There was reported cases of acute shortage of water in parts of Marginal Mixed Farming where all seasonal rivers have dried up and few permanent rivers have low downstream flow occasioned by poor quality due to increased pollution from upstream.
- Increased cases of poor quality of piped water, traditional river wells and rivers was experienced which could lead to eruption of water related diseases hence need for emphasis in water treatment.
- Areas with acute water shortage were Gatunga ward in Kamwathu, Maragwa, Kathanga chini, Kiaranthe; Marimanti ward include Ibote, Iguma, Gituma; Chakariga area among others.
- Decline of the status of water sources in the Marginal Mixed Farming Zone was due to non-operational and drying up of some water sources. The status of water sources was at index 2 in reference to the scale below:

Table 2: State of Water Sources

INDEX	STATE OF WATER	DESCRIPTION
1	EMERGENCY.SITUATION	All main water sources have dried up; only few boreholes still yielding significant amounts
2	STRONGLY INADEQUATE	Surface water sources have dried up while the underground water sources are yielding very little amounts of water. Breakages of boreholes contribute to worsen the situation. Acute water shortage in many areas within the livelihood
3	INADEQUATE	Surface water sources have dried up while the underground water sources are yielding modest amounts of water. Concentration of livestock around few water

		points contribute to spread communicable diseases and to degradation of rangeland
4	DECLINING	The water availability is below normal for the period, but showing declining trends.
5	NORMAL	The water availability is normal for the period
6	GOOD	The water availability is above normal for the period

2.2.3 Household Water Access

- Average Household water distance was high at 1.9 Km in September which was almost the same as of the previous month. The high household water distance was due to reduced rainfall and drying up of most water sources especially rivers and boreholes.
- Most seasonal rivers dried up while the few permanent rivers showed low level downstream flow due to increased illegal abstraction from upstream which is a potential trigger for conflict.
- Acute water shortage continued to be witnessed in Chakariga and most schools in Maragwa location which calls for emergency water based interventions. Some health facilities in the county are also experiencing water scarcity hence need for interventions.
- In some instances, there has been malfunctioning of solar powered shallow wells and vandalism and stealing of the solar equipment hence need for proper sensitisation.
- Household water distance in Marginal Mixed Farming Zone was 3.1 Km, Mixed Farming Zone was 2 Km while Rain Fed zone had an average household distance of 0.6 Km.
- The distance of household access to water was lower than the long-term average of 2.5 Km for the month of September.

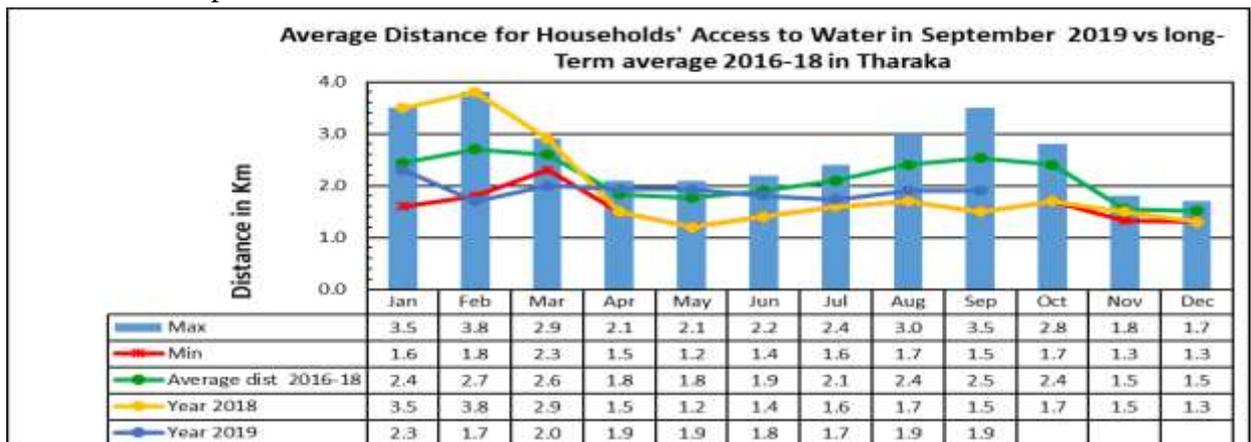


Figure 5: Household Water Distance

3.0 PRODUCTION INDICATORS

3.1 Livestock Production

3.1.1 Livestock Body Condition

- Livestock body condition for cattle was poor while that for shoats was fair across all the livelihood zones.
- Cattle body condition was attributed to poor pasture while that for shoats was also because of poor to fair browse across most of the livelihood Zones.
- The Livestock body condition in September for cattle was rated at index 3 while that for shoats was rated at index 4 as per the livestock threshold scale below.

