

# OPERATIONS UPDATE



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## ***SOUTHERN AFRICA: FOOD AID AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE***

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*This Ops Update is intended for reporting on emergency appeals.*

*Appeal No. 12/02*

*Launched on 2 May 2002 for CHF 6,803,000 for 12 months revised 22 July to CHF 89,285,274 (USD 61.6 m/EUR 60.9m) in cash, kind and services to assist a minimum of 1.3 million beneficiaries for 12 months. Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF) allocated: CHF 50,000*

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### **IN BRIEF**

*Appeal coverage: 43.6%*

*Related Appeals: Southern Africa 2002 Annual Regional Appeal no. 01.16/2002*

*Outstanding needs: CHF 53,315,141*

### **Operational Developments w**

- Due to delays in general food distribution by the WFP, related to governmental concerns about GM food, the Federation has increased the amount of food scheduled for distribution in Zambia through its appeal.
- In Lesotho seeds are being delivered through the Federation. The TSP M6 trucks are now operational in the country, distributing WFP food.
- Food distributions through the Federation have already started in Swaziland in three districts, providing almost 24,000 beneficiaries with assistance.
- In Zimbabwe basic hygiene packages, seeds and fertilizers have been procured through Federation Regional Delegation.
- All of the Norwegian-donated TSP (Transport Support Package) vehicles intended for Zimbabwe (10 long haul trucks), Malawi (60 M6 trucks), and Lesotho (25 M6 trucks) have arrived, and 41 vehicles (out of a total of 116 M6 trucks, one tanker truck and one rescue vehicle that will be stationed in Zambia) left for Zambia on the 13th of October. Operations of five TSP M6 trucks started in Lesotho on the 9th of October, and other trucks are scheduled to enter operations in the coming weeks.

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

#### ***MALAWI***

#### **OBJECTIVE 1: TARGETED FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

*To ensure secure transportation of food from main warehouse to distribution points, and to ensure the timely and fair distribution to targeted households, namely child-headed and female-headed households, as well as the elderly and people living with HIV/AIDS.*

Difficult road conditions in the targeted areas of Malawi have proved challenging to the project, making the transportation of relief goods time-consuming. However, the co-operation between the Malawi Red Cross Society (MRCS) and the American Red Cross has proved effective, and transportation of food to the various distribution points has been successful.

Through bilateral co-operation between the Malawi Red Cross Society (MRCS) and the American Red Cross, a total of 852,65 MT of maize, 84,51 MT of beans and 84,51 MT of CBS was distributed in Malawi in September. The food, donated by WFP/USAID was handed out to 17,054 beneficiaries in the districts of Nkhotakota, Rumphu, Nichisi, Chilipa and Karonga.

In October 24,234 beneficiaries are estimated to receive WFP/USAID donated food distributed through the MRCS with the support of the American Red Cross.

#### **OBJECTIVE 5: NON FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

*Distribution of seeds and agricultural tools to improve the 2002-2003 harvest season to 150,000 beneficiaries in targeted areas of Chikwawa, Mchinji and Nkhotakota for the 2002-2003 harvest season.*

Many families in Malawi are suffering from extreme poverty, not least those affected by HIV/AIDS. The spread of the disease has resulted in the death of large parts of the most productive generations, leaving many families headed by children and elderly. A shortage of seeds, agricultural tools and fertilizers has made the plight of the most vulnerable even worse, as it deprives them of the only means of self-sufficiency.

The MRCS, in co-operation with the Spanish Red Cross, distributed 15,000 starter packs (each containing 14 kg of maize seeds, groundnut or pulse seed, and fertilizers) between July and September. 75,000 people have benefited from the distribution of starter packs, and registration for distribution in other districts has started.

In response to the growing needs the German Red Cross has submitted an application to the German government, requesting funding for the purchase of more starter packs that would be distributed among the most vulnerable families.

## **ZAMBIA**

#### **OBJECTIVE 1: GENERAL FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

*To ensure secure transportation of food from main warehouse to designated distribution points and ensure the timely and fair distribution to targeted households.*

Due to governmental concerns over GM maize, the WFP maize pipeline is currently covering less than half of the needs in the country. Unless the government revises its decision, it is to be foreseen that this shortage remains the same during the forthcoming months. At the same time food insecurity is increasing, maize stocks are running out and prices on the local market are rising. The worst drought affected areas are those with sandy soil and mono-crop agriculture.

