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KENYA: DROUGHT

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In Brief

Appeal No. MDRKE001; Operations Update no. 2; Period covered: 1 February to 7 April 2006; Appeal coverage: 100.8 %; [Click here to go directly to the Contributions list available on the Federation website.](#)

Appeal history:

- Launched on 4 January 2006 for CHF 16,369,585 (USD 10.5 million or EUR 12.7 million for 12 months to assist 329,000 beneficiaries. Refer to: <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/06/MDRKE001.pdf>
- Operations Update no. 1- <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/06/MDRKE00101.pdf> was issued on 11 February 2006.
- The stated Appeal coverage includes in country cash and in-kind donations at this time.
- Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF) allocated: CHF 427,808. For the DREF Bulletin, refer to: <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/05/05ME076.pdf>

Outstanding needs: Figure will be made available shortly; a revision of plan and budget is being prepared.

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: East Africa sub-regional programmes: Annual Appeal 2006-2007; Appeal no. MAA64003- <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/annual06/MAA64003.pdf>.

East Africa: Regional Drought Response MDR64001 - <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/06/MDR64001.pdf>.

Burundi: Emergency Appeal no. MDRBI001- <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/06/MDRBI001A.pdf>.

Rwanda: Drought; Appeal no. MDRRW001 - <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/06/MDRRW001.pdf>.

Tanzania: Drought; Appeal no. MDRTZ001 - <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/06/MDRTZ001.pdf>

Ethiopia: Drought; Appeal no. MDRET001 - <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/06/MDRET001.pdf>.

Operational Summary: The first phase of the de-stocking programme of the Kenya Red Cross Society¹ (KRCS) was completed with a total of 17,754 animals purchased and slaughtered. The Mandera branch of the KRCS concluded the distribution of 658 metric tonnes (MT) of food from the Government of Kenya in January and February. 16 divisions (60,130 beneficiaries) out of 18 divisions in the district received food and 30 MT of Unimix was handed over to the medical authorities. In Kajiado, 62 MT of food has been dispatched for distributions, including 49 MT of Unimix for distribution to schools.

The districts of Turkana, Kitui, Ijara, Nyeri, Nairobi, Mbeere, Mombasa, West Pokot and Samburu— which were not in the Federation Appeal— have been targeted for various interventions including de-stocking and food distribution. The Kenya Red Cross Society's local appeal continues to receive cash and in-kind donations from citizens and well wishers. To date, cash donations of CHF 5,503,246 and in-kind donations of CHF 1,609,132 (amounting to CHF 7,112,378) have been received and additional pledges made. As these are contributions mostly for activities additional to the Federation's appeal budget, they are now reflected in a separate section of the attached contributions list. The national society is currently revising its plans and budgets for the drought-related activities, and this will be reflected in Operations Update no. 3.

The ECHO proposal covers activities in six districts. However, as it is only a 6 month grant, it primarily addresses short-term needs. Therefore, the long and medium-term needs still require funding.

¹ Kenya Red Cross Society- refer to <http://www.ifrc.org/where/country/cn6.asp?countryid=93>

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This operation is aligned with the International Federation's Global Agenda, which sets out four broad goals to meet the Federation's mission to "improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity".

Global Agenda Goals:

- Reduce the numbers of deaths, injuries and impact from disasters.
- Reduce the number of deaths, illnesses and impact from diseases and public health emergencies.
- Increase local community, civil society and Red Cross Red Crescent capacity to address the most urgent situations of vulnerability.
- Reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

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Background

According to the Kenya Food Security Meeting (KFSM) report of 8 February 2006, 4 million people including 500,000 school children require emergency food aid. A total of 396,525 MT of additional food assistance (valued at USD 221,536,211) will be required for the next 12 months. Of these, 500,000 require emergency water services. In addition, 915 schools require storage tanks, and 798 schools require water trucking to sustain 200,000 children in school and allow for preparation of school lunches. The worst affected districts are Mandera, Wajir, Isiolo, Samburu, Marsabit and Moyale.

Local media has reported over 50 deaths, mostly children who have died due to complications related to hunger and malnutrition. In Elwak (Mandera), 232 children are in dire need of food aid. The vast Mandera West constituency of Mandera district, which has four divisions, does not have a single borehole. The only water point is a dam in one division where, in February, clashes erupted between the communities leading to 57 people being injured. There was also extensive damage of property reported as people's houses were burnt. Many lost their water containers and jerry cans as stocks were also looted.

