

# Operations update



International Federation  
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

## Ethiopia: Severe Food Shortages

Emergency appeal n° MDRET007

GLIDE n° OT-2010-000016-ETH

### Appeal Extension

Operations update n° 2

3 February 2011

**Period covered by this Ops Update:** July to December 2010.

**Appeal target (current):** CHF 30,579,088 in cash, kind or services to support the Ethiopian Red Cross Society (ERCS) in assisting some 330,621 beneficiaries for 12 months with vital food assistance, emergency water and sanitation, and livelihoods recovery.

This operations update extends the operations timeframe for an additional 6 months.

**Appeal coverage:** [<click here to go directly to the updated donor response report, or here to link to contact details >](#)



Ethiopian Red Cross Society distribution point in East Hararghe, 2010. ERCS photo.

#### Appeal history:

- This Emergency Appeal was initially launched on 5 February 2010 for CHF 30,579,088 for 12 months to assist 330,621 beneficiaries.
- Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF): CHF 50,000 was allocated from the Federation's DREF to support the initial stages of this operation, particularly deployment of the Field Assessment and Coordination Team (FACT) and field assessments led by the Ethiopian Red Cross Society (ERCS).
- [Operations Update No. 1](#) was issued on 18 August 2010. It reported on the primary stages of operation implementation
- This operations update extends the timeframe for an additional 6 months; the operation will be completed by 5 August 2011. A Final Report will be made available by 5 November 2011.

**Summary:** This Operations Update covers the second phase of implementation of activities linked to food interventions in East Hararghe Zone of Oromyia Region. Due to limited funding at the initial phase of the operation, the ERCS/IFRC was not able to set up wider food interventions in all the three targeted zones. Operations started in priority areas of East Hararghe Zone of Oromyia Region. Due to improvements in the food security situation in Ethiopia brought on by good *Belg* and *Meher* season rains and consequent good harvests in 2010, the number of vulnerable people in need of emergency food decreased by 50-60 percent. In this new operational environment, there is no need to continue with food interventions in other operational areas and it was decided by ERCS/IFRC to complete East Hararghe food operation and concentrate on rehabilitation and early recovery activities, including water and sanitation as well as provision of seeds, tools and fertilizers to identified households.

Considering that the above mentioned rehabilitation and early recovery activities may require a longer implementation timeframe, the operational period has been extended for 6 months until 5 August 2011.

Therefore, the final report for the operation is due by 05 November 2011. Most of the planned activities for 2011 will be implemented in East Hararghe Zone and in Moyale area of Oromyia region.

The Emergency Appeal has received support from multilateral and bilateral contributions from Austrian, British, Danish, China (Hong Kong branch), Finnish, Irish, Monaco, Netherlands, Japanese, Swedish and Switzerland Red Cross societies as well as the Director General, European Commission Humanitarian Office (DG ECHO).

## The situation

The Humanitarian Requirements Document (HRD) issued by the Government of Ethiopia (GoE) in October 2009 concluded that several seasons of persistent below-average rains had left 6.2 million people acutely in need of food assistance and support to facilitate their recovery. This figure of 6.2 million people was exceptionally high for that time of the year. An additional HRD issued by the Government of Ethiopia in January 2010 and presented to donors, partners and international community in the beginning of February 2010, confirmed existence of food shortages caused by failed *Kiremt* season rains and concluded that 5.2 million people would need emergency food assistance in 2010.

As anticipated, due to normal or above normal performance of *Belg/Gu* rains in the first half of 2010, the food insecurity situation improved in *Belg* and *Gu* rainfall areas. This contributed to overall food security in the country following improved supply of staple food commodities from the *Belg* harvest.

Based on the *Belg* season, a multi-agency assessment led by the Disaster Risk Reduction and Food Security Sector (DRMFSS) indicated that the number of people in need of emergency food relief reduced from 5.2 million to an estimated 2.3 million. Approximately 29 percent of the 2.3 million people were from Somali Region, 29 percent from Tigray Region and 26 percent from Oromyia Region<sup>1</sup>. Pending verification through the current *Meher* assessment, DRMFSS expects the number of people requiring relief food assistance to further decline given the overall improvement in food security in most areas of the country. The *Meher* harvest, from September to December 2010, accounts for about 80-85 percent of country's cereal production. Food security has improved in the *Meher* crop producing parts of the country following the start of the *Meher* harvest in October 2010.

Prices of locally produced maize are low and, prices of sorghum and wheat have started to decline. However, the devaluation of the Ethiopian Birr by about 20 percent pushed up prices of imported commodities by more than 15 percent. In addition, the increase in prices of fuel and rates of public transport and freight is expected to increase prices of food commodities and services<sup>2</sup>.

