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Disaster relief emergency fund (DREF) Somalia: Tropical cyclone

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The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by the Federation in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross and Red Crescent emergency response. The DREF is a vital part of the International Federation's disaster response system and increases the ability of National Societies to respond to disasters.

CHF 67,841 has been requested from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support Somalia Red Crescent Society to conduct an initial needs assessment, provide emergency health care and water to communities worst affected by the Somali tropical cyclone disaster. Un-earmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.

These funds will support planning and managing a detailed assessment, providing initial relief assistance and emergency health intervention reaching an initial 300 households affected by the devastating cyclone in four highly affected districts, namely Hafun, Calula, Qandala and Iskushuban and parts not yet assisted in the most affected "triangle"-Dongoyoro-Eyl-Bander Beyla in the emergency phase of the operation.

Due to the lack of available information to date, an operation update will be prepared once the assessment is complete, and based on the findings, the operation will be adjusted accordingly.

This operation is expected to be implemented over a period of three months and expected to be completed by 18 February 2014; a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation timeframe, by May 2014.

[<click here for the DREF budget; here for contact details; here to view the map of the affected area>](#)



Flooding on the road between Burtinle and Galkayo Photo: SRCS

The situation

On Sunday 10 November 2013, the Somali coastal area of Puntland was hit by a tropical cyclone, followed by very heavy rainfall and flash floods the following day. Reports indicate that more 100 people died and hundreds more remain unaccounted for. Livestock death rates are up to 98 per cent, and the Puntland authorities have declared a natural disaster emergency.

Preliminary information revealed the destruction of several houses and fishing boats while some villages are submerged in water. Communications systems and power supplies in the affected areas are disrupted and areas are inaccessible due to roads being cut by floodwaters. The Health Authorities, UN agencies and the

Somalia Red Crescent Society are making all efforts to collect more reliable information on the ground. Water levels are reported to be receding. However, 10-15mm of rainfall is expected in the affected area in the coming days.

The initial number of affected households is approximately 5,000 that are predominantly nomadic. Communications lines and accessibility to the affected areas are currently severed, hampering the collection and verification of information and the delivery of assistance

Coordination and partnerships

The IFRC and the ICRC maintain a good working relationship in their effort to support the planned operation in the affected areas. Coordination meetings and the sharing of relevant information are regular. Discussions of intervention strategies and plans as well as logistical issues are being harmonized. Both organizations plan to monitor activities in the operational areas and consolidate assessment reports in the field so as to avoid duplication.

Meanwhile, WFP has conducted an aerial assessment of the affected areas and plans to provide food for 5,000 households in the most affected areas. UN agencies and humanitarian NGOs are gathering supplies in Garowe and Bossaso for urgent response. DG ECHO's Emergency Response and Coordination Centre will provide satellite imagery of the affected areas to assist the humanitarian community with assessing the extent of the damage.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The Somalia Red Crescent Society has a sub-branch in Eyl as well as MCH/OPD clinics in Eyl and Dogoyoro. Volunteers from these highly affected communities, some of whom have been trained in emergency response, have been deployed to conduct initial assessment, search and rescue services, first aid, collection and burying of dead animals, etc. The SRCS-managed clinics in Eyl and Dogoyoro have been very active and at the forefront in providing initial care to the people affected by the disaster. Detailed reports of activities implemented are yet to be shared. IFRC is providing both financial and technical assistance through this DREF to support SRCS in conducting a rapid assessment and initial assistance to approximately 300 households. The number of households may be increased after the results of the planned detailed assessment.

SRCS mobile medical teams are on standby and shall be deployed once the affected areas are declared accessible. A support team led by the IFRC Operation Manager and Senior Disaster Management Officer in Nairobi were deployed to Garowe on the morning of 17 November to support the SRCS branches to conduct a rapid assessment and provide initial assistance.

The ICRC is also providing support to affected households in the highly affected areas – Dangorayo, Banderbeyla and Eyl districts and has so far distributed NFIs to 300 households and provided half- food rations to 2,000 households. The ICRC further plans a shipment and distribution of additional food rations for 5,000 households for 3 months. SRCS volunteers are assisting the SRCS in the distribution of food and non-food items.

The proposed operation

The SRCS, supported by IFRC, will conduct a needs (detailed) assessment training for 50 SRCS staff and volunteers who shall be sent to conduct field assessment in the affected areas in the coming days. The assessment shall help in the identification the needs of the affected communities, mode of operation and gaps.

