

# OPERATIONS UPDATE



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## SUDAN: DROUGHT

10 February 2004

Appeal No. 17/2003: Operations Update no. 3; Period Covered: November 2003 to January 2004

### Appeal History:

- Appeal launched on 1 July 2003 for CHF 1,159,000 (USD 852,000 or EUR 746,116) for 12 months for 106,500 beneficiaries.
- Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF) allocated: N/A

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### In Brief

**Appeal coverage:** 59.0%; See the attached [Contributions List](#) for details.

**Outstanding needs:** CHF 474,705 (USD 377,200 or EUR 303,800)

### Related Emergency or Annual Appeals:

- [Sudan 2004 Annual Appeal no. 01.06/2004](#)
- [Sudan: Floods in Kassala State; Emergency appeal no. 19/2003](#)

**Operational Summary:** The [Sudanese Red Crescent Society](#) and the Federation launched an emergency appeal on 1 July 2003 following devastating effects of five years of consecutive drought. They also conducted a joint assessment and identified food, shelter, water and outreach health services as areas of priority humanitarian need; the national society's capacity building was also highlighted in order to reduce risks and mitigate disasters on a longer term.

Seven months later, the needs have only been partially addressed due to slow and limited donor response. Food shortage is still critical and WFP was only able to provide half-rations in two distribution cycles. Unavailability of water is still a key concern, and efforts continue to address this problem.

### Operational developments

Food insecurity will remain critical due to poor harvest in the summer owing to inadequate rains. WFP has confirmed that there will be no food available for general distribution in 2004. Distribution of shelter materials for a targeted 15,000 internally displaced persons (IDP) is on-going and is funded by Danish Red Cross; however, the number has increased to more than 17,000 and is growing. Construction and rehabilitation/protection of selected water points continued smoothly; additional funding has been received from the Canadian Red Cross and British Red Cross. The funds from British Red Cross will cover rehabilitation/protection of 25 traditional wells and purchase of 6,000 blankets for the IDP.

## **Sudan: Drought; Emergency Appeal no. 17/2003; Operations Update no. 03**

The Sudanese Red Crescent and the Federation are committed to addressing food insecurity through a developmental approach as outlined in their [2004 Annual Appeal for Sudan, no. 01.06/2004](#). The Partners Meeting planned for March 2004 will provide a good opportunity to raise donor's awareness on the unmet needs and funding gaps.

### **Red Cross and Red Crescent action**

**Objective 1: To distribute full general food rations to 106,000 persons over a six-month period in two cycles.**

#### **Progress**

The second cycle of general food distribution consisting of half rations to 15,000 IDP in Sinkat Province was completed in November 2003. The distribution was based on the Letter of Agreement (LOA) signed between WFP and the Sudanese Red Crescent.

#### **Impact**

- There has been a positive impact in the lives of the beneficiaries despite the fact that only half-rations were distributed in the first and second food distribution cycles, in July and November 2003 respectively.

#### **Constraints**

- The food rations have not been enough. Since no more distribution is scheduled as per original plans, the lives of the beneficiaries will inevitably be affected in view of the poor summer harvest; there is a danger of health status reverting to earlier state, as the next harvest is in July/August 2004.

**Objective 2: To distribute non-food items (cooking utensils and shelter materials) to 15,000 IDP.**

The distribution of non-food items was postponed to February 2004, to allow completion of beneficiary registration. This exercise was necessary to help target the most vulnerable.

#### **Impact:**

- The distribution will protect 15,000 IDP from the cold and windy weather and will reduce incidents of respiratory-related diseases.

#### **Constraints:**

- The increase of IDP to more than 17,000 required their registration; this was expensive and time-consuming, and resulted in delays to distribution.

**Objective 3: To construct/rehabilitate and protect selected water points.**

The Sudanese Red Crescent and the Red Sea State branch have drilled five new wells. There is sufficient clean water in three of the wells, while two have slightly saline water.

	<b>Area/Location</b>	<b>Beneficiaries (Families)</b>	<b>Depth (Mt)</b>	<b>Quality</b>
1	Tundra/Elagba, E.Sinkat	37	33	Saline
2	Takror, E.Gebiet	47	33	Good
3	Ekiedy, Gebiet	140	36	Good
4	Airm, E. Gebiet	160	34	Good
5	Asout Gebiet	120	43	Saline

Twenty traditional wells have also been protected/rehabilitated. The work included deepening and constructing the foundation, and constructing sleeves and covers of stone, cement and iron bars. Skimming and cleaning the wells was also undertaken. (See the following table).

	Location	No. beneficiaries (Families)
1	Gebiet Alashraf	100
2	Nafilyamet Amuglda Hadgna	100
3	Adal Aweb Hritery E. Sinkat	151
4	Hilaiete, Sinkat	183
5	Ekidoy, Gebiet	130
6	Arkawit	220
7	Gamatib, Gebeit	95
8	Nobahaweb	120
9	Taharroy	91
10	Hamla Dood Hamashyamaeb	80
11	Dobate, Tondar, Derudeb	160
12	Tondra Derudeb	130
13	Almahma, Tolage, Haya	220
14	Tiraua, Derudebs	100
15	Omer Nourit, Haya	65
16	Tolauge – Haya	220
17	Aweyiet Haya	90
18	Gadamai - Derudeb	120
19	Lashob Derudeb	95
20	Kajareit Derudeb	650

Training has been conducted for 82 water management committee members from four administrative units in Sinkat Province. Committee members were selected from all the villages where newly rehabilitated/protected traditional wells and new hand pumps had been installed. Another workshop will be conducted in March 2004 for other areas.