Floods, caused by continuous rains, have affected some *woredas* (districts) in Tigray, Amhara, Afar and Oromyia regions. In September 2010, CHF 300,000 was allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the ERCS in delivering immediate assistance to 25,000 people affected by the floods. For more information about this operation, kindly refer to the following link, <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/10/MDRET009.pdf>

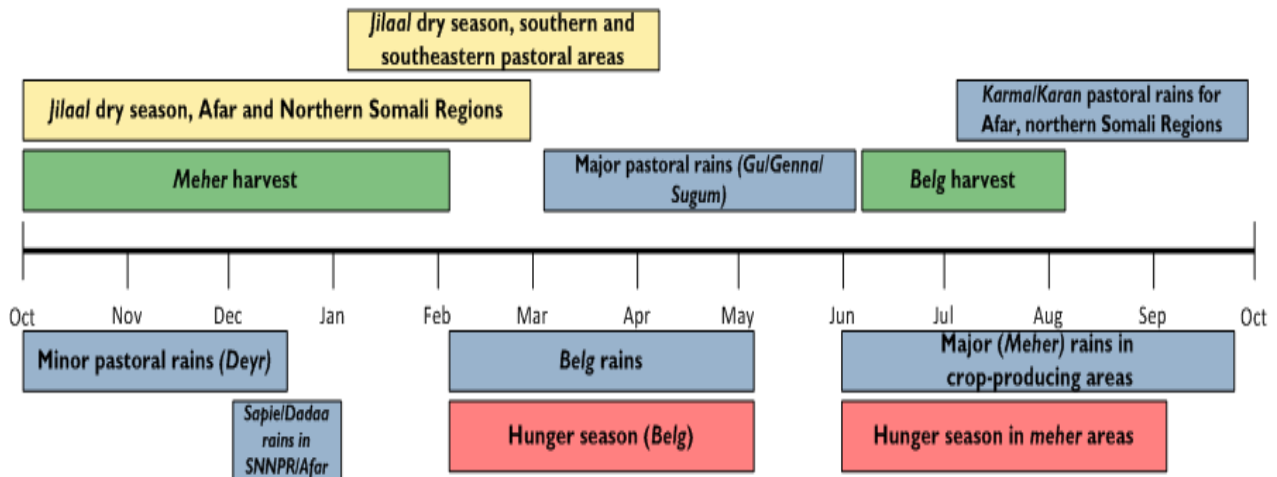
The *La Nina* phenomenon, which normally leads to below-normal rainfall in the eastern Horn of Africa including pastoral lowlands of Ethiopia, is expected to continue into 2011. Furthermore, Somali Region and the pastoral and agro-pastoral areas of Oromyia and Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples (SNNP) regions are already affected by poor *Deyr* rains. This is leading to unusually early livestock migrations, severe water shortages and deterioration of livestock health.

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<sup>1</sup> UNWFP weekly report

<sup>2</sup> UNWFP biweekly report, December 2010

Figure 1: Seasonal calendar and critical events (source: FEWS.NET)



## Coordination and partnerships

The international Federation and ERCS continued its engagement in coordination efforts through clusters, various coordination mechanisms facilitated by United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), including task forces and working groups, as well as through bilateral discussions with UN Agencies, International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs) and donor community to ensure proper exchange of information and effective coordination. ERCS and IFRC, alongside the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) are “observing” members of the Ethiopian Humanitarian Country Team (EHCT). The EHCT is the highest humanitarian coordination body, and is chaired by the UN Humanitarian Coordinator. It is composed of UN Agencies, INGOs, the donor community and the RC/RC Movement.

Coordination efforts continue within Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement through monthly Movement Cooperation Meetings (MCM) led by the ERCS. All PNSs in the country, particularly Austrian, German, Italian and Spanish Red Cross societies as well as ICRC are actively involved, thus ensuring effective utilization of available resources within the Movement.

There is close cooperation with the ICRC Delegation in Ethiopia in getting logistics support for the operation. ICRC made available their fleet (trucks) to transport food items between original and newly identified districts in East Hararghe Zone.

The ERCS is a member of the Food Management Task Force of the GoE’s Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MoARD), the main coordinating ministry for all food security responses in Ethiopia. It is also a participating member in all coordination platforms related to food interventions and relief in Ethiopia, and has therefore ensured effective coordination with other actors including the World Food Programme (WFP), the NGO consortium, and the Joint Emergency Operation Programme (JEOP). The main coordination for the operations is done with the Disaster Risk Management and Food Security Sector (DRMFSS) of MoARD. The ERCS is taking the lead in this operation, working closely with government authorities at all levels – federal, regional, zonal and *woreda*/local.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

As agreed with the Federal Authorities (DRMFSS), in early July 2010, ERCS started distributions in Meyu, Kumbi, Gollo Oda and Fedis *woredas* in East Hararghe Zone, planning to reach a total of 41,280 beneficiaries.