IFRC also intends to support SRCS with the delivery of household water treatment to approximately 300 vulnerable households while the assessment is underway. Mobilization and deployment of one RDRT personnel with a specialization in water and sanitation for a period of one month has commenced, together with the shipment of a water and sanitation Kit 2. SRCS will deploy its mobile medical clinics as soon as the areas affected are accessible, and these activities as well as 50 volunteers deployed to deliver this service, will also be supported by the Federation.

A consignment of non-food relief items has already been dispatched to Garowe for distribution in the worst affected areas outside of this DREF plan of action as complementary support with funding from the Somalia Country Programme. This includes tarpaulins, mosquito nets, kitchen sets and blankets. Together with the

water and sanitation kit 2, the items are being airlifted/shipped from Nairobi to Garowe/Bosaso where they can be delivered to target destinations. It's highly hoped that the relief items shall reach the destination without much complications. Distribution of the relief materials will be carried in the coming weeks.

The security situation and access challenges in some of the affected areas like Bender Beyla remain a concern. Taking this into consideration, non-Somali nationals shall mainly remain within the major cities for security reasons and coordinate activities/reports with SRCS volunteers from the field.

Assessment

Outcome: Emergency needs of flood-affected families are identified and gaps documented, leading to revision of the operation's plan of action if required

Outputs (expected results): Detailed assessment is carried out across all sectors and the operation plan of action is revised appropriately to address outstanding needs if required

Activities planned:

- IFRC technical support team deployed to support National Society in planning and managing a detailed assessment including household visits and key informant interviews.
- Mobilize and train 50 SRCS branch staff and volunteers in the affected areas to enable them carry out a needs assessment in strategic locations.
- Identify outstanding needs and gaps in consultation with local authorities and other stakeholders.
- Maintain monitoring of the prevalent rains and evolving situation with regular reports to IFRC.
- Analyse and consolidate assessment data from the field and maintain constant liaison with SRCS staff and volunteers in the field.
- Coordination with relevant departments of the SRCS, IFRC and ICRC.
- Revise plan of action and budget as needed

Emergency health and care

Outcome: Water borne and water related diseases morbidity and mortality of flood affected households in the affected areas is reduced.

Outputs: First aid and primary health services are provided to affected communities

Activities planned:

- Mobilize and dispatch mobile medical teams to the affected communities.
- Strengthen the provision of basic health care services with additional drugs and other medical supplies

Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion

Outcome: The risk of waterborne and water related diseases has been reduced through proper household water treatment and safe storage mechanism, as well as hygiene promotion to at least 300 households (1,800 people)

Outputs: Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion services are improved

Activities planned:

- Procure and deploy one water and sanitation kit 2
- Mobilize and deploy RDRT member with specialization in water and sanitation to support assessment and response
- Distribute jerry cans, aqua/water purification tablets and buckets contained within the water and sanitation kit 2
- Reprint hygiene promotion messages/ fliers
- Mobilize volunteers to disseminate messages on the safe and proper use of aqua/ water purification tablets as well as hygiene

Communications

- IFRC region and zone office will support SRCS with communication and advocacy activities for the DREF operation. The objectives are:
- To raise awareness of the situation and the needs following the cyclone in Puntland, and the need for a coherent and coordinated response
- To raise awareness of the specific role and added value of Red Crescent volunteers in emergency response

This will be done through the collection of human interest stories as well as case studies with key messages, lesson learned and best practices. In addition to regularly providing communication and advocacy materials and updates within the Movement, media will also be engaged to ensure awareness is raised among donors and the general public.

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How we work

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The IFRC's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

