

OPERATIONS UPDATE



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TANZANIA: DROUGHT

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The Federation's mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity. It is the world's largest humanitarian organization and its millions of volunteers are active in over 183 countries.

In Brief

Appeal No. MDRTZ001; Operations Update no. 1; Period covered: 14 March to 20 April 2006; Appeal coverage: 17.2%; [Click here to go directly to the attached Contributions List.](#)

Appeal history:

- Launched on 14 March 2006 for **CHF 1,862,589 (USD 1,409,984 OR EUR 1,190,153)** in cash, kind or services for 4 months to assist 74,000 beneficiaries. Please refer to http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?06/MDRTZ001.pdf.
- Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF) allocated: CHF 250,000.

Outstanding needs: CHF 1,541,742

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals:

East Africa sub-regional programmes - http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual06/MAA64003.pdf.
East Africa Regional Drought Response DRR64001 - http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?06/MDR64001.pdf.
Burundi Emergency Appeal no. MDRBI001A - http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?06/MDRBI001A.pdf
Kenya Emergency Appeal no. MDRKE001 - http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?06/MDRKE001.pdf.
Rwanda Emergency Appeal no. MDRRW001 http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?06/MDRRW001.pdf.
Ethiopia Emergency Appeal no. MDRET001 - http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?06/MDRET001.pdf. and
Tanzania drought Information Bulletin no. tz060303 - http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?rpts06/tz060303.pdf

Operational Summary: Special focus on Manyara region.

A field visit to Manyara region by a Federation team (comprising the regional delegation's senior disaster management officer and drought logistics delegate) accompanied by the national society's staff, from 6 to 9 April, revealed that the area affected was now receiving adequate rains. Most of the maize fields were blossoming and will be ready for consumption by the end of May or early June if the current rains continue. The team interviewed the district commissioner for Hanang district (Manyara region) who said that most other food stuffs such as vegetables were now available and some farmers were already beginning to harvest beans to supplement these. Rains have also been reported in other critically affected regions like Arusha, Dodoma and Kilimanjaro and maize plantations in these areas are doing well.

The Finnish Red Cross Society has donated 220 metric tonnes of maize towards this appeal. The maize is currently being transported from Dar-es-Salaam via Arusha to the district headquarters of each of the four districts in Manyara to be distributed as follows: Mbulu, 125MT; Kiteto, 31 MT; Hanang, 24 MT; and Simanjiro, 39.89MT. Other donors include:

- Irish government
- Japanese Red Cross
- Libyan Red Crescent
- Monaco Red Cross

This operation is aligned with the International Federation's 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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Background

Tanzania continues to suffer from the effects of drought which has severely compromised the food security of a large part of the country's rural population. As of early March, rainfall in the north eastern regions of Kilimanjaro, Arusha, and Manyara, and the central regions of Dodoma, Singida, Shinyanga and Tabora were low, and there were indications that livestock deaths has reached the thousands in the central and Lake Victoria Basin regions of Dodoma, Singida, Shinyanga and Mwanza. Livestock deaths were also reported in Arusha and Manyara regions.

Operational developments

The Tanzania Red Cross Society has made a formal pledge to the government to provide food to Manyara region, one of the critically affected regions. Based on the available resources (the Finnish Red Cross maize and the DREF allocation of CHF 250,000), a decision was made by the Tanzania Red Cross Society to initially concentrate its efforts mainly in Manyara region (Mbulu, Kiteto, Hanang and Simanjiro districts) and partially, in the Kilimanjaro region (Mwanga and Moshi districts).

However, the food insecurity gap appears to be drawing to a close with the arrival of the long rains. A field visit to Manyara region by the national society and Federation team (comprising the regional delegation's senior disaster management officer and drought logistics delegate) from 6 to 9 April, revealed that the area was now receiving adequate rains. Most of the maize fields were blossoming and will be ready for consumption by the end of May or early June if the current rains continue. The team interviewed the district commissioner for Hanang district who said that most other food stuffs like vegetables were now available and some farmers were already beginning to harvest beans to supplement these. Whilst the team visited only Manyara, the national society understood that rain

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had been falling in other critically affected regions like Arusha, Dodoma and Kilimanjaro but that maize production was not at the same level.