ERCS’ East Hararghe Branch, supported by the ERCS headquarters and the Federation operational staff, undertook major responsibilities in implementing food interventions in the four identified districts. Field personnel have been identified and all necessary arrangements have been made to ensure adequate storage and distribution sites for the operation (please see details below in *Progress towards outcomes*). Field vehicles have been deployed in the operational area ensuring mobility of the teams and proper monitoring of the operation.

After completing three distribution rounds, the Federal Authorities (DRMFSS) asked the ERCS to stop food deliveries due to results of the *Belg* multi-agency assessment indicating a decreased need for emergency food aid. Due to this, as well as a forecasted good *Meher* harvest ERCS delayed distributions and started negotiations with authorities at zonal, regional and federal levels. As ERCS/IFRC were in the middle of the operation, with all planned procurement completed and delivered in the field, discussions with authorities concentrated on continuation of the operation in four planned districts as well as expansion to additional districts in East Hararghe Zone. After a month of discussions, a final agreement was reached with authorities to widen interventions to three additional *woredas*: Grawa, Gursum and Jarso, and reach a total of 40,455 beneficiaries.

In addition to food interventions in East Hararghe Zone, ERCS started planning limited rehabilitation and early recovery activities in targeted areas of East Hararghe Zone and Moyale area of Oromyia region. Due to encouraging results of seeds distribution in March-April 2010 in East Hararghe Zone, ERCS decided to expand activities outside the original operational areas of Gollo Oda, Fedis and Meyu, and start preparations for new seeds, tools and fertilizers distribution for 2011 season covering approximately 25,000 farmers.

Considering the improved food security situation, decreased need of emergency food and available funding to-date, ERCS and IFRC decided to extend the operation for an additional 6 months until 5 August 2011. In order to ensure effective and continued support to the ERCS with respect to monitoring activities, operational team contracts have been extended until end of June 2011. At the moment, the Federation team comprises two expatriates and six national staff seconded by the ERCS.

## Progress towards outcomes

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)	
Objective 1: To improve nutritional status of the people affected by the drought in targeted zones of Oromiya and Amhara regions.	
Outcomes (expected results)	Activities planned
Household access to food in targeted areas has improved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) or agreements between the Government of Ethiopia and the ERCS.</li> <li>• Sourcing 27,695 MT of food (22,984MT of maize, 2,298MT of beans and 2,413MT of corn-soy blend—CSB) and 766,119Lt of cooking oil.</li> <li>• Establish a logistics hub in each operational area.</li> <li>• Contract local logistics providers to transport food from hubs to the distribution points.</li> <li>• Mobilize volunteers for beneficiary identification and relief distributions.</li> <li>• Identify beneficiaries; agree on distribution lists including verification and validation.</li> <li>• Distribute food up to 255,000 beneficiaries in East Hararge, West Arsi and North Wollo zones.</li> <li>• Distribute supplementary food for families with children under 5-years of age, elderly persons, pregnant and lactating women (35 percent of caseload).</li> <li>• Monitoring, evaluation and reporting.</li> </ul>

**Progress:**

Distributions and food deliveries to the operational area continued throughout the reporting period. Standard rations of 15 kgs of maize, 1.5 kgs of beans and 0.5 l of oil per person per month have been provided to targeted beneficiaries. In addition, 4.5 kgs of CSB were distributed on a monthly basis to children aged under five years, lactating and pregnant women, elderly, severely ill and persons with disability covering approximately 35 percent of the caseload (14,350 people). Sourcing of food items has been done locally and transported to the operational areas after being inspected by an independent person. The inspection was done at point of delivery where the food items were checked for moisture, infestation and weight to ensure appropriateness and quality.

The first lot of food deliveries to the operational area started in early July 2010 in Fedis *Woreda*. Meanwhile, in parallel to initial distributions, necessary arrangements have been made to identify and establish distribution points in other *woredas* of Meyu, Gollo Oda and Kumbi. A field office was established in Burqa (Gollo Oda *Woreda*) Town located 132 km from Harar Town (Administrative centre of East Hararghe Zone) in order to better manage and monitor implementation in Gollo Oda and Kumbi *woredas*. Kumbi is located 245 km from Harar.

**Table 1: Cumulative statistics for three rounds of distributions**

#	Woreda	Identified beneficiaries	Actual number of beneficiaries	Maize (MT)	Beans (MT)	Oil (MT)	CSB (MT)
1	Fedis	8,220	8,053	361.2	36.1	11.1	25.5
2	Meyu	11,300	11,069	501.5	50.1	15.3	30.2
3	Kumbi	11,590	11,540	518.9	51.9	15.9	36.6
4	Gollo Oda	10,170	10,004	448.3	44.8	13.8	17.0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41,280</b>	<b>40,666</b>	<b>1,829.9</b>	<b>182.9</b>	<b>56.1</b>	<b>109.3</b>

In October 2010, following multi-agency *Belg/Gu* assessment led by DRMFSS, the authorities started revising beneficiary numbers in all districts of East Hararghe. As a consequence of these new developments, ERCS delayed subsequent distributions and started discussions with authorities about revised number of beneficiaries and targeted areas. An agreement has been reached to continue with originally planned districts adding three more *woredas* with revised number of beneficiaries (see table below).

