

# OPERATIONS UPDATE



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## SUDAN: DROUGHT

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Appeal No. 17/03; Operations Update No. 01

Appeal launched on 1 July 2003 seeking CHF 1,159,000 (USD 852,807 or EUR 746,116) for 106,500 beneficiaries for twelve months.

Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF) allocated: N/A

Period covered: July to August 2003

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### In Brief

**Appeal coverage:** 43.5%; see attached Contributions List or see the Federation's website at: [http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf\\_appeals.pl?03/1-2-3%20-%20ap1703.pdf](http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?03/1-2-3%20-%20ap1703.pdf)

**Outstanding needs:** CHF 655,144 (USD 463,300 or EUR 426,100)

#### Related Emergency or Annual Appeals:

- Sudan 2003 Annual Appeal no. 01.10/2003
- Sudan: Floods in Kassala State; Emergency Appeal no. 19/2003

**Operational Summary:** The food security situation in Sinkat and Halayeb remains critical. Food distribution is being conducted by WFP. Since food stocks were limited, only 50% rations were provided in the first cycle conducted from 26 June to 18 July. The situation has not improved and the second cycle planned for 23 August could not take place. WFP may divert stocks meant for Toka to Hayaleb before the end of September but again consisting of only half rations. Shelter remains a high priority as no procurement has been done. Through funding received from Danish Red Cross, procurement is expected to commence soon. There is an acute shortage of water in Sinkat and Halayeb provinces. The situation is expected to improve through the rehabilitation of 20 wells, drilling of 15 new ones and protection of 20 others as soon as funding from German Red Cross is received by the Red Sea Branch. No health outreach services have been provided as there are no funds earmarked for this activity.

### Operational developments

The Red State in Eastern Sudan has been experiencing recurring drought from the mid 80s; these have become prolonged and more severe since 2000 threatening the very livelihood of about 54% of the rural population in Sinkat and Halayeb Provinces. The Red Sea State Branch of the Sudanese Red Crescent contributes significantly to addressing the needs of the vulnerable population from the drought.

Following an assessment by the Sudanese Red Crescent in collaboration with the Federation, an appeal worth CHF 1,159,000 was launched on 1 July 2003 to provide 106,500 beneficiaries with both food and non food items. Part of the appeal also aimed to contribute to improving the capacity of the Sudanese Red Crescent and the affected local community to respond to the impact of the chronic drought in the Red Sea State, however, nothing has been done in this respect due to non availability of funds.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

**Overall objective: to meet the immediate humanitarian needs of 106,500 highly vulnerable people and to strengthen the capacity of the SRCS and the community through disaster preparedness and risk reduction measures addressing chronic food insecurity.**

**Objective 1: To distribute full general food rations to 106,500 persons for a six-month period**

### Progress

The first cycle of food distribution consisting of a 50% ration was carried out in Sinkat and Halayeb provinces from 26 June to 18 July 2003 to 106,000 beneficiaries; this included 15,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Sinkat Province (see table below). World Food Programme (WFP) provided 1,712.42 MT of mixed food commodities for the distribution which was carried out by the Red Sea State Branch local relief committees under the supervision of the Sudanese Red Crescent Disaster Preparedness officer and four field officers. Five vehicles were used during the exercise.

### First cycle – food distribution

Item	Ration	Duration
Cereals	13.72 kg/person	61 days
Pulses	01.52 kg/person	61 days
Oil	0.91 kg/person	61 days

### Impact

Although the size of the ration was only half of the planned distribution, the food met the real need of beneficiaries and helped in bridging the gap. It also helped stabilize the market prices which had shot up to 35% while the number of livestock in the market has decreased and also there is a slight rise in livestock prices.

### Constraints

Due to difficulties experienced by WFP in view of limited availability of food supplies, only 50% of the food requirements were met. The very high expectations from the vulnerable population is negatively impacting the reputation of the Sudanese Red Crescent as lead agency in this crisis.

