

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

Operations Update No. 12; Period covered: - 6th - 14th November 2002

IN BRIEF

Appeal coverage: 49.6%

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

Outstanding needs: CHF 44,600,000

Summary: While the Federation and respective national societies appreciate the donor response to date, further contributions are necessary to enable the Federation to cover all the needs that are targeted in the appeal. Support in providing delegates and further funding for the TSP is critical.

Operational Developments w

In Malawi the German Red Cross is working with the national society on preparing the distribution of an additional 40,000 starter packs.

In Zambia the Federation has received import permits for 630 MT of maize which will be delivered during the second half of November. 352 MT of beans have been delivered and distribution has already started. The Zambian Red Cross started distribution of WFP donated non-GMO food during the second week of November.

In Swaziland a new round of distributions of WFP donated food has started, and the Baphali Swaziland Red Cross has finished distributing 2,153 agricultural kits.

In Lesotho 120 MT of maize, 72 MT of beans and 45,000 l of oil provided by the Federation are in the final day of being delivered. A new monthly round of distributions of WFP food has started. 135 MT of maize seeds were distributed in Lesotho at the beginning of November.

In Zimbabwe targeted distributions will begin when the distribution of seeds are finished. A total of 41,037 beneficiaries, including home-based care clients, orphans, women and others, received seeds and fertilizers during distributions which took place in early November.

There is an urgent need to recruit delegates for the transport support package. The TSP M6 trucks are operating in Lesotho and are ready to be allocated to clusters in Malawi. The last trucks will be arriving in Zambia from Durban by the middle of November. The TSP long haul trucks will participate in the

transportation of WFP maize from Tanzania to Malawi. This task is estimated to take one month, beginning on the 18th of November.

- **MALAWI**

OBJECTIVE 3: CAPACITY BUILDING *To strengthen operational and response capacity of the MRCS to carry out the operation..*

The Federation, together with the MRCS is assessing the possibility of constructing a warehouse instead of renting. The rehabilitation of 2 MRCS regional branch offices is starting soon. 4 motorcycles and 12 bicycles are being purchased.

The country manager in Malawi is working with the national society to create a plan of action for the implementation of the supplementary feeding programme. Financial support for the activities will be provided as soon as details in the planning of these activities have been finalized

Recruitment of a secretary / programme assistant is planned to take place on the 15th of November. The staff will increase the operational capacity of the national society in dealing with the food security operation in Malawi.

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.*

The purchase of 500 locally produced irrigation pumps is being instigated, and the selection of beneficiaries is in preparation. The German Red Cross is working with the national society preparing the distribution of 40,000 agricultural starter packs. The distribution is expected to start by end of November or beginning of December.

- **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*

WFP food

The Zambian Red Cross started general distribution of WFP donated non GMO food to 9400 beneficiaries in Zambia during the second week of November. The rations contain the standard WFP food basket. The food ration in Zambia has been revised, and the new standard ration is:

- cereals: 400gr per day per beneficiary.
- pulses: 60gr per day per beneficiary.
- vegetable oil: 20gr per day per beneficiary.
- CSB (corn soya blend): 100gr per day per beneficiary.

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.*

The Federation has received import permits for 630 MT of milled white maize to Zambia. The maize will be delivered during the second half of November. Distribution will take place as soon as possible when the maize has been delivered. 352 MT of beans have been delivered and distribution has already started.

A requisition for 885 MT of maize and 260 MT of beans is being processed. The Federation expects to be able to deliver the food supplies by the first week of December.

The first relief distributions of 28.8 MT of supplementary food rations to 8,000 beneficiaries in Zambia were implemented during the first week of November, starting in Kapiri Mposhi. The rations contain 3.6 kg of beans per person.

- ***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 donated food

The second distribution of WFP general food stock took place in Baphali Swaziland between the 10th of September and the 15th of October 2002. Beans were not available in the second distribution and only maize and cooking oil were distributed. The Baphali Swaziland Red Cross Society distributed food in the following four regions:

- Manzini region (5 distribution points).
- Hhohho region (6 distribution points).
- Shiselweni region (6 distribution points).
- Nkwene region (12 distribution points).

A total of 3,150 households with 23,853 beneficiaries received food through the second distribution round. The third distribution of WFP food has not started yet because of changes in distribution zones and additional distributions of food from other donors.

OBJECTIVE 2: TARGETED FOOD DISTRIBUTION *To provide nutritious food supplements to the under-fives and to people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.*

Through bilateral co-operation with the German Red Cross the Baphali Swaziland Red Cross Society is preparing the distribution of nutritious food supplements to 5000 children under five years of age. Each child will receive 3 kg of corn soya blend (CSB) per month. The distribution of the food supplements will take place at Baphali Swaziland Red Cross clinics.

Bilateral activities also include distribution of food parcels to 700 people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. The distribution will cover the needs of the beneficiaries for 5 months as a part of the already ongoing home based care (HBC) programme.