A joint mission to Marsabit, Moyale, Mandera and Wajir, in late February/early March by the KRCS and the Norwegian Red Cross-supported transport support unit (TSU) reported that around 55 to 60 per cent of the livestock, including camels and donkeys, had died so far in each of the four districts and this number continues to increase. The mission also found that most of the villages in the affected areas have huge problems maintaining their water pumps and generators, resulting in frequent breakdown of the equipment. In several places, getting fuel for generators is also difficult.

In January 2006, a joint government, UN and non-governmental organizations (NGO) multi-sectoral mission assessed the impact of the 2005/2006 short rains on food security among drought affected households. Normally the short rains begin in late September/early October and extend through mid-December. Despite its name, the short

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rains season is considered the most reliable cultivation period for the eastern half of the country. This season the rains never became established in the marginal farming areas of eastern Kenya and in all of the pastoral districts. Marginal farming households in eastern Kenya have not fared any better than pastoralists. Crops have wilted and died. In some locations, seeds never germinated because not one drop of rainfall fell. The food security situation for these households, following successive poor agricultural seasons, is abysmal and will most certainly worsen as they use whatever resources they have to feed their families.

The Kenya Food Security Steering Group (KFSSG) has reiterated that there is an urgent need for continued emergency food and non-food assistance as well as an equally urgent need to address the underlying reasons why so many thousands of Kenyans are unable to cope with cyclical drought.

Operational developments

Update on resource mobilisation

The KRCS local appeal continues to receive cash and in-kind donations from well wishers. To date, cash donations of CHF 5,503,246 and in-kind donations of CHF 1,609,132 (amounting to CHF 7,112,378) have been received and additional pledges made.

Transport support unit (TSU)

Since the arrival of three TSU delegates from the Norwegian Red Cross on 24 February, 25 truck (water tanker) drivers and 3 mechanics have been contracted through the KRCS for the TSU team. All the drivers hired for the TSU fleet have been selected from the districts where the trucks will be: 7 trucks in Marsabit, 3 trucks in Moyale, 9 trucks in Mandera, and 6 trucks (including one workshop truck) in Wajir. Three logistics assistants and one assistant mechanic will be recruited shortly to further boost the team.



Kenya's president, Mwai Kibaki, and the secretary general of Kenya Red Cross Society, Abbas Gullet, flag off the first consignment of Norwegian Red Cross trucks.

The first 25 M6 trucks arrived in Mombasa on 12 March together with 18 water trailers (bladders) and spare parts. 24 of the trucks arrived in Nairobi on 4 April. The other two TSU delegates will be using Wajir as their permanent base. The regional delegation's logistics and procurement units facilitated the purchase of office equipment and spare truck tyres for use by the TSU. 2 Toyota Land Cruisers will be hired from Nairobi for one month until the cars ordered from Dubai and Norway arrive.

The second consignment of trucks arrived in Mombasa on 12 April (25 M6 trucks, 5 Mercedes long-haul trucks, and 2 Land Cruisers). The 5 Mercedes long-haul trucks will be based in Nairobi, carrying food in Mombasa and delivering it to Garissa and Isiolo town, since they can not be used in rough terrain. 5 rubble hall portable warehouses (10 metres x 24 metres) should arrive in Mombasa soon.

Planned activities under ECHO funding:

- Kwale: Rehabilitation of 1 borehole, extension of 2 pipelines and de-silting of 1 earth dam.
- Kitui: Rehabilitation of 3 boreholes, extension of 1 pipeline and de-silting of 1 earth dam.
- Isiolo: Rehabilitation of 2 boreholes.
- Makueni: Rehabilitation of 3 boreholes, de-silting of 1 earth dam and extension of 1 pipeline.
- Marsabit: Rehabilitation of 3 boreholes.
- Turkana: Rehabilitation of 3 boreholes and 12 shallow wells.
- Distribution of fuel and spare parts.
- Full Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation (PHAST) training in one district and refresher trainings in two additional districts.
- Distribution of jerry cans, purification sachets and soap.
- Water trucking (now under review)

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Goal: To provisionally assist some 329,000 targeted beneficiaries in Kenya to cope with the present drought, reduce its impact, and initiate recovery activities.

Objective 1: To mitigate the effects of drought and increase resilience of affected communities in Mandera, Wajir, Garissa (North Eastern Province), Marsabit, Mwingi, Isiolo, Makueni (Eastern), Kajiado (Rift Valley), Tana River, Kwale (Coast) through the protection and management of livestock assets.

Expected Result

- Improved nutritional status, improved financial base and reduced pressure on water and pasture.

