

# URGENT BULLETIN

## KENYA DROUGHT CRISIS

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Your urgent help  
is needed NOW!



*Starvation is bearing down on 3.5 million people in Kenya. We must act fast to prevent this crisis becoming a disaster for people with disabilities, like Sofia.*

## Tragedy unfolds as the world looks the other way!

Right now in Kenya, 3.5 million people face starvation and extreme water shortages. Half of them are children. Experts predict that the problem is set to double if action is not taken immediately.

Yet the international community is not paying attention. Why is Kenya being overlooked?

In a word... war. The daily scenes of Russia's invasion of Ukraine have dominated news headlines for months and the world has not yet woken up to what is going on in Kenya.

Yet the situation is dire. And if nothing changes, millions face disaster. We must act now.

God calls us to help "*the least of our brothers and sisters*" (Matthew 25:40). And right now, that means the people of Kenya. Especially those with disabilities.

The world may be looking the other way, but we cannot. We must respond right now.

**Every day counts. And every gift counts. Please will you rush your urgent gift to us today. It WILL save lives.**

## When the wells run dry.

Imagine trying to keep your family alive on a few cupfuls of dirty water from the bottom of a dried out hole. Impossible! But this is exactly the situation Julius (pictured below) and his family face.

Every day Julius joins dozens of other families queuing for water from a source that is running dry. All around them, in every direction, other communities are facing exactly the same situation.

First the rains failed. Then the harvest. Now war in Ukraine is causing food prices to spiral out of control. And people who live in this dry and dusty land are facing disaster. Their wells are running dry, their harvests have failed and they desperately need our help.

**Please help people with disabilities get access to the food, water and medical supplies they need to survive this deadly drought.**

*Wells and water holes are drying up all over the country. Livestock are dying, their carcasses littering the landscape. How long before children follow?*



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*Julius, 46, is blind in one eye. People with disabilities face an even greater danger in an emergency, as they often struggle to reach help in time. Their lives are on the line.*

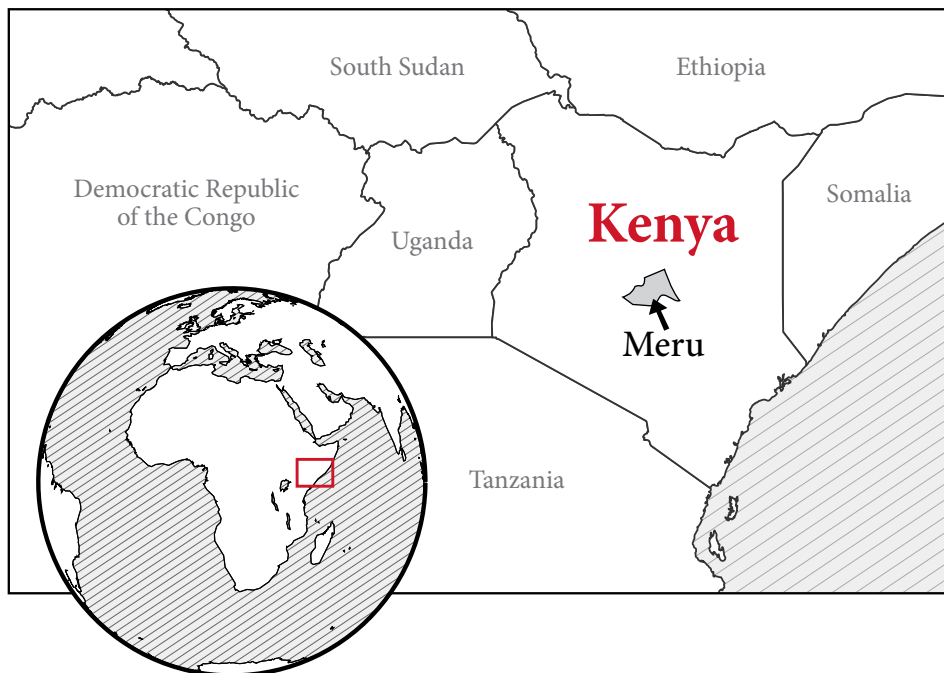
## Doubly disadvantaged.

People with disabilities in Kenya are already marginalised, but this worsening drought means they are doubly disadvantaged and their situation is now dire.

CBM is already on the ground working hard to help the most vulnerable. We have identified thousands of families affected by disabilities, all of whom need our urgent help NOW. Before it's too late.

People with disabilities are more likely to be seriously affected by increasing food prices and the decreasing availability of food and water. We're seeing increasing issues with malnutrition and families struggling with very limited access to markets and transportation.

**Your urgent support can make all the difference – please act now!**



## Delay is deadly. But your action saves lives.

In response to the ongoing drought in Kenya, CBM has carried out a *rapid needs assessment* of the worst affected regions in Meru County. God calls on us to stand up and act in times like these. And with your support we can mobilise quickly to help people with disabilities in time to save lives.

Your faithful gift will assist with:

- **Emergency Food & Water**  
– to keep families affected by disabilities alive.
- **Medicine**  
– to help people with disabilities get the treatment they need.
- **Assistive Aids**  
– like crutches and wheelchairs for access to distribution points.

But any kind of delay will be deadly. We've seen it before. In 2011 a similar drought hit this same region. At the time, nobody believed people could die from hunger anymore. But they were wrong. Hundreds of thousands died!

**With 3.5 million people living at risk of starvation, we must act now to avert disaster. Please help us to act before it's too late.**



**Phone 0800 77 22 64 to give a gift now**