The Finnish Red Cross has donated 220 metric tonnes (MT) of maize towards this appeal. This was wheat initially destined for Eritrea but exchanged for maize with the Export Trading Company. Meanwhile, the procurement process for the 301 MT of maize to be funded by the DREF allocation is underway, for distribution in mid May. A survey on a few markets in Manyara region revealed that the maize prices were still high (CHF 32.5 to CHF 33 per 100 kilogramme bag compared to the normal CHF 11).

Tenders, both national and international, have been floated and the opening ceremony is set for mid April. It is hoped that this maize will be ready for distribution by the end of April.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Objective 1: To contribute to the food-related needs of 74,000 most vulnerable beneficiaries in three drought affected regions of northern Tanzania, Arusha, Kilimanjaro and Manyara, through the provision of 2,664 metric tonnes of maize for three months.

Expected results

- 74,000 beneficiaries have received 12 kg of maize per month once a month for three months, resulting in reduced malnutrition rates.
- 60 volunteers have received training in community managed and targeted distribution (CMTD).

Progress

- The Federation team that visited Manyara region was able to confirm availability of adequate storage facilities provided by the government in Mbulu and Hanang districts. Simanjiro and Kiteto districts will be visited at a later date. The 301 MT of maize will be distributed in mid May from the TRCS warehouses in Simanjiro, Mwange and Moshi at 231, 48 and 22 MT respectively. The government also committed to providing trucks to transport the maize from the district headquarters to the villages where the local administration together with the Tanzania Red Cross Society's volunteers will coordinate the distribution.
- The 220 MT of maize received from the Finnish Red Cross is currently being transported from Dar-es-Salaam via Arusha to the district headquarters of each of the four districts in Manyara to be distributed as follows: Mbulu, 125MT; Kiteto, 31 MT; Hanang, 24 MT; and Simanjiro, 39.89MT. The Tanzania Red Cross Society will train the community in community managed and targeted distribution, prior to the distribution earmarked for 14 to 15 April.

Constraints

- The major constraint to the fast implementation of this Appeal has been the lack of funds to move it forth. The anticipated response from potential donors should be able to set it on course.

Objective 2: To assess and design programme interventions for other food commodities required, in water and sanitation, health, and livelihood sectors leading to a longer term intervention.

Expected results

- An emergency appeal with an integrated multi-sectoral approach to food security in the affected areas is launched, replacing the current preliminary emergency appeal.

Progress

- Two national society members of staff were seconded to the UNICEF coordinated water and sanitation/health assessment. The outcome of this assessment will hopefully provide further information needed for a more comprehensive response to the situation in Tanzania. The report of the assessment is being finalized and should be out shortly.

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Federation Coordination

The government has offered to support the Red Cross initiative through the provision of warehouses at each district from where government trucks will be used to distribute the food to the villages. The fuel costs for this will be met by the Red Cross. The Finnish Red Cross is considering the possibility of financing the distribution costs.

The government has, in the recent past, distributed 115 MT and 364 MT of maize to Hanang and Mbulu districts respectively. Caritas, an international non governmental organization and a church based organization have also distributed food to some divisions within the affected districts.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement - Principles and initiatives

Promoting the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement within the target area will be addressed when the programme is fully operational.

National society capacity building

The regional delegation in Nairobi and the national society are working hand in hand in the implementation of the appeal. Technical support and general guidance is being provided by the regional delegation to the national society on procurement and food distribution processes to enhance their capacity. Specific support has been given by the regional drought logistics delegate of the food security unit as the procurement delegate for this operation was not recruited. This was because the operation has become less complex due to the concentration on one region and one commodity, maize. The national society has a local branch at Babati, the Manyara regional headquarters, which will coordinate the training of volunteers in readiness for the distribution.

Communications – advocacy and public information

Information generated and progress made will be communicated to concerned offices/organizations through operations updates.

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ANNEX 1

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PLEDGES RECEIVED

18/04/2006

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->					TOTAL COVERAGE	
					1,862,589	17.2%
IRISH - GOVT		150,000	EUR	234,750	01.02.06	
JAPANESE - RC		46,500	USD	61,427	27.03.06	
LIBYAN - RC				1,000	06.04.06	
MONACO - RC		15,000	EUR	23,670	11.04.06	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				320,847	CHF	17.2%

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	