**Table 2: Revised number of beneficiaries to be reached**

#	Woreda	No. of Beneficiaries
1	Fedis	4,525
2	Meyu	5,194
3	Gollo Oda	4,500
4	Kumbi	9,600
5	Grawa	7,716
6	Jarsso	2,950
7	Gursume	5,970
	<b>Total</b>	<b>40,455</b>

The ERCS team, supported by the Federation Logistics Delegate, visited new operational areas and identified storage facilities as well as distribution points for the operation. Volunteers and staff were mobilized in those districts to ensure smooth implementation of the operation. Due to changes in the number of beneficiaries and taking over three additional *woredas* for interventions, there was a need for stock allocations between existing and newly established storage facilities and distribution points. Meanwhile, food interventions continued in all seven *woredas* with three distribution rounds which are expected to have been completed by end of January 2011.

Monitoring of the operation has been done by the ERCS Disaster Management Department and the Federation staff. The Federation Logistics team frequently visited the operation area and supported East Hararghe Branch in compiling stock data, reporting and planning for subsequent distribution rounds. Monitoring visits to the field have been conducted by the Federation Country Representative and the DG ECHO representative in Ethiopia.

**Challenges:**

After overcoming initial challenges related to tendering and accessibility of some of the operational areas due to continuous rains, distributions went smoothly through three rounds until October 2010. The major challenge was changes in the number of beneficiaries following multi-agency assessment led by the DRMFS. ERCS was asked by the authorities to stop distributions in four identified areas and continue only after the new Humanitarian Requirements Document (HRD) was released and new beneficiary numbers communicated. Release of the HRD was a lengthy process and further delays in distributions would hamper the entire operation. ERCS started negotiations with authorities at federal, regional and zonal levels and finally reached an agreement to continue deliveries in originally planned four *woredas* adding three new ones with a revised number of beneficiaries. Taking over new operational areas required additional field assessments, identification of storage facilities and distribution points as well as verification of beneficiaries. These pre-operation activities further delayed subsequent distributions.

As local suppliers offered better prices which included transportation (primary transport) to operational areas in comparison with an option of sourcing food from WFP, savings from overall planned budget reached considerable amount of over CHF 600,000. As funding from DG ECHO (biggest single donor) was earmarked for food, ERCS approached DRMFS and offered to take over more operational areas in East Hararghe Zone. In anticipation of getting a final agreement from DRMFS, a no-cost extension was requested to DG ECHO. Unfortunately, there was no firm commitment received by the authorities that ERCS will be given additional districts in which to operate. A decision was made to complete present food interventions and continue only with rehabilitation and early recovery using the remaining unearmarked funding if no agreement is reached.