#### **OBJECTIVE 2: TARGETED FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

*To ensure that HIV/AIDS infected and affected people and malnourished children under five years have access to nutritious food supplements.*

#### *Red Cross action:*

The ZRCS and the Federation have decided to intervene and not to wait until the GMO issue is resolved and the WFP pipeline restored. Consequently, the Federation is in the process of procuring within the region 630 MT maize from the appeal funds. The beneficiaries will be the same as those benefiting from the ZRCS targeted food distribution programme. These are the ZRC HBC clients, their families and other vulnerable groups such as orphans within the districts Livingstone, Kapiri Mposhi and Sinasongwe (incl. Maamba). It is planned that the maize will be distributed in November and December (24,000 beneficiaries in November and 36,000 beneficiaries in December). Each beneficiary will receive 350 gr. of maize on daily basis (which is the same as the WFP ration). The same beneficiaries will also receive a supplementary daily ration of 120 gr. of beans.

532 MT of beans will be used for the targeted supplementary food programme. The beans have already been procured and were scheduled to arrive in Zambia by the middle of October. Parts of the beans will be stored in Kapiri Mposhi (to be distributed in Kapiri Mposhi district) and part in Choma (to be distributed in Sinasongwe and Livingstone). This supply of beans would be sufficient to cover the monthly needs of up to 36,000 beneficiaries until mid January 2003.

The ZRCS volunteers have started to compile the beneficiary lists supported by the two Federation relief delegates stationed in the country. A database containing lists of beneficiaries and distribution lists will be created at ZRCS HQ level.

The ZRCS has appointed Food Security Co-ordinators at district level to manage the operation. One relief delegate will support the programme in Kapiri Mposhi and one relief delegate the programme in Sinasongwe and Livingstone.

Distributions will take place on a monthly basis. The beans are estimated to last for three to four months, and the maize for 2 months. Depending on the availability of funding and whether the WFP food pipeline will be in place, the Federation will decide whether it continues the distribution of maize.

## • **BAPHALI SWAZILAND RED CROSS SOCIETY**

### **OBJECTIVE 1: GENERAL FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

*To ensure a continuous support of approximately 45,000 beneficiaries for a period of four months with basic food items.*

#### *WFP food*

The first distribution of maize, beans and cooking oil took place in Swaziland on August 2002. BSRCS distributed food in three regions:

- Manzini region in 5 distribution points.
- Hhohho region in 6 distribution points.
- Shiselweni region in 6 distribution points

A total of beneficiaries 19963 in 2225 households in Baphali Swaziland have received food assistance. The following table shows how much was distributed in each district during the first distribution.

Region	No of Beneficiaries	No of Households	Maize (MT)	Beans (MT)	Oil (MT)
Manzini	8,013	832	96.1	6.4	6.010
Hhohho	7,325	886	66.94	8	5.496
Shiselweni	4,625	507	55.55	3.47	3.470
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,963</b>	<b>2,225</b>	<b>218.59</b>	<b>17.707</b>	<b>14.976</b>

The second distribution by the BSRCS of food donated by WFP started in September, and covered the same areas as did the distribution in August. The BSRCS also took over distributions in other regions. The second distribution was scheduled to be finished by 14 October. Distribution figures are expected within a few days.

#### *Additional food distribution*

Further contributions are needed to support the project in Swaziland, as the food donated by WFP does not cover the total needs in Swaziland,. Additional food distributions took place September, providing assistance to 10,000 beneficiaries. Food was procured locally and donated by ADRA. There will be similar food distribution by the end of October.

### **OBJECTIVE 2: TARGETED FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

*To provide nutritious food supplements to the under-fives and to people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.*

Targeted food distribution in Baphali Swaziland is done through a bilateral agreement between the German Red Cross and the Baphali Swaziland Red Cross. 700 people living with AIDS will receive food parcels for 6

months. 5,000 food supplement packages containing 3 kg of corn and soya blend will also be distributed to malnourished children under five. Funds to purchase food packages for the targeted distribution are donated by the German Red Cross. The food will be procured locally in October and distributed before the end of this year.

#### **OBJECTIVE 4: NON FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

*Disaster rehabilitation of subsistence farmers by the provision of seeds and fertilisers and basic drug availability in clinics in Red Cross operation areas.*

A part of the bilateral project of the German Red Cross and the BSRCS is to distribute 100 MT of maize seeds and 250 MT of fertilizers. Tendering has been done locally but order has not been placed. The project has not yet received final approval from the German government.