Table 2: Livestock Body Condition categories

BODY CONDITIONS	SCORE	WARNING STAGE
Emaciated, little muscle left	1	Emergency
Very thin no fat, bones visible	2	
Thin fore ribs visible	3	Alert Worsening/Alarm
Borderline fore-ribs not visible. 12 th & 13 th ribs visible	4	Alert
Moderate. Neither fat nor thin	5	Normal/Alert
Good smooth appearance	6	
Very Good Smooth with fat over back and tail head	7	Normal
Fat, Blocky. Bone over back not visible	8	
Very Fat Tail buried in fat	9	

3.1.2 Livestock Diseases and Migration

- There were no cases of Livestock in migration reported in the month of September. Livestock out migration was reported towards the Meru National park.
- There has been reported cases of Human Wildlife conflicts whereby Elephants have invaded Rukurani village in Matakiri Location.

3.1.3 Milk Production

- Milk production decreased from 1.5 of a litre in August to 0.7 of a litre in September. This decrease in production could be attributed to poor pasture and browse hence need for provision of supplementary feeds for livestock.
- Marginal Mixed Farming livelihood zone had an average production of about 1 litre while Mixed Farming and Rain Fed livelihood zone had an average milk production of less than a litre per household per day. Milk production per household was 30 percent lower than the 3-year average of 1.0 litre per household per day for this time of the year.

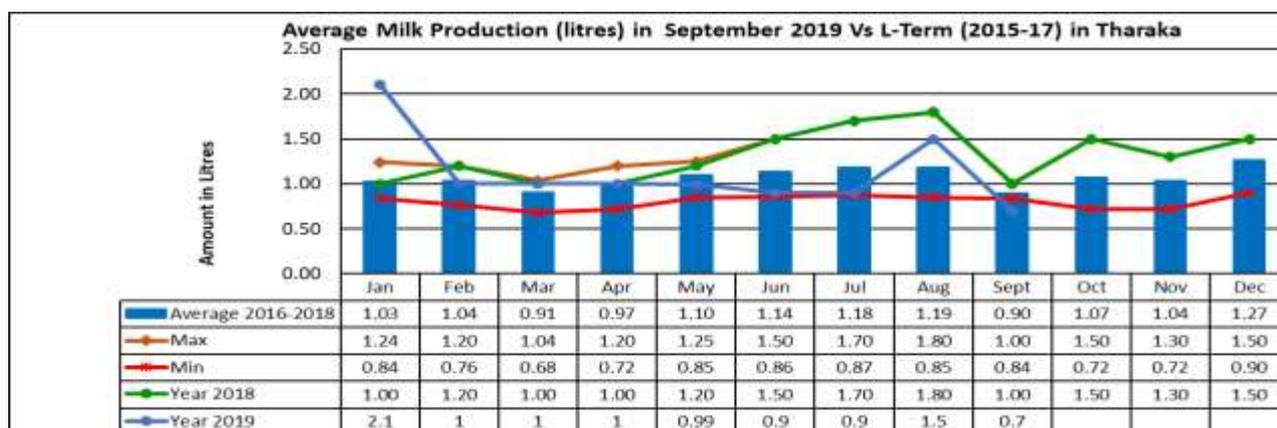


Figure 6: Milk Production Trend

3.2 Crop Production

3.2.1. Timeliness and Status of Crops

- Crop condition was poor and crop failure was more than 90% of all the farms planted.
- Income of most families is from Sorghum, Cow peas, green grams and millet hence most of the families have no money to meet essential services.
- Most of the families are now depending on market for food but with lack of income, most of the families are going without meals hence need for food aid.

- Education sector was also affected since there was no money to meet basic education needs such as school fees and contribution towards expanded school meals program leading to high rate of absentism and drop out rates.
- Drop-out rates in schools is high with primary and secondary having over 10% and over 5% respectively which is on an upward trend.
- Schools affected which are in need of feeding program include: - schools in Gatunga ward especially in Kathangachini, Thwathanju, Marimanti ward, Chakariga ward and Nkondi ward.

3.2.2. Pests and Diseases

- Minimal cases of crop pests and diseases were reported in the county during the month of September.

4.0 MARKET PERFORMANCE

4.1 Livestock Prices

4.1.1 Cattle Prices

- The average cattle price decreased from Kshs. 16,758 in the month of August to Kshs. 16,750 in the month of September. The decrease in cattle price could be attributed to poor pasture leading to a decrease in cattle body condition and average price.
- The Marginal Mixed Farming Livelihood Zone had the highest average price of Kshs 17,375; Mixed Farming Zone had a price of Kshs 16,267 while the Rain Fed Cropping Zone had the lowest price of Kshs 16,000. The current price was 13.95 percent lower than the three-year average of Kshs 19,466.



