

Operations update



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Ethiopia: Floods Appeal Extension

Emergency appeal MDRET004

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Operations update no. 2

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Period covered by this Operations Update: 22 September 2007 to 29 February, 2008;

Appeal target (current): CHF 941,088 (USD 782,284 or EUR 572,438);

Appeal coverage: [<click here to view the attached interim financial report, and here to link to contact details >](#)

Appeal history:

- This Emergency Appeal was initially launched on 14 September 2007 for CHF 941,088 (USD 782,284 or EUR 572,438) for 6 months to assist 42,200 beneficiaries.
- Operations Update No 1, focusing on relief distribution, health and hygiene interventions was issued on 28 September 2007.
- Disaster Relief Emergency Fund of CHF 99,654 was initially allocated from the Federation's DREF to support the National Society in its response.
- This operations update extends the timeframe by 6 months, until 30 September 2008. The appeal extension is to enable the ERCS to conclude its health activities and respond to the new health needs in areas at high risk of acute watery diarrhoea (AWD); Amhara, Southern Nations and Nationalities People's Region (SNNPR) and Afar regions.
- The final report will be issued 3 months after end of operation.



Four regions are now targeted by the ERCS for hygiene promotion (photo by ERCS)

Summary: The ERCS continues to provide assistance to the affected communities following last year's floods that left approximately 186,000 people affected. The non-food items distributed include blankets, jerry cans, plastic sheeting, tents, soap, sleeping mats, pots, plates, cups, stretchers, tarpaulins, mosquito nets, kitchen sets and water guard products. A total of 5,148 households have received these items, up from 3,818 households as at 28 September 2007. Food items including wheat flour, cooking oil, high energy biscuits and sugar have also been distributed. To strengthen disaster preparedness capacity of the Ethiopian Red Cross Society, stock-piling is ongoing with blankets, bars of soap, tea and cooking pots, tarpaulins, mosquito nets and water guard stocked in strategic locations for future mobilization.

In response to the spread of AWD, the ERCS conducted field assessments in Afar Region and Arsi Zone and is distributing cholera kits. In its response to the epidemic, the ERCS plans to reach out to new areas at high risk of AWD such as Amhara, SNNPR and Afar regions.

The situation

In June 2007, Ethiopia experienced torrential rains which caused rivers and lakes to overflow, resulting in extensive flooding. Lives were lost while livestock deaths and destruction to crops and food stocks were recorded.

According to reports from the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the widespread flooding affected approximately 186,000 people across the country, with 8,200 families forced to vacate their houses and seek shelter in safer and higher areas. As the flooding resulted in pollution of water sources and destruction of sanitation facilities, a severe outbreak of AWD was initially recorded in Oromia Region, prompting the regional government to request for assistance from humanitarian organizations present in the country. As other regions also experienced flooding, an increase in AWD cases was later reported in the regions of Amhara, Somali, Afar, SNNP, Hararghe and Gambella. As the flooding has receded, the operation has turned its main focus from meeting the immediate needs of the affected populations to AWD prevention. In January 2008, OCHA reported that the number of AWD cases in the country had significantly decreased and that the epidemic was coming under control¹.

Coordination and partnerships

The Ethiopian Red Cross Society (ERCS) continues to take the role as lead agency of the Red Cross Movement in this operation, being supported by the Federation Zone Office in Nairobi, the Federation Country Office in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and the ICRC Ethiopia Delegation.

Regular meetings have been taking place at the ERCS headquarters to ensure information sharing and coordination among the Movement partners. In the field, all Red Cross branches are working closely with regional and zonal authorities and participate in coordination meetings organized with those authorities. At headquarters level, the ERCS has actively participated in the bi-monthly health partner forums together with Ministry of Health (MoH), World Health Organization (WHO), OCHA, UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), Care International and other humanitarian agencies, in order to exchange information and avoid duplication of efforts in the field.

National Society Capacity Building

In December 2007, a Federation Reporting Delegate joined the Federation country office in Addis Ababa, to assure timely and quality reporting during the operation. Plans are also being developed to enhance the capacity of the ERCS in effective narrative reporting.

Following the departure of the Federation's Senior Officer in charge of finance and administration from the Country Office towards the end of December 2007, a new Senior Officer was recruited in January 2008. The Finance Development Delegate at the Zone Office in Nairobi has been deployed to assist during the transition period. In order to ensure timely and quality financial reporting, plans are being developed for the Delegate to continue to support the Federation office as well as the National Society.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Since September 2007, the main focus of the operation has been on preventing, controlling and mitigating the spread of AWD, through supporting cholera treatment centres (CTCs) with cholera kits and medical supplies as well as providing training on Participatory Health And Sanitation Transformation (PHAST) to Red Cross volunteers and community members. Distribution of relief, health and hygiene promotion items has been ongoing and efforts made to replenish emergency stocks and pre-position them in strategic locations in preparation for future emergencies.

