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# Emergency appeal operations update

## Somalia: Tropical cyclone

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<b>Emergency appeal n° MDRSO002</b>	<b>GLIDE n° TC – 2013-000140-SOM</b>
<b>Operations update n° 1</b>	<b>Timeframe covered by this update: 20 December 2013 to 10 January 2014</b>
<b>Emergency Appeal operation start date: 20 December 2013</b> <b>Emergency Appeal operation end date: September 2014</b>	<b>Timeframe: 9 months</b>
<b>Appeal budget: CHF 2,406,038</b>	<b>Appeal coverage: 0 %</b>
<b>Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) allocated: 67,841</b>	
<b>N° of people being assisted: 23,100 (3,300 households)</b>	
<b>Host National Society(ies) presence (n° of volunteers, staff, branches): 50 volunteers, 40 staff, two SRCS Branches (Garowe and Bossaso)</b>	
<b>Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation: Somalia Red Crescent Society (SRCS), IFRC, ICRC</b>	
<b>Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: WFP, UNICEF, UNHCR, FAO, UNFPA, World Vision, CARE, NRC, DRC, IOM, FINAID, ADESO</b>	

**Summary:** On Sunday 10 November 2013, the State of Puntland was hit by a tropical cyclone, followed by very heavy rains and flashfloods.

The cyclone caused loss of human lives and destruction of assets including livestock and fishing boats, destroying numerous settlements, service centers, roads, schools, communication and electrical installations. The most affected areas included, Dangorayo, Bandar Beyla, Garowe and Eyl districts. Other areas affected include the coastal villages in Bari region including Hafun, Iskushuban, Bargal, Qandala and Allula districts.

With support of IFRC and the start-up loan provided through the DREF operation, the Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCS) undertook a detailed assessment in the affected areas in Nugaal and Bari regions. The assessment estimated that overall 142,380 persons have been affected by the disasters, with 8,523 households being most affected and 1,435 households having lost all their livestock. As a result of the assessment findings, IFRC supported SRCS to develop the Emergency appeal and Plan of Action that were, launched on 20 December, 2013. The DREF start-up loan enabled the distribution of relief items to 300 families.

SRCS has intensified its intervention mainly on the health sector and as at 31 December 2013, the mobile health team had facilitated a total of 5,746 persons to access health services. Water and Sanitation interventions have been scaled up, focusing on water treatment and hygiene promotion activities and have reached 600 households in Nugal region, mainly in Dangorayo district. Water chlorination has been undertaken in 8 sites in Nugaal region and in IDP camps in Bari region.

The State of Puntland held its presidential elections on 8 January 2014 which went on peacefully, however tension before the election day affected the relief operations, when movement had to be more restricted. Currently the situation has normalised and the activities under the operation resumed.



**SRCS Staff and volunteer distributing NFIs to nomadic settlements affected by the cyclone in Uusgure village, Dangorayo District, Nugaal region. Photo/SRCS**

Many activities have not been undertaken yet since no firm commitments from the donors have been received so far for the Emergency Appeal. However, there are positive discussions with several partners, and contributions expected to be announced shortly.

## Coordination and partnerships

The Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCS) continue to play a pivotal role in the operation. The IFRC and ICRC effectively cooperated and coordinated their response and ensured that SRCS regularly and effectively continue to participate in coordination meetings with the Government of Puntland, UN agencies and other humanitarian actors in Somalia.

### The Federation

The IFRC Somalia Delegation, in collaboration with the East Africa and Indian Ocean Islands Regional Representation Office and Africa Zone Office in Nairobi, is supporting the SRCS in its effort to respond adequately to the disaster. A Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) operation was launched, which was later turned into a DREF startup loan when the Emergency appeal was launched. IFRC Somali Country Delegation will provide monitoring and surge support to the cyclone operation in Somalia.

Several partner national societies (PNSs) have expressed their interest and readiness to provide support through the IFRC emergency appeal. The Canadian Red Cross has expressed their intention to support with 180,000 Canadian dollars (100,000 CAD from the Canadian Government and 80,000 CAD from the Canadian Red Cross). The Finnish, Norwegian, and Swedish Red Cross Societies are currently discussing possibilities to supporting the appeal. Furthermore, The German Red Cross and the British Red Cross are exploring opportunities to extend the DRR project in some areas in Nugaal and Bari regions.