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1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
 2. Enable healthy and safe living
 3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.
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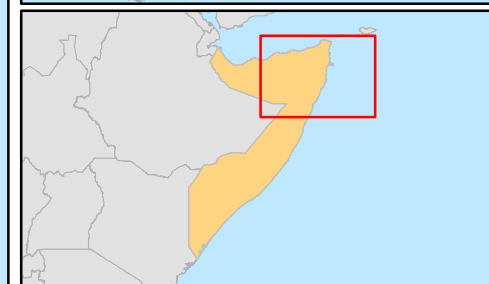
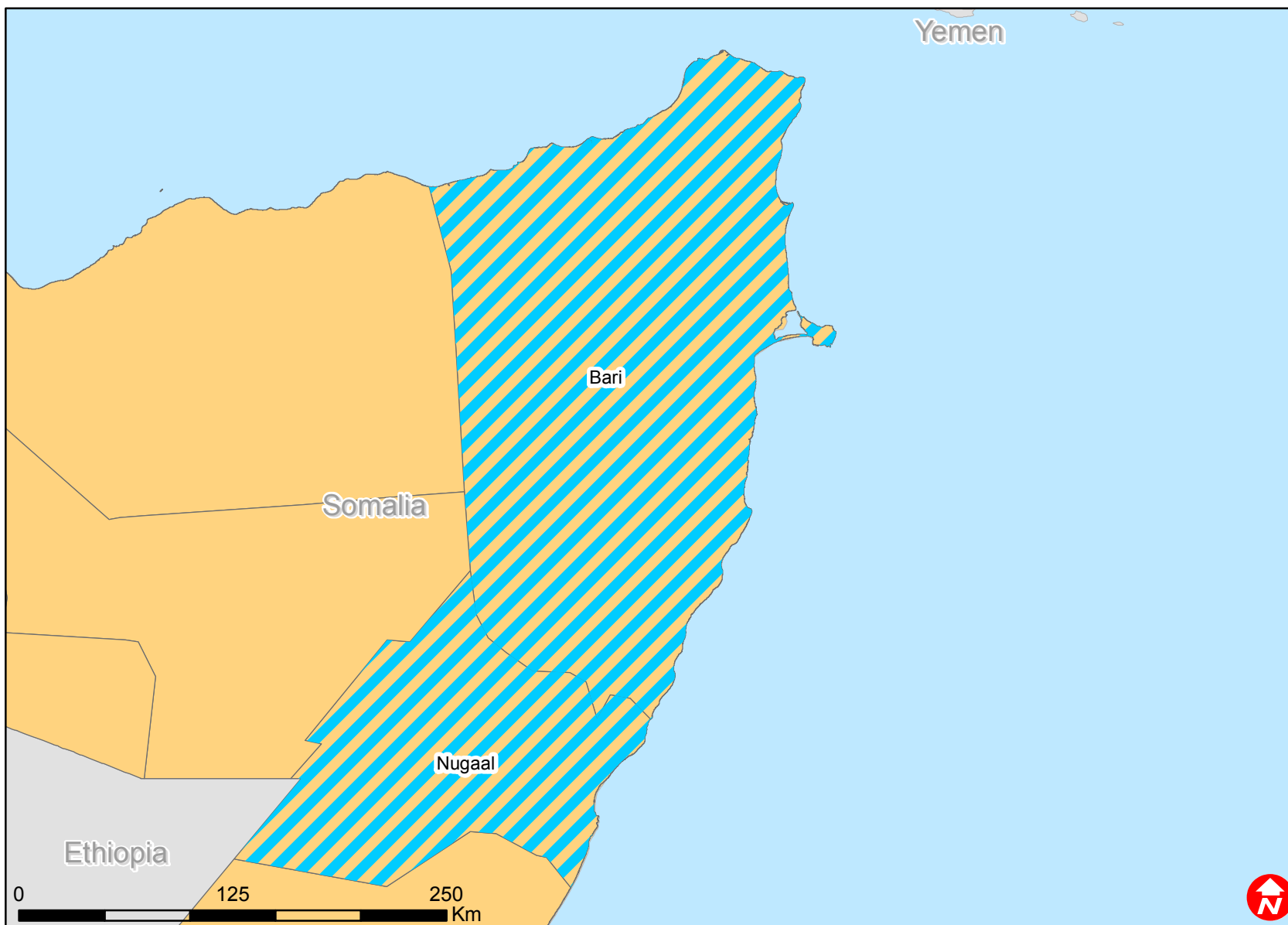
SOMALIA

Tropical Cyclone (MDRSO002)

Budget Group	DREF Grant Budget CHF
Shelter - Relief	0
Shelter - Transitional	0
Construction - Housing	0
Construction - Facilities	0
Construction - Materials	0
Clothing & Textiles	0
Food	0
Seeds & Plants	0
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	25,000
Medical & First Aid	5,000
Teaching Materials	0
Utensils & Tools	0
Other Supplies & Services	0
Emergency Response Units	0
Cash Disbursements	0
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	30,000
Land & Buildings	0
Vehicles Purchase	0
Computer & Telecom Equipment	0
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	0
Medical Equipment	0
Other Machinery & Equipment	0
Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	0
Storage, Warehousing	0
Distribution & Monitoring	7,000
Transport & Vehicle Costs	5,000
Logistics Services	700
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	12,700
International Staff	5,000
National Staff	0
National Society Staff	1,000
Volunteers	3,200
Total PERSONNEL	9,200
Consultants	0
Professional Fees	0
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	0
Workshops & Training	5,000
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING	5,000
Travel	5,000
Information & Public Relations	500
Office Costs	250
Communications	750
Financial Charges	300
Other General Expenses	0
Shared Support Services	0
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	6,800
Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery	4,141
Total INDIRECT COSTS	4,141
TOTAL BUDGET	67,841



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 Affected Areas