Progress

- The first phase of the national society's de-stocking programme in Mandera, Wajir, Marsabit, Kajiado and Garissa was completed with a total of 17,754 animals purchased and slaughtered. The second phase of the programme started on 11 February 2006 and so far 500 sheep and goats have been bought and slaughtered.

Table 1: Livestock destocking figures per district

District	Cattle	Goats/Sheep	Camels	Allocated (CHF)
Mandera	1,200	6,400	300	101,695
Wajir	748	2,519	188	101,695
Marsabit	353	2,767	-	76,271
Kajiado	6	1,270	-	42,373
Garissa	39	1,964	-	42,373
Totals	2,346	14,920	488	364,407

Objective 2: To provide food to 59,000 drought-affected beneficiaries, and Unimix (fortified supplementary food) to 10,000 children in the districts of Mandera, Wajir, Garissa (North Eastern Province), Marsabit, Mwingi, Isiolo, Makueni (Eastern), Kajiado (Rift Valley), Tana River, Kwale (Coast).

Expected result

- 59,000 beneficiaries receive adequate food rations and 10,000 children receive Unimix.

Progress

- The Mandera branch of the KRCS concluded the distribution of 658 MT of food provided by the Government of Kenya in January and February. 16 divisions (60,130 beneficiaries) out of 18 divisions in the district received food. 30 MT of Unimix from the national society's headquarters was handed over to the Mandera district health authorities.
- 110 MT of rice, which was purchased using funds provided by the United Arab Emirates Red Crescent, was also distributed in Mandera. In Kajiado, 62 MT of food has been dispatched from the Kenya Red Cross Society to be distributed to the affected. This includes 49 MT of Unimix to schools. 10 MT of rice was distributed in Mombasa.

Table 2: Total quantity of relief food donations received and distributed as at 27 March 2006 (in MT)

District	Maize flour/ grains	Rice	Beans	Cooking oil/Fat	Unimix	Others
Mandera	50	101	1	1	70	1
Marsabit	64	0	10	2	43	-
Isiolo	19	1	2	1	45	1
Turkana	31	-	3	2	30	1
Makueni	58	-	7	1	20	1

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Kitui	46	-	5	1	96	1
Mwingi	27	-	2	-	20	-
Ijara	-	-	-	-	15	-
Kajiado	29	-	2	1	66	-
Nyeri	19	-	-	-	-	1
Wajir	-	-	-	-	31	-
Nairobi	10	-	0.4	-	-	2
Mbeere	-	-	-	-	20	-
Garissa	28	-	-	-	22	-
West Pokot	24	-	5	-	-	-
Samburu	23	-	4	1	-	-
Kilifi	-	10	-	-	-	-
Lamu	19	8	-	-	-	2
Laikipia	8	-	1	1	-	-
Moyale	44	-	7	1	8	-
Baringo	24	-	5	-	-	-
Bondo	14	-	5	4	-	-
Total received	551	122	69	17	507	30
Total distributed	538	120	59	15	486	10
Balance	13	2	10	2	21	20

Objective 3: To improve access to safe drinking water, livestock water, hygiene promotion and sanitation facilities in the ten targeted districts, both in the immediate and medium-term.

Expected results (in the short-term; 6 months):

- Reduce water stress by providing a minimum amount of safe drinking water, and where appropriate, water for livestock, to targeted communities.
- Reduce competition for domestic and/or water for livestock, thereby reducing possibility of conflict.
- Ensure existing water supplies are fully utilized to reduce water stress.

Progress

- Water trucking previously underway in Mandera, Moyale, Marsabit and Mwingi has stopped due to available water from the recent rainfall; the TSU trucks are now being used to meet food transport needs.
- Nine WatSan staff have been hired and sent to the field.

Federation coordination

When the drought alert was first raised, in consultation with the KRCS, the Federation regional delegation in Nairobi submitted a request and secured an allocation of CHF 427,808 from DREF to enable the national society to carry out a rapid assessment of the situation and start a response operation. Since the launch of the appeal on behalf of the national society, one DREF update has been released. Meanwhile, both the Geneva and field levels continue to lobby for support for the operation.

Communications – Advocacy and Public information

The national society continues to enjoy publicity on the drought operation in both the local print and electronic media. The national society issues a minimum of two press releases each week for press events held at the headquarters on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Capacity of the National Society

A new Kenya Red Cross Society information officer has been recruited to manage the drought operation information matters in order to reinforce the work of the trained and experienced volunteers. Nine new WatSan staff have been hired and sent to the field.

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