The Red Cross Red Crescent (RC/RC) Movement continue to maintain a good working relationship with the relevant government ministries and other humanitarian actors and supporting the planned operation in the affected areas. Coordination meetings and sharing of information are convened on issues directly related to the response operations. Intervention strategies and plans as well as logistical support are being harmonized. Both IFRC and ICRC plan to monitor activities in the operational areas and consolidate intervention in the field to avoid overlapping or duplication.

## Operational Implementation

### Overview

Since the onset of the disaster, SRCS with the support of IFRC has provided various intervention measures which have gone a long way towards ensuring the affected communities move from emergency to recovery phase. These interventions complement the services offered by other organisations including the ICRC, Puntland Government, UN Agencies, INGOs, and local based NGOs.

The DREF start-up loan for the emergency appeal enabled the detailed assessment to be carried out for the detailed planning of the appeal, and a consignment of NFIs was airlifted from Nairobi to Garowe as part of the initial emergency response targeting 300 households. The IFRC supported SRCS in conducting house-to-house distribution of NFI sets: mosquito nets, kitchen sets, blankets, tarpaulins, sleeping mats and jerry cans in Nugaal region. As part of the initial response, IFRC supported SRCS to undertake the mobile health services through the supply of medicines required by the mobile health units. This has enabled the treatment of 5,746 persons by the end of December 2013.

An Operations Manager will support implementation of the operations during the first three months and after which the IFRC Senior DM Officer will continue to provide technical support to SRCS. The Senior DM Officer is part of the existing Somalia Delegation staffing structure. The Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) that was originally planned (and included in the DREF start-up operation), will not be deployed.

IFRC Somalia Country Office together with the Regional and Africa Zone Office have developed a mobilisation table with details of the items to be procured under the emergency appeal. Procurement of relief items in the mobilisation table is awaiting confirmation of funding from the donors.

The areas of intervention included the following:

#### **Health and Care:**

- SRCS has deployed four mobile health teams (two in Nugaal and two in Bari regions) to work in the affected areas. Each team had six staff members and visited both the villages and nomadic settlements affected and by 31 December 2013, a total of 5,746 people had received treated through the 4 mobile health teams. Health services provided include; First Aid services, curative, preventive and health promotion services, WASH awareness, safe motherhood services, psychosocial services, referrals and follow up. The most common ailments noted include diarrhoea, skin diseases, malaria and acute respiratory infections.
- Vaccination for measles and pentavalent (diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, haemophilia, influenza and Hepatitis B) has been provided to 143 children.
- A total of 600 Mosquito nets have been distributed by SRCS Garowe branch in Nugaal region with each household receiving 2 pieces.

#### **Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion.**

- In December 2013, up to 102 volunteers and 9 supervisors from SRCS branches in Garowe and Bossaso participated in water chlorination in 8 sites in Nugaal region and IDP camps in Bari region.
- Hygiene awareness campaigns on prevention of diarrhoea were undertaken by the mobile and static clinic health teams reaching 600 households (4,200 persons) in Nugaal and Bari region.

#### **Shelter and Settlements**

- In November and December 2013, SRCS Garowe branch distributed NFIs to 300 households in five districts of Nugaal region. The NFIs comprised of Kitchen sets, Mosquito Nets, Blankets, Tarpaulins, sleeping mats and jerry cans. Beneficiaries of the NFIs were mainly nomads from the nomadic settlements. Beneficiary lists and registration of all beneficiaries was done on the first day of the exercise. The IFRC Support team monitored the process of beneficiary listing, registration and distribution.

#### **Food security, Nutrition and Livelihoods**

- The mobilisation table with details of the items to be procured under the Emergency Appeal have been finalized and is being shared with partners. Procurement of relief items in the mobilisation table is awaiting confirmation of funding from the donors.