BSRCS will also distribute FAO's Agriculture input kits during October. 2153 agricultural kits donated by FAO will be distributed in Mayiwane and Madlangempisi, 2053 kits of type 1 and 100 kits of type 2. The ingredients of the agricultural kits can be seen in the tables below:

<b>Kit # 1 - Composition</b>	
<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Seed</b>
12kg	Maize seed
4kg	Bean seed
4.5kg	Cowpea seed
30 Kg	N.P.K. Fertilizer

<b>Kit # 2 - Composition</b>	
<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Seed</b>
4kg	Maize seed
4kg	Bean seed
4kg	Cowpea seed
3kg	Sorghum seed
10 Kg	N.P.K. Fertilizer

#### *Health and Care*

WHO Medical kits have been distributed to three clinics of BSRCS. Supplementary drugs (SDI) have been tendered locally and a supplier has been selected.

#### **ASSESSMENT**

According to the national vulnerability assessment report conducted in August 2002 the number of people facing food shortages has increased by more than 81,000 since April 2002. In order to be able to verify the information received from the communities, the Red Cross will conduct a vulnerability assessment in the following regions bordering the current drought area:

- **Shiselweni:** Hosea-Kaliba.
- **Hhohho:** Mhlangatane.
- **Manzini:** Ekustimuleni.

A reassessment funded by the Federation will be conducted in the three regions operated by Red Cross. The BSRCS divisional disaster teams will conduct a house-to-house survey in October and the beginning of November.

#### *Outstanding needs*

Planting time for beans in Swaziland is in January. Current BSRCS distributions of seeds fall short of covering the needs for bean seeds in the country, and further donations are needed to fully cover the shortages.

- **LESOTHO**

#### **OBJECTIVE 1: GENERAL FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

*To ensure secure transportation of food from the main warehouse to distribution points, and to ensure timely and fair distribution to the targeted households.*

#### *WFP food distribution*

In Mokhotlong district distribution of WFP food will take place at 20 out of 32 distribution points by the end of the third week of October, and in the remaining 12 locations the food assistance will be distributed by the end of October. The distribution is conducted by the Lesotho Red Cross. On the 7th of October a total of 61 MT of WFP food had been distributed to 4,380 beneficiaries in Lesotho.

#### **OBJECTIVE 4: CAPACITY BUILDING**

*To strengthen the operational capacity of the LRCS to respond to the food insecurity situation.*

Two Nissan pick up trucks provided by the Federation have now been registered. They will be used for the relief operation in Mokhotlong.

The Lesotho Red Cross held a seminar on the 12th and 13th of October, in co-operation with a Federation facilitator, to address topics of “The Roles of Governance and Management” and “Development of Code of Conduct for Volunteers”.

#### **NON-FOOD AND SUPPLEMENTARY RATION DISTRIBUTIONS**

*Federation activities funded by the German Red Cross Society (GRC).*

##### *Seeds/tools distribution*

The first 75 MT of maize seeds intended for distribution in Mokhotlong district in Lesotho are expected to arrive in Maseru during third week of October. Approximately 5,000 households will receive maize seeds. Hoes and Spades, 4,500 pieces of each, will be delivered at the same time to 4500 households.

- **ZIMBABWE**

#### **OBJECTIVE 5: NON-FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

*Ensure that the HIV/AIDS affected beneficiaries have access to basic drugs, winter weather protection and means for income generation for a more dignified lifestyle.*

In Zimbabwe seeds and fertilizers have been procured through the Federation Regional Delegation. The delivery of these items to 4000 HIV/AIDS affected families has already started.

The procurement and delivery of basic hygiene packages targeting HIV/AIDS affected beneficiaries is now taking place. The package contains soap, vaseline and other basic hygiene items.

#### **TRANSPORT SUPPORT PACKAGE (TSP)FOR WFP**

A total of 200 TSP M6 trucks and 10 long haul trucks from the Federation will be taking part in the distribution of WFP food aid in Southern Africa. In co-operation with a South-African recruiting agency the Federation is recruiting professional local drivers to operate the 200 TSP M6 trucks that were donated to the operation by the Norwegian Red Cross for transportation in the difficult terrain of remote areas in Southern Africa. The drivers receive specialized training from Norwegian instructors who accompany the trucks.

##### *Malawi:*

Two light vehicles, 59 TSP M6 trucks and one tanker truck have arrived in Malawi. Hiring and training of drivers has already started.

##### *Zambia:*

A total of 116 TSP M6 trucks will be stationed around remote distribution points in Zambia, where they will mainly be used for WFP food distributions. In addition there will be one tanker truck and one rescue vehicle in Zambia. It is expected that the trucks will become operational in approximately one month. The first 41 of the 118 trucks intended for use by the WFP in Zambia trucks left from Durban in South Africa on the 13th of October. The loading of the remaining trucks in Durban should start during the 3rd week of October. The TSP M6 trucks will be used to transport WFP food from the warehouses in the districts to the most remote and inaccessible final distribution points.