Figure 7: Cattle Price Trend

4.1.2 Goat Prices

- The average goat price decreased from Kshs 2,842 in August to Kshs 2,729 in the month of September. This decrease in price could be attributed to poor browse quantity and quality leading to reduction in body condition and thus a decrease in goats' average price.
- The Rain Fed Cropping Livelihood Zone had the highest price of Ksh. 3,000; Marginal Mixed Farming Livelihood Zone recorded the price of Kshs 2,975 while the Mixed Farming Zone recorded the lowest price of Ksh. 2,192.
- The average goat price was 14.72 percent lower than the three-year average of Ksh 3,200.

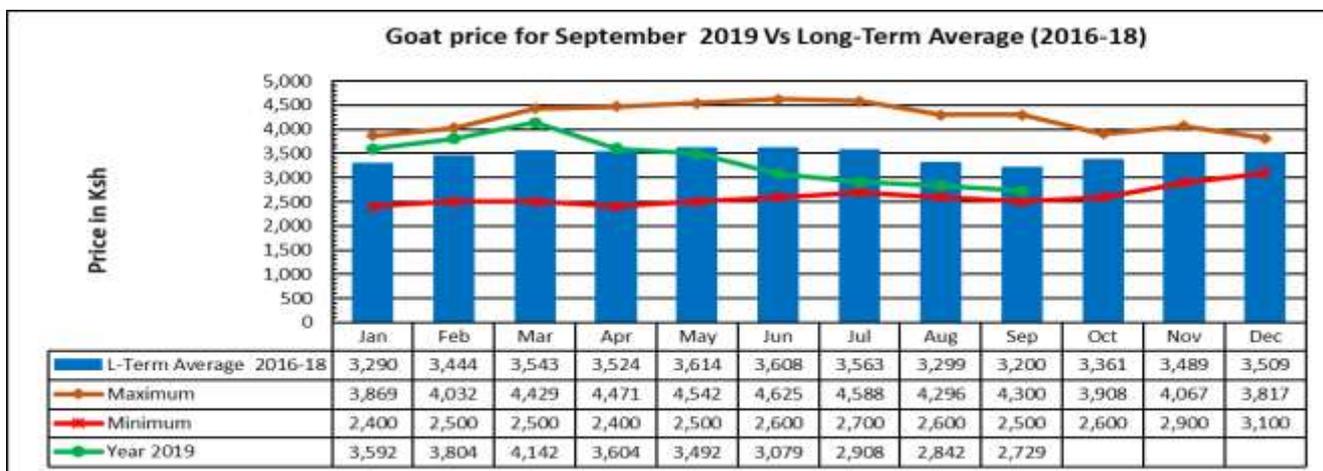


Figure 8 : Goat Price Trend

4.2.1 Maize Prices at Market Level

4.2 Price of Cereals and Other Food Products

4.2.1 Maize Prices at Market Level

- The average market price of a Kilogram of maize was Kshs 49 per Kg in in the month of September same as of the previous month. The high price of maize was attributed to crop failure and poor food stocks at household which was higher due to poor harvests within the county.
- Maize price was Kshs 50 per Kg in in Rain Fed and Mixed Farming livelihood zones while the Marginal Mixed Farming Livelihood Zone recorded a price of Kshs 47.5 per Kg.
- The average maize price was 32.43 percent higher than the three-year average of Kshs 37per Kg.