<b>Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion</b>	
<b>Objective 2: Improved access to safe water and thus a reduced risk of water-related diseases for an estimated 23,700 families in four targeted zones – East Hararghe, West Arsi, North Wollo and Eastern Zone.</b>	
<b>Outcomes (expected results)</b>	<b>Activities planned</b>
<b>East Hararge Zone, Oromiya Region</b>	
Community awareness in good hygiene practices and water related diseases increased.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Train 44 community water technicians (two per water point) in water pump maintenance and repair.</li> <li>• Provide team of two trained technicians with a kit for pump maintenance.</li> <li>• Train 180 volunteers in PHAST (trainer of trainers) to act as hygiene and behaviour change agents by facilitating community dialogues with their respective communities.</li> <li>• Conduct PHAST trainings for communities.</li> <li>• Establish and train water management committees.</li> <li>• Develop information, education and communication (IEC) materials focusing on prevention of AWD and other water born diseases.</li> </ul>
Availability of water for households and livestock increased.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rehabilitate 4 water ponds – one in each <i>woreda</i> through cash for work.</li> <li>• Produce total of 600 san-plats (100 in each <i>woredas</i>) and build model latrines as a precursor for large-scale latrine construction as part of longer-term recovery following PHAST methodology.</li> <li>• Rehabilitate 24 deep wells in Midhega (4), Meyu (6) and Golo Oda (14) <i>woredas</i>.</li> <li>• Construct 5 roof catchments.</li> </ul>
<b>West Arsi, Oromiya region</b>	
Community awareness in good hygiene practices and water related diseases increased.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training of 99 community members in water point management</li> <li>• Conduct PHAST TOT for 95 volunteers and cascade down to the communities.</li> <li>• Provide trained volunteers with PHAST tool kits.</li> </ul>
Availability and accessibility of safe water for households and water for livestock improved in Shalla and Siraro <i>woredas</i> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide tankers for water storage.</li> <li>• Distribute jerry cans for 14,250 households.</li> <li>• Construct 33 roof catchment schemes.</li> <li>• Construction of spring water collection chamber.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rehabilitation of irrigation canal.</li> </ul>
<b>North Wollo, Amhara region</b>	
Community awareness in good hygiene practices and water related diseases increased.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training of 45 community members in water point management</li> <li>• Conduct PHAST TOT for 15 volunteers and cascade down to the communities.</li> <li>• Provide trained volunteers with PHAST tool kits.</li> </ul>
Availability of water for households and livestock increased.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rehabilitate 4 springs/water points in Kobo <i>Woreda</i>.</li> <li>• Rehabilitate 5 hand dug wells in Kobo <i>Woreda</i>.</li> <li>• Constructing 2 single layer cattle trough in Kobo <i>Woreda</i>.</li> </ul>
<b>Easter Zone, Tigray</b>	
Community awareness in good hygiene practices and water related diseases increased.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Train 216 facilitators in PHAST ToT.</li> <li>• Cascade PHAST training for communities.</li> <li>• Provide trained volunteers with PHAST tool kits.</li> </ul>
Availability of water and awareness of communities in good hygiene practices increased in Astbi Womberta <i>Woreda</i> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To rehabilitate and maintain 10 springs, 20 shallow wells, 7 hand-dug wells and 3 deep wells.</li> <li>• Distribute 200 san-plats to beneficiaries.</li> <li>• Establish and train water management committees through 7 sessions.</li> <li>• Develop IEC material on prevention of AWD and other water born diseases.</li> </ul>

### Progress:

After end of rains in September 2010, ERCS started preparations for a field visit to East Hararghe in order to verify needs included in the original planned activities within the Emergency Appeal. According to reports from East Hararghe Branch, ERCS had several contacts with local authorities and indicated their interest to continue with water and sanitation activities in the zone. As per preliminary field information, some of the targeted *woredas* in the zone have already been covered by the government and UNICEF. Based on this information, the ERCS team travelled to East Hararghe by end of December 2010 to verify reported needs and draft a new plan of action based on the actual situation. In order to complete WatSan activities, it was apparent that it would be necessary to extend the timeframe. In view of the operational developments, it was also decided to concentrate WatSan activities on East Hararghe Zone as first priority.

### Challenges:

The ERCS water and sanitation team has not been able to conduct field assessment and verification before end of 2010 due to their engagement in other project activities (in order of priority) that stretched their capacity. The urgency of conducting a field visit in East Hararghe was well recognized by the ERCS and thus, a team was sent out on 25 December 2010.

<b>Livelihood assistance</b>	
<b>Objective 3: Agricultural production for vulnerable farm households affected by drought restored and their livelihoods strengthened.</b>	
<b>Outcomes (expected results)</b>	<b>Activities planned</b>
Nutritional status of targeted households improved through increased food production.	
East Hararghe, Oromiya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide 11,040 HHs with seeds to restore agricultural production.</li> <li>• 12.5kg of maize, 30kg of sorghum and 30kg of beans distributed to individual HHs, covering in total 0.75 ha per family.</li> <li>• Provide 10,439 HHs with agricultural tools (Harar spade).</li> </ul>
West Arsi, Oromiya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide 12.5kg of maize and 30kg of haricot beans seeds individually to 16,850 HHs, covering in total 0.75 ha per family.</li> <li>• Provide 100kg of fertilisers<sup>11</sup> individually to 16,850 households through a fertilizer for work scheme.</li> <li>• Conduct dry land farming training for communities.</li> <li>• Conduct seed multiplication training for communities and/or households.</li> <li>• Provide 1,150 goats (3 per female headed households) to 550 households.</li> <li>• Provide 6,000 chickens to 1,000 female headed households.</li> <li>• Conduct ToT in asset building techniques and management.</li> </ul>