The transport manager returned from a visit to Zambia where WFP plans in the country were discussed and clarified. The Federation submitted a proposal to the WFP suggesting that their TSP M6 trucks should be divided into clusters, and this proposal has now been accepted. The delegate made arrangements to speed up the registration of vehicles. Ideally the vehicles will be registered in bulk, even before arriving in Zambia.

*Lesotho:*

A total of 25 TSP M6 trucks are stationed in Lesotho. The first drivers are already taking part in the operation in the country, where trucks have now started distributing relief items to beneficiaries. Five drivers and trucks are stationed in the village of Mohales Hoek. They left on their first distribution round from Mohales Hoek on the 8th of October. The sturdy, 6x6 M6 trucks are very well suited to the difficult terrain where roads are non-existent. The remainder of the 25 trucks were expected to start operating during the second week of October.

*Zimbabwe:*

10 long haul trucks, donated by the Norwegian Red Cross, arrived in Harare, Zimbabwe on the third of October. The trucks were filled with spare parts necessary for the service of the TSP M6 trucks during the coming months. The spare parts will be divided and transported to the three workshops that will service the TSP M6 trucks. The 10 drivers that have been hired to operate the long haul trucks will finish one week of professional training before they start the transportation of relief items. No TSP M6 trucks will be stationed in Zimbabwe.

## **Programme Coordination and Management w**

### ***The Operational Management & Coordination Centre (OMCC) in Johannesburg, South Africa w***

#### **Arrival of the evaluation team w**

On the 9th of October a monitoring and evaluation team arrived in Southern Africa to conduct a real time evaluation of the response by the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to the Southern African emergency. The aim of the evaluation, funded by the Norwegian Red Cross and the Federation, is to facilitate the achievement of optimal effectiveness by all partners. The exercise will focus on utilization, bearing in mind critical success factors. It is expected to be a significant contributor to:

- Access to and targeting of beneficiaries.
- Effective and efficient transport, logistics and distribution.
- Red Cross society capacity building.
- Organizational shared learning.

The purpose of the evaluation, implemented during October and November 2002, is to provide management and decision makers with a timely situation analysis of progress and to identify and facilitate any necessary modifications that may be required. The evaluation team will be in Southern Africa for three weeks, starting with the Federation delegation in Johannesburg, and moving on to the regional delegation in Harare. The team will then visit the other countries included in the Southern Africa Food Security Operation.

#### **Outstanding needs and the response to date w**

Recent donor support has enabled the Federation and its partners in the Southern Africa Food Security Operation to cover a significant proportion of the overall food needs in the region, as well as other needs specified in the appeal. Further support, however, is required to carry out the remaining important activities planned in the appeal. In particular, a donation of CHF 484,000 was received on the 10th of October from the Danish Red Cross for the operations in Malawi. The Iceland and Slovenia Red Cross have also provided important support during the reporting period.

The British Red Cross is now conducting an assessment of the needs in Zambia in relation to the DFID contribution for the Federation project in the region.

Representatives from ECHO are traveling in the region as well, assessing the needs of the victims of the present food shortages. The assessment is conducted in relation with a possible ECHO contribution to the operation, and also with regard to pending ECHO applications from the various EU Red Cross societies.

The Japanese Red Cross also has an assessment team in the region. The JRC is considering a substantial contribution to the HIV/AIDS programme, as well as to the Southern Africa Food Security Operation.

### **Contributions w**

See attached List of contributions.

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*Donors providing in-kind relief in response to large-scale emergencies are urged to contact the Federation's Logistics and Resource Mobilization Department to avoid any unnecessary delays in the clearance and delivery of emergency relief assistance.*

*All International Federation Operations seek to adhere to the Code of Conduct and are committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (SPHERE Project) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.*

*This operation seeks to administer to the immediate requirements of the victims of this disaster. Subsequent operations to promote sustainable development or longer-term capacity building will require additional support, and these programmes are outlined on the Federation's website.*

*For further information concerning Federation operations in Southern-Africa, please access the Federation's website at <http://www.ifrc.org> and the regional website at <http://www.southern-africa.ifrc.org>.*