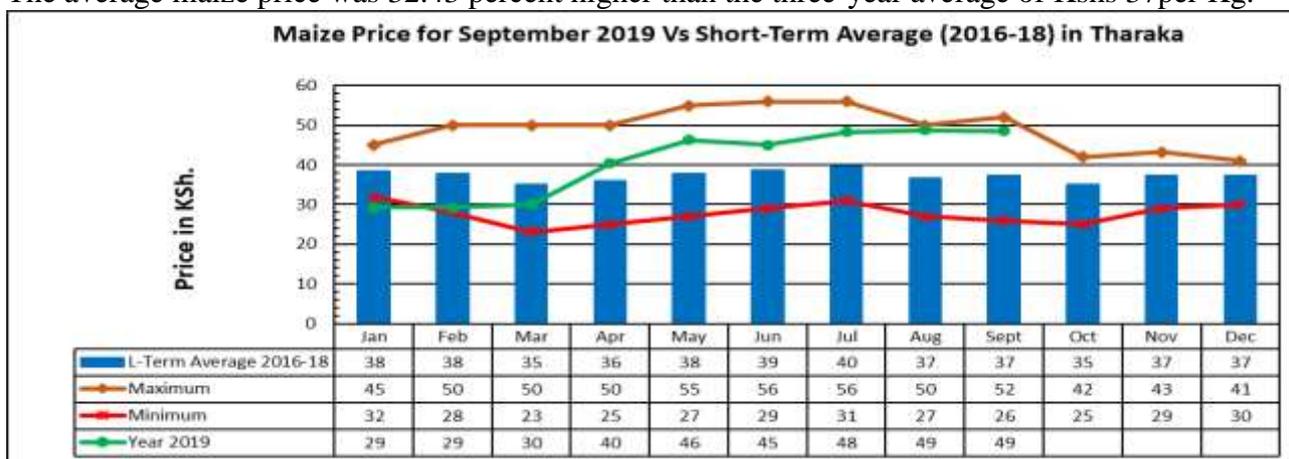


Figure 9: Maize Price Trend

4.2.2 Millet Price at Market Level

- The average market price of millet was Kshs 73 per Kg in September same as of the previous month of August. The high millet price was due to low stocks from the short rain harvest.
- The Mixed Farming Zone recorded the highest market price of Kshs 80/Kg, Marginal Mixed Farming Zone Kshs 75 per Kg while Rain Fed Zone recorded the least price of Kshs 60 per Kg.
- The millet price was 58.7 percent higher than the long-term average price of Kshs.47per Kg for the month of September.

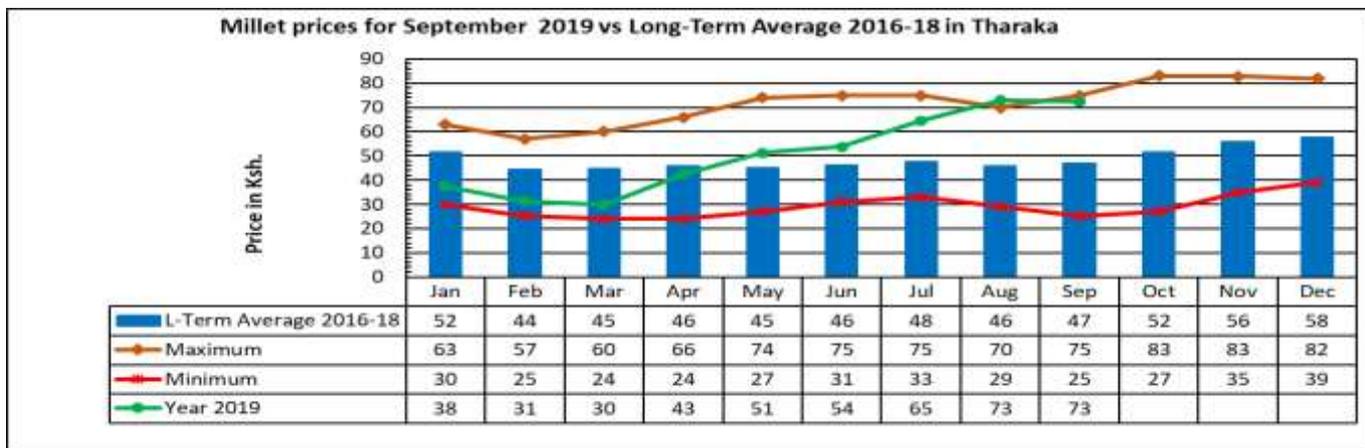


Figure 10 : Millet Price Trend

4.2.3 Terms of Trade (ToT)

- The Terms of Trade decreased from 58.3 in August to 56 in September due to an increase in maize price against an average decrease in goat price recorded during the month of September.
- The highest ratio was recorded in the Marginal Mixed Farming at 62.63; followed by Rain Fed Cropping Zone at 60 while Mixed Farming Zone had the least term of trade ratio of 43.84.
- The term of trade for the period under review was 23.29 percent lower than the three year average value of 73 during the same period.



Figure 11: Term of Trade

5.0 FOOD CONSUMPTION AND NUTRITION STATUS

5.1.1 Milk Consumption

- The average milk consumption decreased from 1.5 of a litre per household per day in August to 0.7 of a litre per household per day in the month of September. This decrease in milk consumption could be attributed low milk production at household level.
- The average milk consumed was 7.89 percent lower than the 3-year average of 0.76 litre.