Progress towards objectives

Since more regions are reporting outbreaks of AWD, the ERCS has revised the scope of the health objective number 3 to include branches in the regions of Amhara, SNNP, and Afar as well as Bench Maje and Assosa branches.

Goal: The humanitarian needs of communities affected by floods and Acute Watery Diarrhoea are addressed.

Emergency relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)

Objective 1: To replenish Ethiopian Red Cross Society's non-food items stocks for 5.000 households in order to allow for timely and adequate response to future potential disasters.

Progress

¹ OCHA, Humanitarian Bulletin, weekly humanitarian highlights in Ethiopia, 28 January, 2008.

Non-food items including blankets, tarpaulins, cooking pots, tea pots, insecticide-treated mosquito nets (ITNs), water guard purifiers, jerry cans and bars of soap have been procured and are being pre-positioned within strategic locations in Amhara, Oromia and SNNPR Regions to enhance the capacity of the National Society in preparation for future emergencies.

Table 1: Non-food items procured and pre-positioned for disaster preparedness

Items	Blankets	Tarps	Cooking pots	Tea pots	ITNS	Water Guard	Jerry cans	Soap bars
Quantity	8,000 pieces	800 pieces	3,000 sets	3,000 pieces	6,000 pieces	7,200	4,000 pieces	17,000 pieces

From September to December 2007, non-food items were distributed in Addis Ababa, Oromia, Somali, Amhara, SNNPR, Afar and Gambella regions in response to the needs of the flood-affected populations. In Amhara and SNNPR regions, food items including wheat flour, cooking oil, high energy biscuits and sugar (latest addition) have been distributed, benefiting 5,148 households. These are shown in the tables below.

Table 2: Non-Food items Distributed to Affected populations between September and December 2007

Items	Somali	Oromia	Addis Ababa	Gambella	SNNP	Amhara	Afar	Total NFI
Blankets	200	1,220	1,008	-	160	4,052	2,400	9,040
Jerry cans	100	610	504	2,628	-	1,040	-	4,882
Plastic sheeting	-	5 rolls	-	-	-	-	13 rolls	18
Tents	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	6
Soap	-	3,050	2,520	-	300	6,760	6,000	18,630
Sleeping mat	200	56	-	-	-	1,252	2,400	3,908
Cooking pots	100	28	-	-	-	74	-	202
Tea pots	100	28	-	-	-	74	-	202
Plastic plates	400	112	-	-	-	3,756	-	4,268
Plastic cups	400	112	-	-	-	3,756	-	4,268
Stretchers	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Tarpaulins	100	-	-	2,590	80	2,026	-	4,796
Mosquito nets	-	-	-	-	-	-	2400	2,400
Kitchen sets	-	-	-	2,593	-	-	-	2,593
Water guard (bottles)	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000

Table 3: Food items distributed to affected populations as at december, 2007

Food items		Wheat Flour (tonnes)	Cooking Oil (,000 litres)	High Energy Biscuits (tonnes)	Sugar (tonnes)
Regions	Amhara	64.35	1.05	8.29	-
	SNNP	-	-	-	0.15
Total		64.35	1.05	8.29	0.15

Challenges

Although the ERCS started the process of local procurement of non-food items - as part of its strategy to pre-position contingency stocks at the branches - during the initial phase of the operation, the process took a longer time than anticipated and is still not completely finalized due to logistics challenges.

Health and hygiene promotion

Objective 2: To control and mitigate the spread of acute watery diarrhoea (AWD) in eight zones of Oromia Region.

Progress

In response to reports that the AWD situation was worsening in Afar Region and Arsi Zone, the ERCS has conducted field assessments in these areas to determine the needs and conduct appropriate response. The three cholera treatment centres (Bale, Borena/Guji and Arsi zones in Oromia) identified by the ERCS as in need of extra resources are being supported through medical supplies.

Some six cholera kits have been distributed to CTCs in Arsi, South West Shoa, West Hararghe, Afar, North Wollo and South Wollo zones. 5,000 Ringer Lactate have been distributed to the most affected populations of Bale, East Hararghe, Borena, Guji and Arsi in Oromia Region. A hundred blankets and three rolls of plastic sheeting have also been sent to East Arsi to support the cholera treatment centre. Additional medical supplies such as Ringer Lactate, and sanitation supplies such as soap, water guard and oral rehydration salts (ORS) are being procured.

Objective 3 (Revised): To contribute towards improving the health status and hygiene awareness among the flood-affected population in Oromia, Amhara, SNNP and Afar regions.

Progress/planned activities

Plans have been made for each of the selected Red Cross branches to train 600 volunteers who will go back and share their knowledge with their communities. Female volunteers have been targeted for this training and they will also have the role of traditional birth attendants (TBA), traditional healers or otherwise influential community members. The training will include elements from PHAST and each volunteer will be provided with water guard and soap to distribute to their villages. In order to ensure capacity building and knowledge sharing between the Red Cross branches, all the trainings will have a staff member from a different branch as a co-facilitator. Mechanisms are also put in place to monitor the trainings and capitalize from the experiences and lessons learned.