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Southern Africa - food aid and humanitarian assistance						ANNEX 1
APPEAL No. 12/2002		PLEDGES RECEIVED			18.10.2002	
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
<b>CASH</b>						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				<b>89'285'274</b>		<b>TOTAL COVERAGE 43.6%</b>
AUSTRIA - RC		50'000	EUR	73'625	12.07.2002	
BRITISH - RC		25'000	GBP	57'403	01.08.2002	
BRITISH - RC		50'000	GBP	114'805	01.08.2002	
BRITISH - GOVT/DFID		2'500'000	GBP	5'831'750	19.09.2002	LESOTHO, MALAWI, ZAMBIA, SWAZILAND
BRITISH - RC		497'500	GBP	1'160'518	01.10.2002	ZIMBABWE
CANADIAN - RC		100'000	CAD	96'130	31.07.2002	
CANADIAN - RC		495'000	CAD	475'200	22.08.2002	
CYPRUS - RC				5'014	22.05.2002	MALAWI RC SUPPORTING STARVING POPULATION
DANISH - GOVT		2'450'000	DKK	484'365	08.10.2002	MALAWI
FINNISH - GOV/RC		932'700	EUR	1'366'032	13.09.2002	TELECOM, FS/WATSAN ZIMBABWE & MALAWI, FOOD/NON-FOOD ASSISTANCE, NS CAPACITY BUILD. & OPERATIONAL COSTS ZIMBABWE, MALAWI, ZAMBIA, LESOTHO, SWAZILAND
GERMAN - RC		250'000	EUR	366'150	26.06.2002	BILATERAL
GERMAN - RC		450'000	EUR	659'070	26.06.2002	RELIEF DELEGATE, LOCAL STAFF, VOLUNTEERS
GERMAN - GOVT		398'090	EUR	583'043	10.09.2002	LESOTHO
GERMAN - GOVT		500'000	EUR	732'300	17.09.2002	MALAWI BILATERAL/SEEDS & FERTILISER, 2 DELEGATES 4 MONTHS
ICELANDIC - RC		30'000'000	ISK	518'790	15.10.2002	
IRANIAN - RC		738	USD	1'104	09.10.2002	
IRISH - GOVT		500'000	EUR	738'150	04.07.2002	
JAPANESE - RC		139'900	USD	206'213	14.08.2002	
KUWAIT - RC		5'000	USD	7'370	29.07.2002	
LIBYAN - RC				5'000	07.06.2002	
NORWEGIAN - RC				220'000	24.07.2002	
NORWEGIAN - RC				100'000	19.09.2002	IN COUNTRY COST FOR TSP DELEGATES
PRIVATE DONORS				4'377	05.08.2002	
PRIVATE DONORS				21'197	22.08.2002	
PRIVATE DONOR - MIRC		32'160	USD	48'118	03.10.2002	
SLOVENIAN - RC				1'662	27.09.2002	
SWEDISH - GOVT/RC		3'000'000	SEK	483'600	16.05.2002	MALAWI, ZAMBIA, ZIMBABWE
SWEDISH - RC		400'000	SEK	63'600	25.09.2002	ZAMBIA
SWISS - RC				38'190	05.07.2002	ZIMBABWE
SWISS - PRIVATE DONORS				3'236	22.08.2002	

TURKISH - RC		5'000	EUR	7'314	07.06.2002	MALAWI RC SUPPORTING STARVING POPULATION
WFP				11'828'426	30.08.2002	
<b>SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH</b>				26'301'752	CHF	29.5%
<b>KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)</b>						
<b>DONOR</b>	<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>UNIT</b>	<b>VALUE CHF</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
AMERICAN - RC		217'200	USD	324'974	11.09.2002	BILATERAL MALWI: PURCHASE OF 1 VEHICLE, 5 MOTORCYCLES, LEASE 2 VEHICLES, PURCHASE OF 4 BICYCLES RELIEF DELEGATE 15 MONTHS, OFF. OPERATIONS & EQUIPMENT
IRANIAN - RC		14'750	USD	22'069	09.10.2002	SOAP, SUGAR, EDIBLE OIL
NORWAY - RC/GVT				10'984'036	24.07.2002	TRUCKS
SPANISH - RC		500'000	EUR	734'000	12.09.2002	IN KIND TO MALAWI RC
SWISS - RC				65'000	05.07.2002	ZIMBABWE: 10'000 BLANKETS, TRANSPORT/INSURANCE
AUSTRALIA	DELEGATE(S)			30'061		
FINLAND	DELEGATE(S)			43'367		
GERMANY	DELEGATE(S)			42'710		
ICELAND	DELEGATE(S)			30'883		
GREAT BRITAIN	DELEGATE(S)			92'484		
NETHERLANDS	DELEGATE(S)			45'010		
NORWAY	DELEGATE(S)			208'787		
SWITZERLAND	DELEGATE			45'000	19.09.2002	
<b>SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES</b>				12'668'381	CHF	14.2%