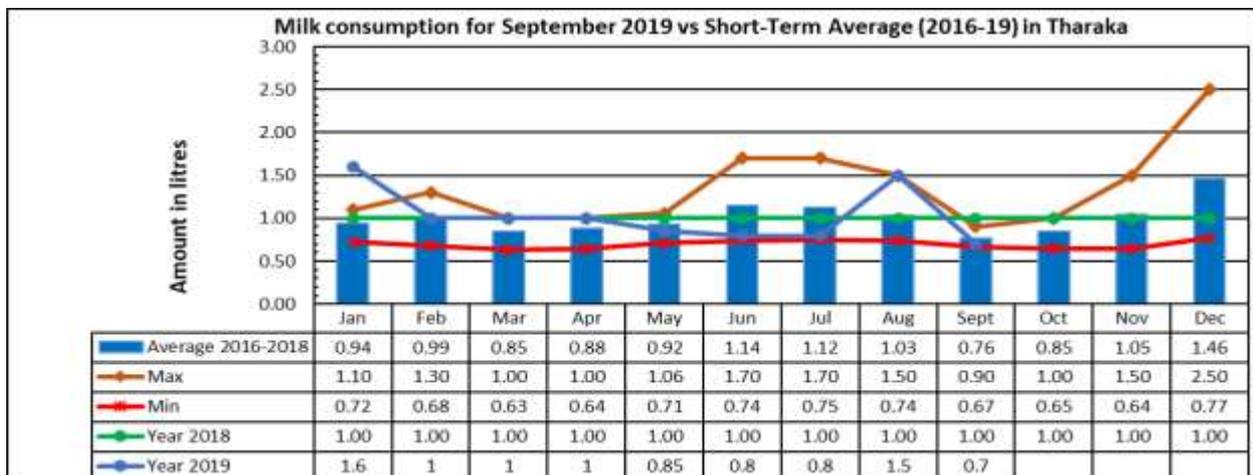


Figure 12 : Milk Consumption Trend

5.1.2 Food Consumption Score

- Proportion of households with acceptable Food Consumption Score decreased from 53.37% in August to 45.57% in September as shown by the graph in fig. 12 below.
- The Food Consumption Score was lower than that of the long term average which was attributed to difficulty in obtaining food in some areas where there was total crop failure especially at farm gate level within the county and the diminishing stock from the short rains harvest.

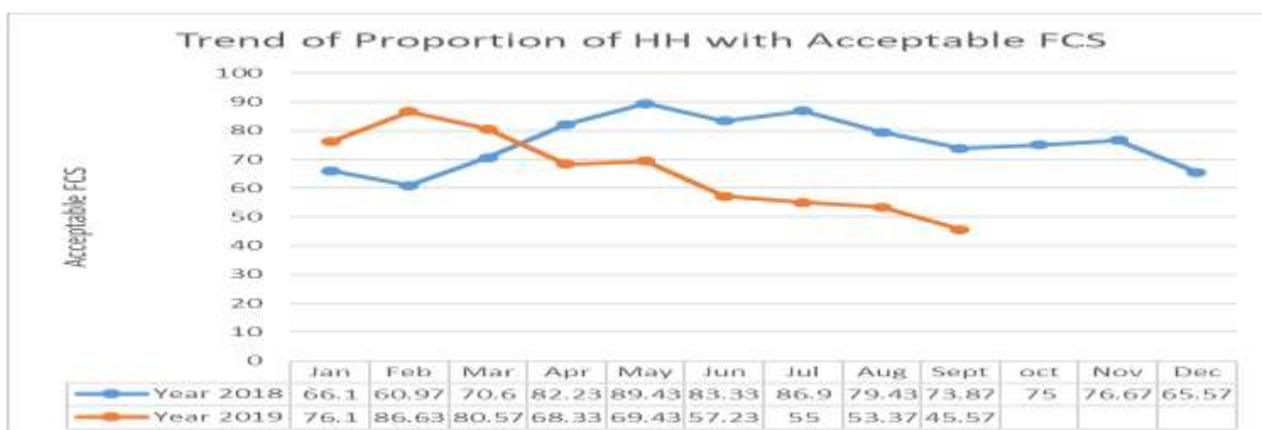


Figure 13: Trend of the Proportion of HHs with Acceptable FCS

- A higher number of Food Stressed Households were in the Rain Fed Cropping Livelihood Zone at 83.3%, 70% in the Marginal Mixed Farming and 10% in the Mixed Farming Livelihood Zone. Most households are also consuming one meal per day as opposed to the 3 meals per day.

