

**Question for written answer E-000369/2017
to the Commission**
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Subject: Somalia

The European Union has released EUR 28.7 million in urgent assistance to respond to the drastically deteriorating humanitarian situation in a number of countries and regions, including Somalia. It appears that EUR 10 million of the EUR 28.7 million allocated to respond to humanitarian needs has been earmarked for humanitarian assistance in Somalia, for which the United Nations launched an urgent appeal last month. The country is currently facing a severe drought, which is in the process of getting worse and has left hundreds of thousands more people short of food and water, while five million Somalis – more than 40 % of the population – already lack access to sufficient food. The EU (Member States and Commission) is the largest humanitarian donor in Somalia. According to the UN, it provided 43.3 % of all humanitarian funding in the country in 2016.

Which urgent needs does the Commission consider to have been covered by the allocation of the additional EUR 10 million and what measures have been envisaged to reach the increasing number of malnourished children as soon as possible?