

DESERT LOCUST INVASION

Responding to a crisis within a crisis

The Emergency Locust Response Program

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Crisis within a Crisis

A new world norm

Cost of The Locust Outbreak



Actions on the Ground

World Bank's Response To Assist Governments & UN Partners



The WBG has mobilized the Contingency Emergency Response Component (CERC) within its existing portfolio for rapid response to the locust outbreak



Towards Zero Stunting in Djibouti Project (P164164)

US\$0.6 million

Response includes:

- i. Purchasing equipment, logistic, and pesticides for immediate desert locust control;
- ii. Initiating preliminary capacity building activities to develop early warning system; and
- iii. Assisting affected farmers and agropastoral households in restoring their livelihoods



Kenya National Climate Smart Agriculture Project (P154784)

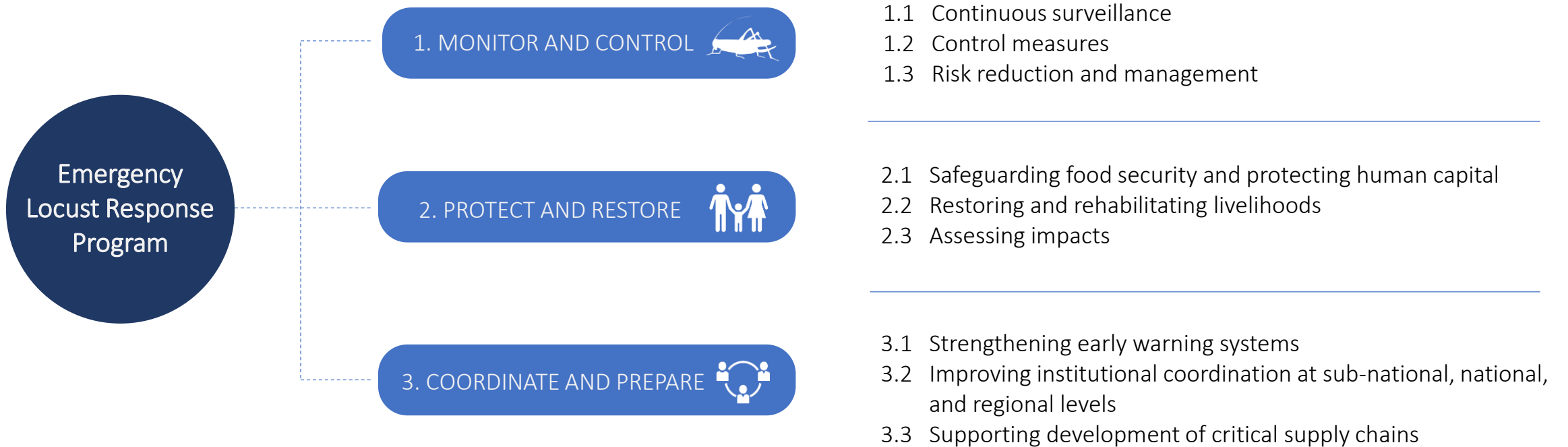
US\$13.77 million

Response includes setting up six base stations and deploying surveillance aircraft to coordinate locust surveillance efforts across affect countries



CERC activated financing amounts are modest relative to the needs and are only used to address the most immediate issues.

A US\$500 million multiphase programmatic approach (MPA) project was created to provide immediate and longer-term support across the region.



Four “first mover” countries:



Djibouti



Ethiopia



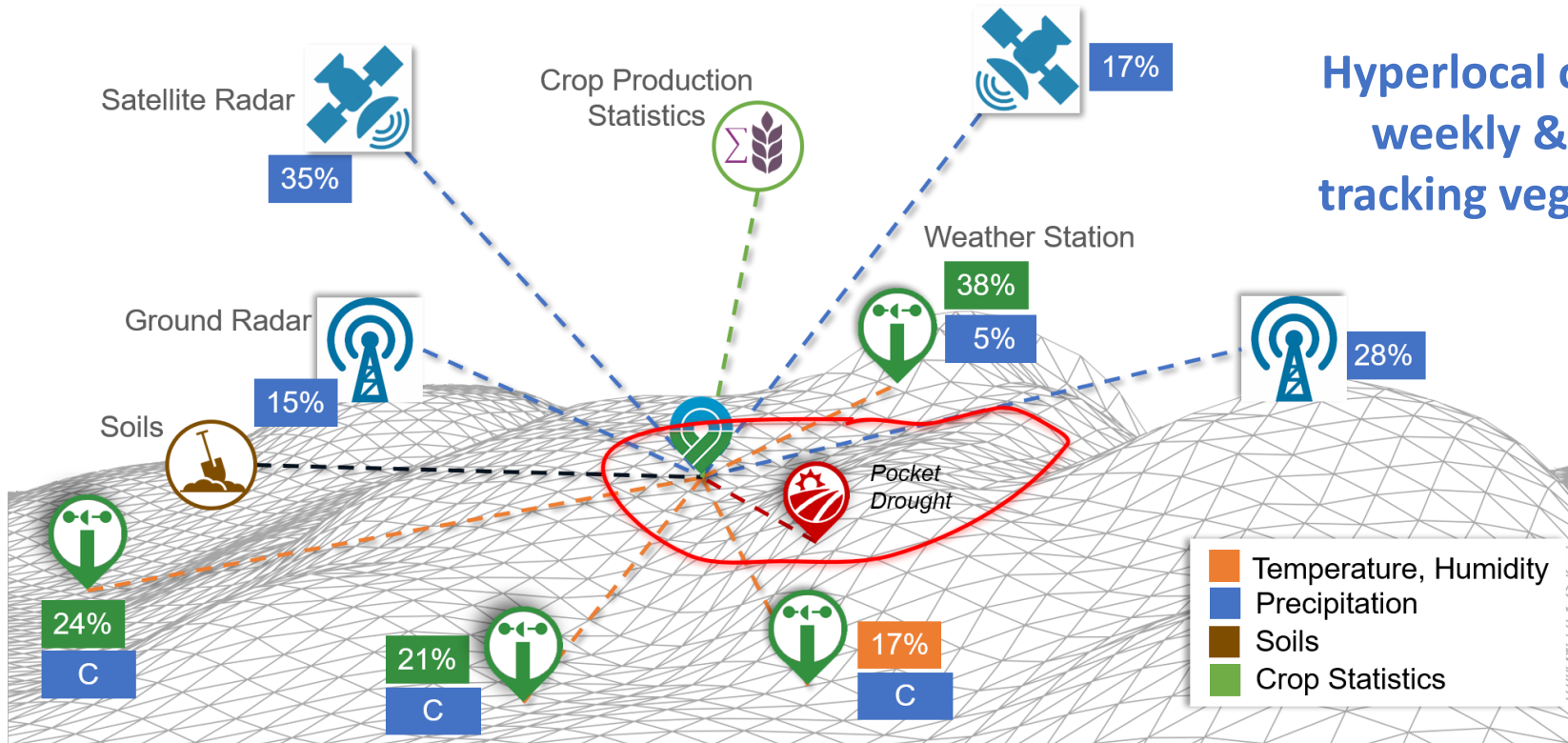
Kenya



Uganda

The WBG's Ag Observatory – Daily Weather @ 9kmx9km

Hyperlocal observed weather to provide daily, weekly & monthly intelligence in support of tracking vegetation, crop, and locust dynamics



July Precipitation / Potential Evapotranspiration – Coefficient of Variation 2006-2019