**Objective 2: To distribute non-food Items (cooking utensils and blankets) and shelter materials to 15,000 IDPs.**

### Progress

Although the tendering process for the purchase of local shelter and construction materials was launched and a comparative bid analysis conducted, the items had not been purchased at the time of writing this report. People are still living in very poor conditions, some accommodated by relatives in makeshift homes and exposed to the element.

### Impact

The local health authorities have reported increased cases of acute respiratory infections among children and elderly people.

**Constraints**

Non-availability of funds has affected implementation of the planned activities.

**Objective 3: To construct, rehabilitate and protect select water points.**

**Progress**

The priority areas have been identified and contact established with the local leaders and authorities. The formation of committees to manage the wells is underway. An application has been submitted to German Red Cross to fund the water project; follow up will be done from Khartoum with the German Red Cross Representative.

**Impact**

Water shortage is still a major problem and there is a high prevalence of waterborne diseases like diarrhea in Sinkat Province. Further delay in the implementation of the planned activities could have more serious consequences on the livelihood of the affected communities

**Constraints**

No funds to date to implement the planned activities under this objective.

**Objective 4: To increase the access of 89,000 highly vulnerable people in Sinkat Province to outreach health services.**

**Progress**

UNFPA has expressed interest to support a Reproductive Health programme in the Red Sea State; a proposal currently under preparation will be completed at the end of September 2003.

**Impact**

The health situation continues to deteriorate especially in the remote areas of North Sinkat, East Halayeb, and West Derudeb.

**Constraints**

No funds to date to implement the planned activities under this objective.

**Objective 5: To improve the capacity of the SRCS and communities affected by chronic food insecurity in disaster preparedness, response and risk reduction.**

**Progress**

No activities have been implemented under this objective. However, the staff and volunteers from the Red Sea State Branch have good experience in disaster response, resource mobilization and bilateral programmes from previous response to the chronic drought in the area.

**Impact**

The first cycle of food distribution was conducted relatively well using the existing capacity within the branch.

**Constraints**

No funds have been made available to improve the capacity of the Red Sea State Branch in this respect.

## **Federation coordination**

The appeal was launched in collaboration with the Federation. The programme is being supported by the Federation Drought Program Coordinator at the field with support from the Federation Sudan Delegation and the technical departments of the Federation Regional Delegation in Nairobi.

## **National Society Capacity Building**

Through the operation, training has been provided to 50 volunteers in food distribution and monitoring; 23 transport monitors have also been trained. Four State Branch Directors and the Red Sea State Disaster Preparedness officer participated in a Regional Food Security Training. The Disaster Preparedness officer also participated in the Regional Disaster Response Team training. One staff member participated in a gender training workshop organized by WFP in Port Sudan. The Red Sea State Branch Director, Sinkat Project Manager, and the Sudanese Red Crescent Society headquarter staff attended a one month overseas training course on human rights and financial management. A national task force has been formed to deal with drought relief operations.

## **Communications – Advocacy and Public Information**

A telephone conference was conducted with eight participating national societies; four (Danish, British, German and Japanese Red Cross Societies) have given positive response towards support of the operation. Good contact with the local media has also been maintained. Coverage of the Sudanese Red Crescent response to the drought led to the national society's appointment as lead agency in the operation.

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ANNEX 1

APPEAL No. 17/2003

## PLEDGES RECEIVED

24/09/03

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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### CASH

					<b>TOTAL COVERAGE</b>	
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				<b>1,159,000</b>		<b>43.5%</b>
BRITISH - RC		15,000	GBP	33,360	25.07.03	
GERMAN - GOVT		205,290	EUR	315,633	10.09.03	
JAPANESE - RC		28,100	USD	37,963	17.07.03	
SWEDISH - GOVT		700,000	SEK	116,900	04.09.03	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				503,856	CHF	43.5%

### KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				0	CHF	0.0%

### ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	