#### **Monitoring and Evaluation**

- Monitoring shall be conducted through frequent field missions by IFRC Somalia Delegation team to operational areas. IFRC will provide regular reports which include analysis of progress made against planned activities. Programme review meetings at branch level will be organized, as well as with government ministries, Puntland Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management Agency (HADMA), local government district administrators, and with beneficiaries.
- An external evaluation shall be conducted after the closing of the operation. The evaluation will assess the relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, coverage and impact of the tropical cyclone appeal implemented in the regions of Nugaal and Bari in Somalia. Similarly, a lessons learnt workshop will be conducted.

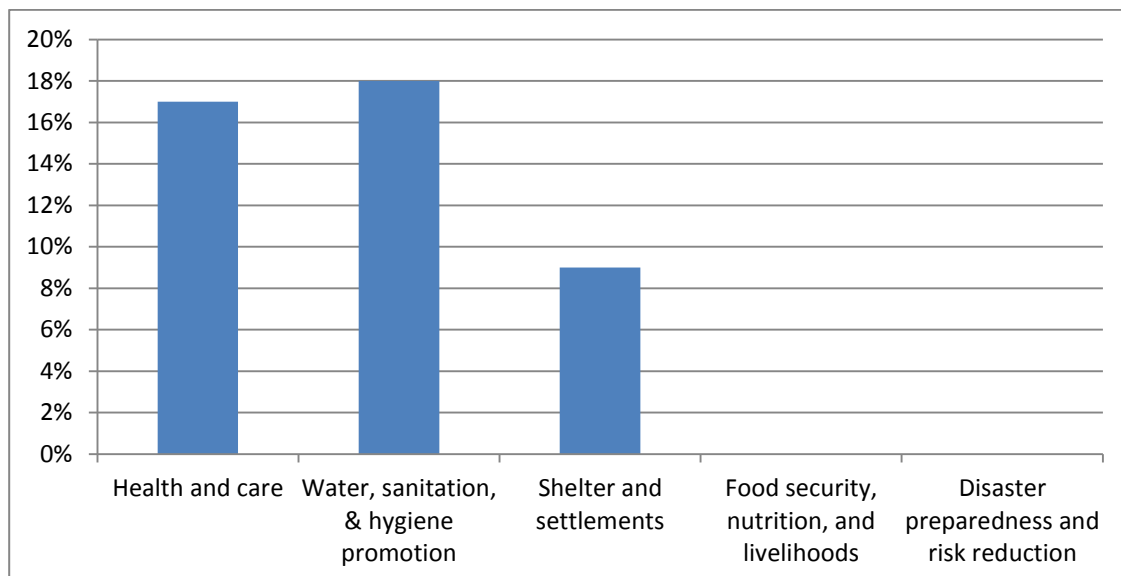
#### **Implementation Time Frame**

So far, donors and partners have only indicated their interest, however the hard pledges are yet to be provided, and therefore some activities are still pending funding. This is likely to affect the implementation timeframe stipulated in the plan of action.

The Regional Disaster Response Team (RDRT) that was originally planned (and included in the DREF start-up operation), will not be deployed for the operation.

Planned interventions	Implementation (%)
<b>Health and care</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Outcome 1:</b> The adverse effects of the tropical cyclone disaster on the health of the affected population are reduced	<b>17</b>
<b>Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Outcome 1:</b> The risk of water and sanitation related diseases are reduced for affected households in Bari and Nugaal regions.	<b>18</b>
<b>Shelter and settlements</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Outcome 1:</b> The living conditions are improved for 3,300 affected and vulnerable households in the Bari and Nugaal Region, through the provision of basic shelter and NFIs.	<b>9</b>
<b>Food security, nutrition, and livelihoods</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Outcome 1:</b> Immediate food needs of 3,300 affected households are met in Bari and Nugaal region.	<b>0</b>
<b>Outcome 2:</b> Livelihoods are adequately restored amongst 400 affected households in Bari and Nugaal region.	<b>0</b>
<b>Disaster preparedness and risk reduction</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Outcome 1:</b> To further enhance the preparedness capacity of SRCS.	<b>0</b>

**Figure 1: Summary of the status of implementation**



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