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.*

Bilateral activities through co-operation with the German and the Baphali Swaziland Red Cross are planned to include non-food items as well. Medicaments will be distributed to three clinics. The German Red Cross has delivered 3 WHO kits to Red Cross clinics in Baphali Swaziland. Each clinic has received one kit. Additional medicines will be procured locally.

The Baphali Swaziland Red Cross also plans the distribution of agricultural kits containing seeds and fertilizers that have been donated by FAO. The kits will be distributed together with food or just after food distributions in order to prevent families from eating the seeds because of hunger. One delivery truck for the national society is now being procured by the Federation.

- ***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.*

A logistics delegate from the Switzerland Red Cross has taken up his position in Lesotho to assist the national society and the Southern Africa Food Security Operation. In Lesotho 120 MT of maize, 72 MT of beans and 45,000 l of oil provided by the Federation are being delivered. The first two truckloads of oil arrived on the 13th of November and 30 MT of maize meal are already in the Lesotho Red Cross warehouses. The remaining 90 MT of maize meal is estimated to arrive in the LRC warehouses by the beginning of the third week of November.

WFP food distribution

A new monthly round of distributions of WFP food for November has started. Distributions are completed in 1/3 of distribution points included in this round. According to plans 36 distribution points will be covered in the WFP food distributions in November. A total of 47,300 beneficiaries in 9,000 households will receive assistance. The ration consists of 2 liters of oil, 50 kg of maize meal, 45 MT of pulses.

Totally 450 MT maize meal, 45 MT of pulses, and 18,000 liters of oil will be distributed by the Red Cross. The distribution round is estimated to be completed by the 25th of November.

NON-FOOD DISTRIBUTION

75.15 MT of maize seeds that were dispatched from Maseru to Mokhotlong at the end of October have now been distributed to beneficiaries. A total of 135 MT of maize seeds and 9,000 pieces of agricultural tools have been received in Maseru in Lesotho.

The Lesotho Red Cross has already distributed 15 kg rations of maize seeds to 5,000 households in Mokhotlong district, and tools to 4,500 families. In Butha Buthe the distribution of 59.85 MT of maize seeds to approximately 4,000 households was completed on the 13th of November.

OBJECTIVE 4: CAPACITY BUILDING *To strengthen the operational capacity of the LRCS to respond to the food insecurity situation.*

In addition to the two vehicles that have already been provided, another two are now being procured for the national society in order to increase its capacity to carry out its tasks in the Southern Africa Food Security Operation.

- **ZIMBABWE**

The food emergency in Zimbabwe is part of a complex economic crisis, compounded by the HIV/AIDS epidemic and serious shortfalls in agricultural output. Inflation far outstrips increases in salaries. The political environment in Zimbabwe remains unstable, creating uncertainties for the humanitarian organizations working in the country.

OBJECTIVE 1: TARGETED FOOD DISTRIBUTION *To ensure that HIV/AIDS infected and affected people and malnourished children under 5 years have access to nutritious food supplements.*

Targeted distributions are planned to begin in November when distributions of seeds are finished.

- In the first phase, Zimbabwe Red Cross home based care projects in urban areas will be provided with WFP food. This will initially benefit 3007 HBC clients, with subsequent distributions reaching a further 17,954 household members, orphans and other clients, and 645 wet feed orphans will benefit from the distributions.
- In the second phase Zimbabwe Red Cross home based care projects in rural areas will be provided with WFP food where WFP general distributions have yet to begin (the majority of the programme areas). These will initially benefit up to 3971 home based care clients, with 43,656 household members, orphans and other clients, and 518 wet feeding orphans following in the second round.

Food requirements in MT or 1000 l of oil	First distribution	Subsequent distributions
Maize	75	662
Beans	30	136
Oil	11	46
Corn soy blend	16	192
Beneficiaries	7,711	69,321

The HBC programme in Zimbabwe is undergoing planned expansion at the moment, and these figures will increase. It is also anticipated that the programme will grow naturally as more qualifying clients present themselves.

Tenders have been sent out for the following commodities which will cover a three months period beginning in January:

- white maize meal 2,052 MT.
- beans 630 MT.
- soya cooking oil 135 MT.
- sugar 30 MT.
- CSB 672 MT.

OBJECTIVE 2: WATER AND SANITATION *To improve the availability of safe water and sanitation to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of food provision.*

An existing work plan based on the objectives of the appeal includes water and sanitation intervention for 27,000 beneficiaries, including 15 new water points, rehabilitation of 7 already existing water points, participatory construction of 200 family latrines. The work plan also includes the training and support of three health promoters as well as other incidental activities. The target area for the work plan is Zaka, where cholera broke out last month.

OBJECTIVE 3: CAPACITY BUILDING *To strengthen the ZRCS by increasing its capacity at central and divisional level, particularly in the field of human and logistical resources.*

An assessment of food security within HBC households was conducted in two project areas, comparing their situation with that of the general population. The assessment considered the impact of drought and the deteriorating economic situation on households affected by HIV/AIDS. The information gathered in the assessment will facilitate monitoring of the impact of food distribution to HBC clients and their families. The identification of vulnerability indicators will contribute to the development of targeting criteria that can be used to determine the needs of beneficiaries in the region. The process of recruiting a national food security officer has started. An additional 8 provincial staff will also be recruited before the end of November.

