

# DREF operation



International Federation  
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

## Ethiopia: Drought

DREF operation n° MDRET007

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The International Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) is a source of un-earmarked money created by the Federation in 1985 to ensure that immediate financial support is available for Red Cross and Red Crescent response to emergencies. The DREF is a vital part of the International Federation's disaster response system and increases the ability of national societies to respond to disasters.

**CHF 50,000 (USD 49,504 or EUR 33,112) has been allocated from the Federation's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the deployment of a technical support Field Assessment and Coordination Team (FACT) to Ethiopia. Unearmarked funds to repay DREF are encouraged.**

**Summary:** Many communities in Ethiopia have been facing food insecurity due to poor rainfall. This has led to poor harvests and increased humanitarian needs that have exceeded the available resources of the Government of Ethiopia. In this regard, the Ethiopian Red Cross Society (ERCS) has asked the International Federation to support the National Society in assessing and analyzing the situation and decide on possible interventions depending on needs and the ERCS capacities on the ground. The International Federation deployed a multi-disciplinary Field Assessment and Coordination Team to support the ERCS and coordinate efforts with main stakeholders.

This operation will be conducted in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Partner National Societies, World Food Programme (WFP) and United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA).

This operation is expected to be implemented over 5 weeks, and will therefore be completed by 31 December 2009 and a Final Report will be made available three months after the end of the operation (by 31 March 2010).

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## The situation

Poor rainfall in 2009, followed several previous years of below average rainfall and has greatly increased food insecurity in many communities. There has been a significant rise in humanitarian needs, which exceed the resources of the Government of Ethiopia, which made an appeal to humanitarian community to support around 6.2m people in need related to shortfalls caused by failed *Belg* rains/harvest. Poor performance of *Meher* (main rainy season) rains raise fears of having severe shortfalls in certain parts of the country.

The International Federation has started mobilizing technical capacities to support the National Society in assessment and deployed first group of people in early November 2009. Later, as requested by the ERCS, it was decided to have more in depth assessment of several areas and look into emergency as well as into mid-term early-recovery interventions.

## Coordination and partnerships

The FACT will closely work with Red Cross Red Crescent Partners such as International Committee of the Red Cross and Partner National Societies present in the country. A number of meetings to strengthen coordination and cooperation will be held with United Nations agencies such as World Food Programme and

United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, relevant Ethiopian Government structures and other institutions having expertise in the field of food security. Important part of the FACT mission will be to meet major donors and embassies to identify potential funding opportunities for Red Cross Red Crescent future interventions in Ethiopia addressing acute food insecurity in certain areas of the country.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

CHF 50,000 was released by the International Federation DREF to support deployment of the multi-disciplinary FACT to assist Ethiopian Red Cross Society to review and analyze the evolving situation, coordinate with all key stakeholders, and develop a response strategy based on the ERCS mandate and capacity. The FACT, led by Horn of Africa (HoA) Regional Operations Manager, consists of the following technical capacities: general food security, early recovery, resource mobilisation, water and sanitation, nutrition and communications.

### The proposed operation

**Overall objective: To support the ERCS in conducting a comprehensive assessment of needs and to launch an emergency appeal to assist up to 300,000 people affected by acute food insecurity in 4 to 5 locations in Ethiopia.**

#### Activities planned

- Support the ERCS in conducting assessments, planning and coordination with other humanitarian actors, the Government of Ethiopia and main stakeholders.
- Review existing secondary assessment information and gather primary assessment information in 4 to 5 location as directed by ERCS.
- Review available documents from ERCS, the Movement and external sources including international non governmental organizations (INGOs), United Nations agencies, donors and partners.
- Review ongoing operations and plans relating to food security including:
  - Food Distribution Operations under HoA appeal (2008).
  - Ongoing PNS supported food security and livelihoods programmes.
- Recommend options for scaling up the interventions and launch the Emergency Appeal, taking into account ERCS desire to focus on recovery activities not just relief.
- Recommend options and help ERCS design longer term recovery programmes to compliment emergency operations.
- Recommend as to the possible use and/or deployment of other Federation disaster response tools such as Emergency Response Unit (ERU's).
- Closely coordinate with main stakeholders such as Movement partners, United Nations agencies (WFP, UNOCHA), donors, Government of Ethiopia and specialized institutions such as Famine Early Warning Systems (FEWSNET).
- Look into potential resources available for the future operation through having contacts with major donors linking country, regional and global opportunities and recommending best ways of mobilizing resources for emergency and early recovery interventions.

## 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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	<b>DREF OPERATION BUDGET SUMMARY</b>	<b>Annex 1</b>
	<b>DREF NAME</b> Ethiopia – Drought	<b>DREF NUMBER</b> MDRET007
		<b>BUDGET CHF</b>
	<b><u>RELIEF NEEDS</u></b>	
500	Shelter	0
505	Construction Materials	0
510	Clothing and Textiles	0
520	Food	0
523	Seeds and Plants	0
530	Water and Sanitation	0
540	Medical and First Aid	0
550	Teaching Materials	0
560	Utensils and Tools	0
570	Other Supplies and Services	0
	<b>Total Relief Needs</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b><u>CAPITAL EQUIPMENT</u></b>	
580	Land and Buildings	0
581	Vehicles Purchase	0
582	Computers and Telecom Equipment	0
584	Office/Household Furniture and Equipment	0
587	Medical Equipment	0
589	Other Machinery and Equipment	0
	<b><u>TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND VEHICLES</u></b>	
590	Storage - Warehouse	0
592	Distribution and Monitoring	0
593	Transport and Vehicles Costs	5,800
	<b><u>PERSONNEL</u></b>	
600	International Staff	0
640	Regionally Deployed Staff	0
661	National Staff	1,000
662	National Society Staff	8,900
670	Consultants	0
	<b><u>WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING</u></b>	
680	Workshops and Training	0
	<b><u>GENERAL EXPENSES</u></b>	
700	Travel	14,400
710	Information and Public Relations	3,000
730	Office running costs	5,000
740	Communication Costs	3,650
750	Professional Fees	0
760	Financial Charges	0

790	Other General Expenses	5,000
	<b><u>SERVICE FEES</u></b>	
	Service Fees	
	<b><u>PROGRAMME SUPPORT</u></b>	
599	Programme Support - PSR	3,250
	<b>Total Operational Needs</b>	<b>50,000</b>
	<b>DREF ALLOCATION</b>	<b>50,000</b>