#### Impact

- Many families now have access to adequate high quality water within reasonable walking distance.

#### Constraints

- Mechanical problems with the drilling machine slowed the drilling process significantly. Repairs have now been completed and drilling resumed on 9 February 2004.
- The hostile working environment (rocky, semi-desert terrain) also slowed the drilling work.
- The water table is getting lower, requiring well depths of between 33 and 43 meters; further wells may need to go even deeper in some areas.

#### Objective 4: To increase the access to outreach health services for 89,000 highly vulnerable people in Sinkat Province.

No activities have been conducted under this objective due to lack of funds.

#### Impact

- The health situation in the remote areas in Sinkat Province particularly in Ordu, (West Sinkat) remains poor, exacerbated by inadequate food intake and hostile weather conditions.

#### Constraints

- There are very limited resources available. This has led to little or no access to primary health care to the people in the remote areas of Sinkat Province due to the inadequate support from the government. They continue to hope for assistance from Sudanese Red Crescent and Red Sea State who also have little to deliver.

**Objective 5: To increase the capacity of the Sudanese Red Crescent Disaster Preparedness Response and Risk Reduction for the community affected by chronic food insecurity.**

A National Disaster Task Force was established at headquarters level and birthed the National Disaster Response Team (NDRT) consisting of a 35 member multidisciplinary team, from different states, who have been trained. The Branch Disaster Response Team (BDRT) training will take place in mid-February. A new vehicle has been purchased to support the programme while a VHF radio and two computers have been ordered.

**Impact**

- The formation of the National Disaster Task Force and training of the NDRT will enable the national society respond to disasters in a more efficient and effective manner. Likewise, the new vehicle will facilitate effective and timely support visits to the programme and reduce the work load on the branch's aging fleet.

**Constraints**

- The programme has heavily contributed to the wear and tear of the branch's vehicle fleet, reducing the capacity to respond to future disasters.

**Federation coordination**

The Federation, through its field, country and regional offices continued to support the Sudanese Red Crescent and the Red Sea State branch in the implementation of the programme to ensure objectives are met and donors are kept informed on the progress. The Drought Programme Coordinator is working with the Red Sea State branch on a daily basis with full support from the country delegation. The Regional Water and Sanitation officer will make a follow-up visit in mid February to provide support and guidance on the water activities.

**Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement -- Principles and initiatives**

Dissemination of Red Cross/Red Crescent principles continued as a matter of routine at two Women Centres in Port Sudan, at six centres in Sinkat, and in schools and work places. HIV/AIDS awareness, nutrition and hygiene education are the key subjects in all Women Centres Training Programmes. The volunteers continued supporting the community in various activities including helping health staff in Tagadam Health Centre treat 65 food poison victims while 31 volunteers, trained in First Aid, helped the Port Sudan Paediatric Hospital staff attend to victims of a diarrhoea outbreak.

**National Society Capacity Building**

The Sudanese Red Crescent has 21 State Branches and a number of sub branches with a wide network of volunteers throughout the country. Volunteers are engaged in various activities in the operation which include distribution of food and shelter materials, registration of IDP, supporting technical staff in the rehabilitation/protection of wells, and other programmes funded by the Danish Red Cross and Norwegian Red Cross. The Red Sea State branch has also continued to build the volunteer's capacity in various disciplines through on-the-job training throughout the course of this operation.

**Communications – Advocacy and Public Information**

The Branch Director and the Federation's Programme Coordinator participate in all inter-agency coordination meetings chaired by the UN representative. These have proved to be a useful forum for information sharing and for reporting and discussing all humanitarian activities in the Red Sea State. Information on the operation is produced through bi-weekly reports and regular operations updates on the Federation web site. The Red Sea State Branch, local authorities, and NGOs maintain a close dialogue and work in a collaborative manner, and enjoy full support from the Government. Media coverage is limited.

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ANNEX 1

APPEAL No. 17/2003

## PLEDGES RECEIVED

06/02/2004

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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### CASH

					<b>TOTAL COVERAGE</b>	
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				<b>1,159,000</b>		<b>59.0%</b>
BRITISH - RC		15,000	GBP	33,360	25.07.03	
BRITISH - RC		35,000	GBP	77,997	17.12.03	
DANISH - GOVT		4,025	EUR	6,194	21.10.03	PROGRAMME SUPPORT
GERMAN - GOVT		205,290	EUR	315,633	10.09.03	
JAPANESE - RC		28,100	USD	37,963	17.07.03	
PRIVATE DONOR				947	29.12.03	
SWEDISH - GOVT		700,000	SEK	116,900	04.09.03	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				588,994	CHF	50.8%

### KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
DANISH - GOVT		61,924	EUR	95,301	21.10.03	DIRECT: FOR PURCHASE OF SHELTER & CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				95,301	CHF	8.2%

### ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	