All provincial staff have received training for the distributions. The Zimbabwe Red Cross Society also plans training for all staff with regard to avoiding abuse of power and sexual exploitation.

One vehicle as well as a number of motorcycles and bicycles are being procured for the Zimbabwe Red Cross in order to increase the capacity of the society to carry out its task related to the Southern Africa Food Security Operation.

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.

Agricultural support packages have been purchased and are being distributed according to the following table.

Project	Beneficiary households	Distribution date
Buhera	315	Nov 4th
Mudzimirema	106	Nov 4th
Zvimba	573	Nov 4th
Zvishavane	330	Nov 7th
Chivi	790	Nov 8th
shurugwi	407	Nov 6th
Gwanda	301	Nov 7th
Beitbridge	358	Nov 8th
Total households	3'180	

Blankets and hygiene items have now been received in the warehouse in Harare and will be distributed to all home based care clients in the coming two weeks.

TRANSPORT SUPPORT PACKAGE (TSP)FOR WFP

The Federation is now recruiting further delegates for the TSP. Another 4 workshop managers and 3 transport managers are needed. It is important to fill these positions very soon, and all national societies are urged to consider providing delegates for the open positions as soon as possible. Presently there are 3 workshop managers and 6 transport managers in the countries of operation, but 4 of them will need to be replaced when their contracts end in December.

An additional 20 local staff are also being recruited for the TSP workshops, and 220 drivers have already been hired for the operations.

The second shipment of TSP M6 trucks arrived in Lusaka, Zambia on the 12th of November. The third and last shipment of TSP M6 trucks bound for Zambia has left Durban and will be arriving in Lusaka on the 20th of November. A total of 116 trucks will be stationed in Zambia.

In Malawi all 59 TSP M6 trucks are ready to operate, and will be allocated and driven out to their respective clusters in an estimated 3 weeks.

In Lesotho all TSP M6 trucks except one are in full operation. There is a total number of 25 TSP M6 trucks stationed in Lesotho.

9 out of 10 TSP long haul trucks left Harare in Zimbabwe at the beginning of November and have delivered mobile warehouses, forklifts and spare parts to TSP M6 workshops in Malawi and Zambia as planned.

According to plans all 10 TSP long haul trucks will meet up in Lilongwe on the 16th of November for programming of communication equipment. They will leave from Lilongwe in Malawi for Mbeya in Tanzania on the 17th of November. They will take part in the transportation of approximately 17,000 MT of maize to Mzimba, Lilongwe and Blantyre in Malawi. The maize was procured by the WFP and is packed in 50 kg bags. Each long haul truck takes 25-30 MT. This mission is estimated to take one month.

PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT

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

A telecom delegate from the Danish Red Cross arrived on the 6th of November. He is now working with Telecom Officer from Geneva to address outstanding telecom issues in Lesotho, Malawi and Zambia. Positions are still open for logistics delegates in Malawi and Zambia. There is an urgent need to fill these positions.

Real Time Evaluation Report

The real time evaluation team has now finalized its evaluation of the Southern Africa Food Security Operation. A draft of the evaluation report was submitted by the team at the beginning of November, and the final version will be made available for the Partnership Meeting in Namibia.

Outstanding needs and the response to date

While the Federation and respective national societies appreciate the donor response to date, further contributions are necessary to enable the Federation to cover all the needs that are targeted in the appeal. Support in providing delegates and further funding for the TSP is critical.

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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			20.11.2002	
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				89'285'274		TOTAL COVERAGE 49.6%
AMERICAN - RC		25'000	USD	37'150	15.10.2002	LESOTHO
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
BRITISH - RC		400'000	GBP	922'880	01.11.2002	MALAWI
BRITISH - RC		1'000'000	GBP	2'307'200	01.11.2002	ZAMBIA
BRITISH - RC		400'000	GBP	922'880	01.11.2002	SWAZILAND
BRITISH - RC		400'000	GBP	922'880	01.11.2002	LESOTHO
CANADIAN - RC		100'000	CAD	96'130	31.07.2002	
CANADIAN - GOVT		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				23'291	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 - RC				31'000	08.10.2002	RELIEF DELEGATE
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	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				31'447'836	CHF	35.2%
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
AMERICAN - RC		217'200	USD	324'974	11.09.2002	BILATERAL MALAWI: 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)			46'653		
CANADA	DELEGATE(S)			9'856		
DENMARK	DELEGATE(S)			44'681		
FINLAND	DELEGATE(S)			43'367		
GERMANY	DELEGATE(S)			42'710		
ICELAND	DELEGATE(S)			59'137		
JAPAN	DELEGATE(S)			40'575		
GREAT BRITAIN	DELEGATE(S)			157'863		
NETHERLANDS	DELEGATE(S)			45'010		
NORWAY	DELEGATE(S)			208'787		
SWITZERLAND	DELEGATE			29'733		
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				12'858'451	CHF	14.4%
ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	