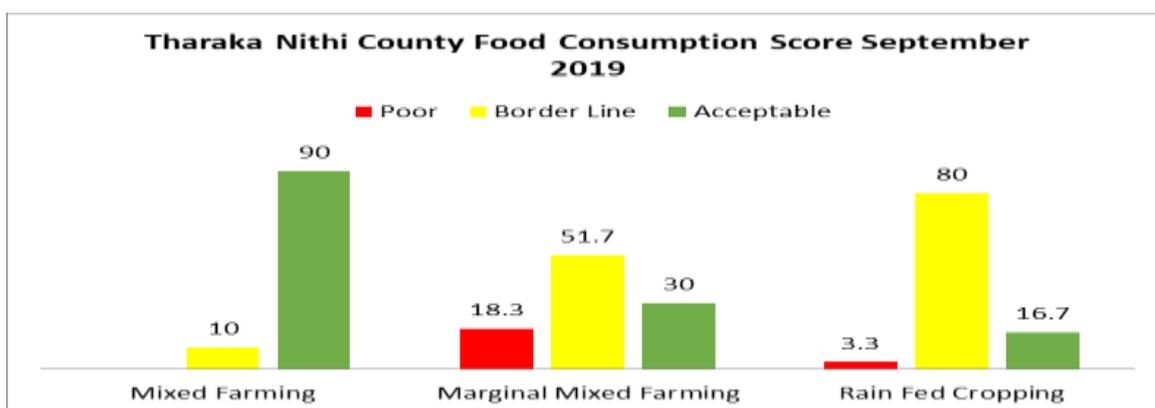


Figure 14: Food Consumption Score Chart

Table 3: Average Food Consumption Score

Period	Acceptable (%)	Borderline (%)	Poor (%)	Food Insecure HH (%)
January 2019	76.1	23.9	0	23.9
February 2019	86.6	13.4	0	13.4
March 2019	80.57	16.67	2.77	19.43
April 2019	68.33	31.67	0	31.67
May 2019	69.43	29.43	1.133	30.57
June	57.23	35	7.8	42.8
July	55	41.67	3.33	45
August	53.37	43.33	3.3	46.63
September	45.57	47.23	7.3	54.43

- The poor food consumption score implies household are not consuming staples and vegetables every day and rarely consuming protein rich food, borderline imply household are consuming staple, vegetable every day accompanied by oil and pulse a few times in a week while the acceptable imply households consuming staples, vegetables every day, and frequently accompanied by pulses.

5.2 UTILISATION INDICATORS

5.2.1 Health and Nutrition Status

5.2.2 MUAC

- The proportion of children between 6 to 59 months at risk of malnutrition whose MUAC measurement was below 135 mm increased from 5.2 percent in August to 5.7 percent in September which was attributed to diminishing food stock at household level.
- The proportion of children at risk of malnutrition whose MUAC measurement was below 135mm was below the long-term average of 6.7 percent.

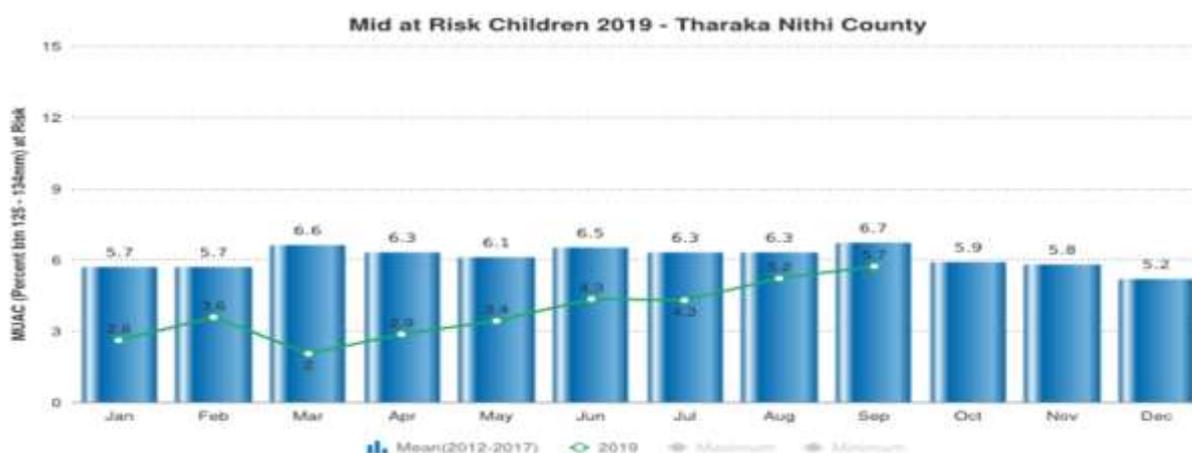


Figure 15: MUAC Graphs

5.2.3 Health

- The prevalence of most common diseases for the general population in Tharaka Nithi County include diseases of the respiratory system, malaria, skin disease, urinary tract infections and rheumatism while those mainly affecting children under five years include: diseases of the respiratory system, pneumonia, malaria, intestinal worms and skin diseases.