North Wollo, Amhara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide 12.5kg of maize and 50kg of horse bean seeds individually to 12,887 HHs in Kobo <i>Woreda</i>, covering 0.75ha per family.</li> <li>• Provide 100kg of fertilizers individually to 12,887 HHs in Kobo <i>Woreda</i> at fertilizer for work basis.</li> </ul>
Eastern Zone, Tigray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide 25 fruit tree (apple) seedling/cuttings and set of agricultural tools individually to selected 1,000 households.</li> <li>• Provide 75kg of wheat, 50kg of beans seeds and 100kg of fertilizers individually to 6,460 households, covering 0.75ha per family.</li> <li>• Provide 1,292 cereals producing HHs with agricultural tools.</li> <li>• Provide 720 selected households with elephant grass cuttings to support the production of animal fodder.</li> <li>• Provide selected 200 households with modern beehives (2 beehives per household) and related training.</li> <li>• Provide selected 200 households with cattle for fattening and conduct technical training for beneficiaries.</li> <li>• Provide selected 20 households with crossbreed cows and conduct relevant technical training for beneficiaries.</li> <li>• Provide selected 100 female headed households with 5 sheep per household and conduct workshop/training on asset building management.</li> </ul>
Livelihood of targeted HHs in Moyale and Wolayita protected and diversified.	
Moyale Oromiya, Somali	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide 12.5kg of maize, 30kg of beans seeds individually to 7.020HHs (Oromiya), covering 0.75ha per family</li> <li>• Provide two motorized mills for communities set up in strategic locations of the <i>woreda</i> and managed by <i>woreda</i>-approved agricultural cooperatives (Somali).</li> <li>• Conduct training in basic veterinary services and train up to 90 Community Animal Health Workers (CAHW) in both, Oromiya and Somali regions.</li> <li>• Rehabilitate water pond in Bodji (Somali region)</li> <li>• Rehabilitate deep well in Guchi (Oromiya region)</li> </ul>
Wolayita, SNNPR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribute 400 bee hives to 400 households.</li> <li>• Construct water catchment and water storage facilities.</li> </ul>

### Progress:

ERCS continued monitoring the livelihood situation alongside food interventions in East Hararghe. Special attention was paid to assess impact of seeds distribution in early 2010. According to the pre harvest assessment of field crops by the local agricultural experts, the ERCS-supported cultivated areas (1,200 ha) would produce an estimated 3,000 MT of crops in 2010.



Maize field at farmer's land in East Hararghe (yields after seeds distribution in 2010), ERCS photo.

The encouraging results and lessons learned from the earlier seeds distribution triggered additional interest by the East Hararghe Branch and the ERCS DM team to continue and expand operational areas for seeds interventions. In collaboration with local authorities and agricultural experts, a plan of action was drafted to support up to 25,000 farmers with seeds, agricultural tools and fertilizers in 2011. ERCS identified Grawa, Jarso, Gursum and Fedis *woredas* as potential areas of intervention. Selection was made based on areas affected by floods, crop disease, and poor quality seeds distribution (not within RC operational areas) in 2010. The plan of action and budget was finalized by the ERCS in December 2010. Estimated cost of the operation is CHF 340,000, subject to the outcome of the tendering process begun in January 2011. Considering that

this intervention will be done beyond the original appeal timeframe, ERCS has asked to extend the operational period for the appeal in order to complete activities that would widely contribute to improving food security in the targeted areas. The National Society has started negotiations with relevant institutions (seeds enterprise) to get necessary allocation of improved seeds for interventions in early 2011.

The second area selected for livelihood related interventions was Moyale. This location was selected considering ERCS interventions in 2009 within the Horn of Africa Emergency Appeal (MDR64003). Interventions in 2009 covered food needs of 150,000 people in Negele and Moyale. It was realized that addressing emergency needs through relief food interventions will not improve the longer term vulnerability of the affected and, subsequently, will not build the resilience of the affected households and communities. Therefore, there was a definite need to assist the target population beyond the relief phase and to invest in early recovery and interventions that were aimed at strengthening the capacities of the communities to cope with future shocks that may affect their food security situation. The targeted population within this operation is 23,000 (approx 4,600 households). Funding for the interventions in Moyale is secured from the Swiss Red Cross.

Due to changes in the operational environment and available funding at this stage, a joint decision by ERCS and IFRC was made to concentrate efforts on addressing early recovery and rehabilitation needs in areas of previous or present interventions; East Hararghe, Wolayita and Moyale as first priority. Activities in Moyale area have been slightly adjusted (locations), but this does not have implications on the budget. The second priority would be to implement planned activities in West Arsi Zone which is subject to availability of funding.

#### Challenges:

Improved seeds for farmers are available only through recommendation from the specialized government institution (seeds enterprise) in Ethiopia. Allocation of seeds to regional authorities is done at federal level and then it cascades down to zones and *woredas*. Procurement of sufficient amount of seeds will depend on negotiations with zonal authorities. Consequently, final agreement can affect procurement and distribution of agricultural tools and fertilizers.

National Society Capacity Building	
<b>Objective 4:</b> To increase ERCS capacity at Headquarters and branch levels to deliver more effective services to vulnerable people and respond to future emergencies.	
Outcomes (expected results)	Activities planned
Enhanced capacity of the National Society and the branch office to better respond to future disasters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision of information technology and communication equipment to branch office and Headquarters.</li> <li>Training to ERCS headquarters, branch personnel and volunteers on disaster management, logistics, finance and administration.</li> <li>Organize programme review meetings at branch and Headquarters levels.</li> </ul>

#### Progress:

Based on the basic capacity assessment, a proposal has been made by the ERCS to improve its IT capacities and basic communication systems. The IFRC Regional Representation office has been asked to provide technical assistance and organize procurement of necessary software and hardware.