Objective 4: To reduce the incidence of water-borne diseases by providing safe water and adequate sanitation facilities.

Progress

As reported in the first [operations update](#), the flooding in many parts of the country has led to delays in the planned needs assessments on sanitation facilities. Plans to design and construct 10 ecological sanitation (Ecosan) latrines in five locations as a pilot scheme have also been affected. As the floods have receded the needs on the ground as well as the activities have been re-assessed and the ERCS has agreed to reprioritize by focusing on community empowerment components including PHAST training.

Communications – Advocacy and Public Information

The ERCS communication and information department, mobilized in 2007 to coordinate public information, continues to work closely with other media and advocacy institutions to inform on the National Society plan of action as the operation evolves.

How we work

All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations \(NGO's\) in Disaster Relief](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The International Federation's activities are aligned with its 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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MDRET004 - Ethiopia - Floods

Interim Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2007/1-2008/12
Budget Timeframe	2007/1-2008/12
Appeal	MDRET004
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
A. Budget		941,088				941,088
B. Opening Balance		0				0
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
<i>Australian Red Cross</i>		72,219				72,219
<i>British Red Cross</i>		161,700				161,700
<i>Irish Red Cross</i>		41,500				41,500
<i>Japanese Red Cross</i>		30,212				30,212
<i>Monaco Red Cross</i>		8,365				8,365
<i>Netherlands Red Cross</i>		66,920				66,920
<i>Norwegian Red Cross</i>		390				390
<i>Norwegian Red Cross (from Norwegian Government)</i>		132,145				132,145
<i>On Line donations</i>		838				838
<i>South Africa Government</i>		80,450				80,450
<i>Swedish Red Cross (from Swedish Government)</i>		87,850				87,850
<i>United Arab Emirates Red Crescent</i>		5,851				5,851
C1. Cash contributions		688,439				688,439
<u>Inkind Personnel</u>						
<i>Norwegian Red Cross</i>		18,393				18,393
C4. Inkind Personnel		18,393				18,393
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C5)		706,832				706,832
D. Total Funding = B + C		706,832				706,832
Appeal Coverage		75%				75%

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance		0				0
C. Income		706,832				706,832
E. Expenditure		-562,621				-562,621
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		144,211				144,211

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
A							B	A - B
BUDGET (C)		941,088					941,088	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	66,450						66,450	
Clothing & textiles	186,100						186,100	
Water & Sanitation	32,823						32,823	
Medical & First Aid	204,819		47,029			47,029	157,790	
Teaching Materials	4,200						4,200	
Utensils & Tools	108,322						108,322	
Other Supplies & Services	2,780						2,780	
Total Supplies	605,494		47,029			47,029	558,465	
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Computers & Telecom			1,876			1,876	-1,876	
Others Machinery & Equipment			408			408	-408	
Total Land, vehicles & equipment			2,284			2,284	-2,284	
Transport & Storage								
Storage	560		9,691			9,691	-9,131	
Distribution & Monitoring	59,640		15,712			15,712	43,928	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	14,460		3,502			3,502	10,958	
Total Transport & Storage	74,660		28,905			28,905	45,755	
Personnel								
International Staff Payroll Benefits	126,504		67,556			67,556	58,948	
National Staff	4,498		3,090			3,090	1,409	
Total Personnel	131,002		70,645			70,645	60,357	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	33,243		1,814			1,814	31,429	
Total Workshops & Training	33,243		1,814			1,814	31,429	
General Expenditure								
Travel			7,774			7,774	-7,774	
Information & Public Relation			297			297	-297	
Office Costs			157			157	-157	
Communications	1,200		302			302	898	
Financial Charges			10,343			10,343	-10,343	
Other General Expenses	34,318		22,297			22,297	12,020	
Total General Expenditure	35,518		41,171			41,171	-5,653	
Contributions & Transfers								
Cash Transfers National Societies			333,191			333,191	-333,191	
Total Contributions & Transfers			333,191			333,191	-333,191	
Programme Support								
Program Support	61,171		34,758			34,758	26,413	
Total Programme Support	61,171		34,758			34,758	26,413	
Services								
Services & Recoveries			2,823			2,823	-2,823	
Total Services			2,823			2,823	-2,823	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	941,088		562,621			562,621	378,467	
VARIANCE (C - D)			378,467			378,467		

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IV. Project Details

Project	Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Budget	Variance
		A	B	C	A + B + C	D	D - C
Disaster Management							
PET010	AWD Outbreak	0	706,832	-562,621	144,211	941,088	378,467
Sub-Total Disaster Management		0	706,832	-562,621	144,211	941,088	378,467
Total	Ethiopia - Floods	0	706,832	-562,621	144,211	941,088	378,467