5.2.4 Coping Strategy Index

- The Coping Strategy Index (CSI) increased from 11.8 in August to 12.67 in September which was almost the same as of the previous month and it indicated high level of household stress due to lack of food or money to buy food during the month of September.
- The CSI for September 2019 was higher than that of 2018 average for September which further indicates much difficulty in obtaining food in 2019 than last year in the same period like this.
- The current drought situation was at alarm and the condition was most likely to become worse.
- This should be of great concern since the short rain harvest was below the long term average.



Figure 16 : Trend of CSI

- The highest CSI was recorded in the Marginal Mixed Farming zone at 22.9 followed by 14.2 in the Mixed Farming Zone while the Rain Fed Livelihood Zone recorded the least CSI of 0.9.
- The most commonly employed coping strategy mechanisms during the month of September were: - Obtaining of goods on credit, Reliance on less preferred and less expensive food.
- Some households employed livelihood based coping strategies such as sale of some household assets, spending of savings as well as borrowing of short term loans.

6.0 CURRENT INTERVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1.1 Food Intervention

- In the month of August, Tharaka North Sub- County received 300 bags of 50Kg maize and 150 bags of 50Kg beans each from the Ministry of Special Programmes through the office of the Deputy County Commissioner which were to be distributed as follows:
 - 12 locations to receive 16 bags of maize and 8 bags of beans each.
 - Gatunga Sub location was to be added an extra 10 bags of maize and 5 bags of beans due to its high number of population.
 - 16 bags of maize and 8 bags of beans were reserved for emergency for the most vulnerable people.
 - 13 schools were to be given 5 bags of maize and 2 bags of beans each.
- In the month of August, Tharaka South Sub-County received 300 bags of 50Kg maize and 150 bags of 50Kg beans each from the Ministry of Special Programmes through the office of the Deputy County Commissioner which were to be distributed as follows:

- 14 locations were to receive 14 bags of maize and 8 bags of beans each.
- 25 schools were identified to benefit from relief food.
- 34 bags of maize and 5 bags of beans were reserved for emergency.
- In the month of September NDMA distributed 8 bags of 50Kg rice, 8bags of 50Kg beans, 8bags of 90Kg maize and 8cartons of cooking oil to 8secondary schools each. The schools include Kamwathu Day Sec, Kamacabi Mixed Day, Kabuabua Girls, Kamarandi Mixed Sec, Ndaruni Mixed Sec, Nkondi Girls and Chakariga Girls.

6.1. 2 Non-Food Interventions

Ongoing Interventions

Agriculture Sector

- Promotion of conservation agriculture in Tharaka North by Food Agricultural Organisation (FAO).
- Cereal enhancement programs by Kenya Cereal Enhancement Program organisation (KCEP CRAL).

Livestock

- Dairy farming of goats and cow by Upper Tana Natural Resource Management Programme and Livestock Department
- Goats upgrading for milk and meat by Upper Tana Natural Resource Management Project.
- Upgrading of local chicken by Upper Tana Natural Resource Management Project.

Water

- Water trucking by NDMA to schools, Health facilities and community in Tharaka North and South Sub Counties.
- Construction of Manduru earth dam in Gatunga Ward.
- Rehabilitation of Ura- Kathangachini and Kamacabi water project by the county Government.
- Extension of water pipe line from Marimanti to Maragwa by Water Services Trust Fund (WSTF).
- Re-construction of Kaibonce concrete dam by Kenya Climate Smart Agricultural programme.

Education

- Expanded school meals programme on 37 primary schools in Tharaka South by International Aid Services (IAS).

6.2 Food Security Prognosis

- Food Stocks at households was fast depleting across all the livelihood zones and was low due to poor long rain harvest. The trend is likely to worsen due to total crop failure in most areas.
- There was over 90% of crop failure during the long rain in almost all the livelihood zones.
- Markets operations are likely to fluctuate depicting different trends for livestock and crops. Commodity prices are likely to increase due to poor long rains harvests while livestock prices are most likely to remain stagnant or decrease for the next 1 months due to poor pasture and browse.
- Status of water sources is below normal with household and Livestock watering distance being outside the normal ranges and the situation is likely to worsen in the next 1 month since we are till October.
- Pasture condition is poor and the condition is deteriorating due to cessation of the long rains resulting to longer grazing distance, reduced milk production; poor livestock body condition and a drop in livestock prices.
- Terms of Trade decreased significantly in favour of crop farmers compared to livestock farmers and the trend is likely to continue till the next harvest season.

- Households in the County are likely to remain Food stressed in the next 3 months till the next harvest in February should the rain perform well.

7.0 Recommendations (Response interventions May to December 2019)

- Activate the drought contingency plan and start implementing some drought contingency activities to cushion vulnerable households against drought.