The ERCS DM Department continued conducting a number of trainings in East Hararghe Zone for local ERCS staff, volunteers and community members on basics of disaster response and logistics to build relevant capacities prior to food distributions in all targeted *woredas* of the Zone.

Logistics support for emergency operation	
<b>Objective 5:</b> To procure, deliver and distribute relevant humanitarian goods to those in need in a timely, transparent and cost-efficient manner	
Outcomes (expected results)	Activities planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Well coordinated mobilization of relief goods; reception of all incoming goods; warehousing, centralized provision of standard vehicles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct rapid emergency needs and capacity assessments in cooperation with the ERCS.</li> <li>Support the ERCS in setting-up the necessary supply chain and controlling all movements of supplies from point of entry to final distribution points.</li> </ul>

<p>as required and efficient dispatch of goods to the final distribution points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Logistics capacity of ERCS is enhanced through training, workshops, and providing delegates to support the logistics function.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitor and evaluate supply chain and provide reporting on performance.</li> <li>Support ERCS in international mobilization and procurement activities. (Support will be provided by the Federation Dubai-based Regional Logistics Unit and the Nairobi Logistics Base).</li> <li>Liaise and coordinate action and logistics activities with ICRC, WFP and relevant government stakeholders to ensure that International Federation and/or ERCS logistics operation uses all information to be as efficient and effective as possible.</li> </ul>
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### Progress:

ERCS conducted additional logistics assessment in newly identified districts of the zone in September-October 2010. ERCS team was supported by the Federation Logistics Delegate and logistics team. Identification of storage locations, cleaning and fumigation of warehouses have been completed prior to beneficiary verification and food deliveries to the *woredas*.

Due to changes in number of beneficiaries and taking over three new *woredas* for interventions, some amount of food items have been transferred from existing warehouses to new storage facilities. This was done in close consultation with local authorities and community members. ICRC has released its truck to support the exercise in addition to locally arranged transportation.

ERCS has started logistics preparations for seeds and tools operation in East Hararghe by opening tender for procurement of agricultural tools. Provision of seeds are limited to the specialized institution, thus there is no possibility to conduct an open tendering. All procurement details will be provided to the Logistics Base in Dubai after getting an authorization letter from the Zonal authorities in East Hararghe.

### Communications – Advocacy and Public Information

Due to changes in operational environment and reduced needs of emergency food interventions, no further urgent resource mobilization activities have been undertaken since July 2010. The main communication and advocacy activities were directed to mobilize resources for early recovery and rehabilitation. As a result, the Swiss Red Cross (funded by the Swiss Government) mobilized funds for activities in Moyale.

### How we work

All IFRC 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 the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

The IFRC's vision is to inspire, encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities by National Societies, with a view to preventing and alleviating human suffering, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

The IFRC's work is guided by [Strategy 2020](#) which puts forward three strategic aims:

1. Save lives, protect livelihoods, and strengthen recovery from disaster and crises.
2. Enable healthy and safe living.
3. Promote social inclusion and a culture of non-violence and peace.

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MDRET007 - Ethiopia - Drought

Appeal Launch Date: 05 feb 10

Appeal Timeframe: 25 nov 09 to 31 jan 11

Interim Financial Report

Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2009/11-2010/12
Budget Timeframe	2009/11-2011/8
Appeal	MDRET007
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

## I. Consolidated Funding

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
<b>A. Budget</b>	<b>30,579,088</b>					<b>30,579,088</b>
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	<b>0</b>					<b>0</b>
<b>Income</b>						
<b>Cash contributions</b>						
<i>Austrian Red Cross (from Austrian Government)</i>	677,562					677,562
<i>British Red Cross</i>	163,265					163,265
<i>China Red Cross, Hong Kong branch</i>	56,090					56,090
<i>Danish Red Cross (from Danish Government)</i>	137,178					137,178
<i>European Commission - DG ECHO</i>	2,139,896					2,139,896
<i>Finnish Red Cross (from Finnish Government)</i>	49,996					49,996
<i>Irish Red Cross</i>	8,302					8,302
<i>Japanese Red Cross</i>	240,935					240,935
<i>Monaco Red Cross</i>	47,250					47,250
<i>Netherlands Red Cross (from Netherlands Red Cross Silent Emergency Fund)</i>	30,243					30,243
<i>Swedish Red Cross</i>	46,974					46,974
<i>Swedish Red Cross (from Swedish Government)</i>	735,926					735,926
<i>Swiss Red Cross</i>	105,000					105,000
<i>Swiss Red Cross (from Swiss Government)</i>	195,000					195,000
<b>C1. Cash contributions</b>	<b>4,633,617</b>					<b>4,633,617</b>
<b>Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</b>						
<i>European Commission - DG ECHO</i>	499,813					499,813
<i>Swiss Red Cross</i>	54,266					54,266
<i>Swiss Red Cross (from Swiss Government)</i>	100,781					100,781
<b>C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)</b>	<b>654,860</b>					<b>654,860</b>
<b>C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)</b>	<b>5,288,476</b>					<b>5,288,476</b>
<b>D. Total Funding = B + C</b>	<b>5,288,476</b>					<b>5,288,476</b>
<b>Appeal Coverage</b>	<b>17%</b>					<b>17%</b>

