Latest Developments:

- Despite the harvests in western Kenya, food prices remain very high in the pastoral, agro-pastoral, and riverine areas of northern and eastern Kenya.

- Food insecurity is at emergency levels in some urban areas, with a 62 per cent increase in admissions to urban feeding centres.

- The period from June to October is the main rainy season in the northern sector of the Sudan, South Sudan, Eritrea, northern and north-western parts of Ethiopia, and most parts of Djibouti.

- The rainfall outlook for the remainder of the season is positive for the northern sector comprising Sudan, South Sudan and western Ethiopia, but mixed for the eastern Horn comprising eastern Kenya, Somalia and southeastern Ethiopia.

- The estimated mortality rate for children in Somalia is 15.43 deaths per 10,000 individuals a day, above the famine threshold of 2 deaths per 10,000.

- A notable decline in crude mortality rate has been reported in the Dollo Ado camps in Ethiopia, from 4-5 deaths to 1.1 deaths per 10,000 persons per day in Kobe.

- Over 5,000 people have been affected by a dengue fever outbreak in Kenya, with a few cases tested positive in Somalia.

- There are currently 590,000 registered refugees in Kenya, including 511,000 Somalis.

*For Key Messages please refer to the IFRC website www.ifrc.org in the section Horn of Africa.*

Activity update

Kenya

Drought & Food Security revised appeal was released on 3 October. The appeal concentrates on three main components:

- Emergency response which will utilize the current short rain season comprises of seed procurement, seed distribution to the farming communities and distribution of agricultural tools.

- The mid-term and longer-term response which will focus on rehabilitating water sources, improving access to water, developing water storing systems and water management in general.
• The longer-term programmes will also use advanced technology in agriculture and livelihoods.

The IFRC Horn of Africa and Kenya Red Cross deployed a joint team to Dadaab to assess the general conditions and inform the Movement’s decision making process regarding the future engagement in the Somali refugees operation in Dadaab.

Following the assessment mission, it was agreed that Kenya Red Cross with support of IFRC would implement its response in IFO2 West camp, which will host up to a maximum of 60,000 refugees. Currently, the camp hosts 35,000 people as UNHCR continues to move about 1,500 refugees into the camp on a daily basis.

Further, the team recommended the deployment of various Emergency Response Units (ERU’s) in order to assist in initiating the response.

A request has also been made to participating partners who may be willing to deploy and support ERU’s deployment. Consequently, it was approved that ERUs Team Leaders will arrive in the week of 10th October 2011 to do further assessment and coordination with relevant stakeholders present on ground. This visit shall inform the design of the ERUs prior to their deployment.

Various partner national societies have already offered ERU in the following areas: logistics by British Red Cross, Basic camp by Danish Red Cross, Basic health care by German, Finnish and Spanish Red Cross societies and Information technology/telecommunication by the Danish Red Cross.

In the meantime, the IFRC and Kenya Red Cross are preparing a preliminary appeal for the operation in IFO2 West camp which will be released soon. Moreover, a request for a DREF (500,000 CHF) will be submitted by Kenya Red Cross to enable initial response and preparation for the ERUs arrival.

In order to ensure a smooth entry and start up this operation, bilateral talks and agreements, where is necessary will be done with various stakeholders such as UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, LWF, CARE, MSFs and others.

Ethiopia

78,000 litres of water were distributed to seven operational sites in Moyale-Oromia region. Approximately 20,675 people have benefited from the Spanish Red Cross funded exercise.

The national society continues to provide ambulance service in Benishangul Gumuz region transporting patients, with support from ICRC.

Ethiopia Red Cross is planning to deploy an assessment team to Afar region next week to identify intervention areas for water and health related activities.

The logistics coordinator has also been identified and expected to start mission from 01 October 2011.

Also, fighting erupted in early September between North Sudan Forces Sudan Armed Forces and members of the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement (North) in Blue Nile. This forced over 20,000 Sudanese refugees to crossed over to Ethiopia.
The humanitarian needs of these refugees are expected to increase as existing Government of Ethiopia and UNHCR camp response capacity is overwhelmed. There is need for preparation of construction of a new camp site since the hostility is still escalating.

In addition, there are many refugees, staying in local communities around Kurmuk, sleeping in the open air. This predisposes the refugees to increased risk of illness and insecurity especially from reported aerial bombings[1].

Ethiopian Red Cross supported by the IFRC is preparing for respond to the humanitarian needs of the refugees. A DREF request has been drafted and will be shared in the coming days to assist the national society to mobilise and initiate a quick response.

Somalia

Mobile health teams have reached 3,516 beneficiaries. Out of these 960 are under 5 years old and 2,556 over 5 years old.

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The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has started to distribute food with the aim of assisting some 1.1 million drought- and war-affected people across the hardest-hit areas of southern and central Somalia.

The first round of distributions, currently taking place in the Gedo region, is providing 72,000 people with enough beans, oil and rice to cover their needs for one month. Several more rounds are planned to take place until December.

While food distributions are needed to relieve immediate suffering, the ICRC also aims over the medium term to give the population the means to sustain their own livelihoods. It is therefore providing seed and fertilizer for 240,000 farmers ahead of the planting season. Maize, sorghum, cowpea and sesame should be ready to be harvested by the beginning of 2012. This ongoing operation is being conducted by the ICRC with the support of volunteers from the Somali Red Crescent Society.

Tanzania

The appeal has been finalized and was posted on Fednet and on the Federation’s public site at http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/11/MDRTZ012EA.pdf

[1] Extracts from HCR, OCHA and ERCS/IFRC assessment reports.
The appeal seeks CHF 1,352,126 in cash, kind, or services to support the Tanzania Red Cross National Society in delivering assistance to some 20,000 beneficiaries for 12 months as follows:

- Food distribution to 2,760 households (13,800 beneficiaries) from Ngorongoro, Simanjiro, Rombo, Same and Mwanga districts for two months
- Distribution of seeds, farming tools and fertilizers to 4,000 households and provision of training on dry land farming techniques for 1,000 families and a cash disbursement of US$ 250 to 1,000 families in three districts of Kilimanjaro.

Tanzania Red Cross has received EUR 75,000 from the French Red Cross and CHF 250,000 from the Disaster Response Emergency Fund.

The process for recruiting an Operations Coordinator is also underway. IFRC and Tanzania Red Cross are finalizing Terms of Reference for a temporary deployment of a finance staff.

**Djibouti**

In the event that an emergency appeal is not going to be launched for Djibouti, the Nairobi Federation office is looking at alternative ways of supporting the Djibouti Red Crescent - a number of National Societies have continued to express support for a Movement approach to working alongside the Djibouti Red Crescent.

**Funding update**

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