Sector	Tharaka Nithi County	Target areas hotspot (Wards/Villages)	Beneficiaries
Water	Rapid assessment and identification of non-operational water points	Kamanyeki, Maragwa, Mukothima Kathangachini locations.	10 sites, each site benefitting an estimated 2000 persons totalling to 20000 persons
	Capacity building of Wruas & Surveillance of Rivers to stop illegal water abstractions	Lower Thangatha, Upper Thangatha (Part of Gatunga Ward and Mukothima Ward)	2,000 People
	Provision of water to critical facilities through water trucking	Water trucking to institutions i.e. (Schools in Chiakariga Maragwa, Gituma, Kathangachini	5 sites, each site benefitting an estimated 2,300 males and 4,500 females totalling to 6,800 persons
		Health facilities Tharaka North include: Kamacabi dispensary, Njoguni, Gaceuni, Kirundi, Kamaguna, Kathangachini, Kamwathu, Murambambogo, Manyanga Tharaka South include: Tumbura, Kereria, Nkomaru, Gaceraka, Kirukuma, Kanyuru, Kaaraninkumar	
	Repair of Rock Catchments	In Gatunga Ward: Mukuruti Kanyi, Manduru, Kiararamara, Muturu, Nchege Rock Catchment	4,000 people, 500 cows, 2,000 goats, 1,000 sheep 200 donkeys
Renovation of Earth Dams	Gankamba, Nyamboni, Kiararamara, Manduru and Ngaani	5,000 people 1,000 cows 10,000 goats 500 donkeys	
Livestock	Provision of survival feeds and supplements to core breeds	Kathangachini, Gaciongo, Kamarandi, Kamanyaki, Marimanti, Kiamiramba	8,000 heads of cattle, each consuming one 50 kg bag of drought pellets per month for 2 months
	Commercial Destocking for cattle	Gatunga Market, Kathangachini, Chakariga Market	10,000 people
	Provision of Hay	To be done in Tharaka South and North sub-counties.	2,000 heads of cattle each consuming 15 bales per month x 2 months

	Vaccination of Cattle against FMD/LSD	Chiakariga ward, Kamanyaki, kamarandi, chiakariga, Gituma	5,000 Cattle
	Vaccination of Goats and sheep against CCP	Marimanti ward, Kithigiri, Kibienga, Nkondi ward Kereria, Gachugini	30,000 shoats
	Vaccination of Goats and sheep against sheep & goat pox	Kamanyaki, Kathangachini, Chakariga, Marimanti	35,000 shoats
	Vaccination of dogs against Rabies	Gatue ward, Mukothima ward	1000 dogs
Agriculture	Provision of relief food to vulnerable Farming communities	1,355H in Tharaka North in Twathanju, Kathangachini. Gatue, Maragwa, Mauthini, Kanjoro, Irunduni, Mukothima ward	1,355 bags of 90Kg maize and 678 bags of 90Kg beans to be distributed to 1,355HH in Tharaka North Monthly for 2 months. (vulnerable households are likely to increase as the drought progresses)
	Provision of relief food to vulnerable Farming communities	2,172 HH in Tharaka Rukuruni and Kereria sub location in Nkodi ward, Chakariga, Kamarandi & Kamanyaki	2,172HH bags of 90kg maize and 1,086 bags of 90Kg beans to be distributed to 2,172HH monthly for 2 months. (Vulnerable households are likely to increase as the drought progresses)
	Provision of planting farm inputs e.g. Planting seeds, fertilizer, Pesticides simple implements	6,000 HH in Tharaka North and South Sub Counties in September.	3,000 HH in Tharaka south and 3,000 HH in Tharaka North.
Education	Food for fees	10 Public Secondary schools in Marimanti, Chakariga, Gatunga, Nkondi and Mukothima wards	1,000 vulnerable students in secondary schools (500 vulnerable students in Tharaka South & 500 in Tharaka North)
	Food Aid in Primary Schools without SMP	7 Primary schools in Tharaka North and 57 schools in Tharaka South	Pupils in 64 day primary schools totalling to about 16,000 beneficiaries
Health and Nutrition	Integrated outreach services in 10 hard to reach areas.	Tharaka North and Tharaka South Sub county.	24,000 under five children, pregnant and lactating women
	Provision of sachets of water treatment kits per month for 3 months	Tharaka North and South Sub-Counties	12,000 HHs
	Provision of food supplement for malnourished children and mothers	Tharaka North and South	20 facilities each receiving 2 bags of 90kg fortified Health supplements.
	Distribution of water to 16 Health facilities	Tharaka North and South.	16 health facilities
Coordination	Conduct 7 CSG meetings at county and Sub County level	Tharaka North & South	40 members