## II. Movement of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
<b>B. Opening Balance</b>	<b>0</b>					<b>0</b>
<b>C. Income</b>	<b>5,288,476</b>					<b>5,288,476</b>
<b>E. Expenditure</b>	<b>-1,621,932</b>					<b>-1,621,932</b>
<b>F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)</b>	<b>3,666,544</b>					<b>3,666,544</b>

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### III. Consolidated Expenditure vs. Budget

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination		
A							B	A - B
<b>BUDGET (C)</b>		<b>30,579,088</b>					<b>30,579,088</b>	
<b>Supplies</b>								
Shelter - Relief		2,491				2,491	-2,491	
Food	16,547,279						16,547,279	
Seeds,Plants	4,349,135						4,349,135	
Water & Sanitation	927,195						927,195	
Teaching Materials		23,086				23,086	-23,086	
Utensils & Tools	93,739						93,739	
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>21,917,348</b>	<b>25,577</b>				<b>25,577</b>	<b>21,891,771</b>	
<b>Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>								
Computers & Telecom	58,042	2,869				2,869	55,173	
Office/Household Furniture & Equipm.	34,850	3,137				3,137	31,713	
Others Machinery & Equipment		11,598				11,598	-11,598	
<b>Total Land, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>	<b>92,892</b>	<b>17,604</b>				<b>17,604</b>	<b>75,288</b>	
<b>Transport &amp; Storage</b>								
Storage	370,515	6,485				6,485	364,030	
Distribution & Monitoring	540,112						540,112	
Transport & Vehicle Costs	2,706,875	63,828				63,828	2,643,047	
<b>Total Transport &amp; Storage</b>	<b>3,617,502</b>	<b>70,312</b>				<b>70,312</b>	<b>3,547,189</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>								
International Staff	972,000	170,173				170,173	801,827	
National Staff	31,340	16,168				16,168	15,172	
National Society Staff	293,536	2,318				2,318	291,218	
Consultants		16,645				16,645	-16,645	
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>1,296,876</b>	<b>205,304</b>				<b>205,304</b>	<b>1,091,572</b>	
<b>Workshops &amp; Training</b>								
Workshops & Training	115,763						115,763	
<b>Total Workshops &amp; Training</b>	<b>115,763</b>						<b>115,763</b>	
<b>General Expenditure</b>								
Travel	22,400	18,926				18,926	3,474	
Information & Public Relation	34,656	3,128				3,128	31,528	
Office Costs	112,672	10,381				10,381	102,291	
Communications	43,147	5,560				5,560	37,587	
Professional Fees	20,000	1,761				1,761	18,239	
Financial Charges		1,483				1,483	-1,483	
Other General Expenses	1,439,503	3,611				3,611	1,435,892	
<b>Total General Expenditure</b>	<b>1,672,378</b>	<b>44,851</b>				<b>44,851</b>	<b>1,627,527</b>	
<b>Contributions &amp; Transfers</b>								
Cash Transfers National Societies		1,153,903				1,153,903	-1,153,903	
<b>Total Contributions &amp; Transfers</b>		<b>1,153,903</b>				<b>1,153,903</b>	<b>-1,153,903</b>	
<b>Programme &amp; Service Support</b>								
Programme & Service Support	1,866,329	98,751				98,751	1,767,578	
<b>Total Programme &amp; Service Support</b>	<b>1,866,329</b>	<b>98,751</b>				<b>98,751</b>	<b>1,767,578</b>	
<b>Services</b>								
Services & Recoveries		1,033				1,033	-1,033	
Services & Recoveries		4,598				4,598	-4,598	
<b>Total Services</b>		<b>5,631</b>				<b>5,631</b>	<b>-5,631</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)</b>	<b>30,579,088</b>	<b>1,621,932</b>				<b>1,621,932</b>	<b>28,957,156</b>	
<b>VARIANCE (C - D)</b>		<b>28,957,156</b>				<b>28,957,156</b>		