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Emergency appeal operation update

Somalia: Drought

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Period covered by this Ops Update:
This update represents 30 days update from the launch of the emergency appeal and gives a summary of the narrative report.

Appeal target (current): CHF 4,158,791

Appeal coverage: 47%; [<click here to go directly to the updated donor response report, or here to link to contact details >](#)

Appeal history:

- This [Emergency Appeal](#) was initially launched on 23 September 2011 for CHF 4,158,791 for 12 months to assist 150,000 beneficiaries.
- [Operations Update no. 1](#) was issued on 19 October 2011



SRCS volunteers distributing NFIs to target population. Photo: SRCS

Summary: The consignment of non-food items (NFIs) for Somaliland reached Berbera Port on 25 October 2011 and was cleared by the Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCS) Somaliland coordination office. The six branches of Somaliland have received their respective shares of the consignment and a distribution plan has been finalized. The transport tendering for the consignment to Puntland, Bosaso Port has been finalized by the IFRC Regional Logistic Unit in Dubai and the shipment is expected to depart Dubai port on 15 November 2011. The estimated arrival time to Bosaso Port is on 25 November 2011. The NFIs delivered to Somaliland will enable the Somali Red Crescent Society to reach 1,650 families affected by the drought. The procurement process of five vehicles through the IFRC Global Fleet Base in Dubai has started and the vehicles are expected to be delivered to Berbera Port in Somaliland at the end of November 2011. The mobile health teams continued to deliver the services to the IDPs and nomadic communities in remote areas.

Although heightened insecurity along the Kenya/Somalia border has resulted in increased population movement towards Ethiopia, in Somaliland and Puntland where IFRC is working, the situation remains normal and unchanged. Seasonal rains have started and rainfall is predicted to be average.

The situation

The increased insecurity along the Kenya/Somalia border continues to decrease the humanitarian space in the southern regions leading to disruption of humanitarian operations in the areas directly affected by the precarious security situation. The increased insecurity is causing anxiety to the population in the southern regions of Somalia with reports showing that there is increased population movement towards Ethiopia.

According to UNHCR, the number of Somalis crossing into Kenya has decreased, with 100 people entering Kenya in the week of 17 to 23 October 2011, a sharp decline from 3,400 people in the previous week. In contrast, the number of Somalis arrivals at the Ethiopian refugee camps has increased significantly, with nearly 5,000 people crossed into Ethiopia during the first half of October.

Most parts of southern Somalia received heavy rains and this trend is continuing. According to FAO and Famine Early Warning System (FEWS NET), the food security outlook for the coming months is highly dependent on the performance of the Deyr short rains (October-December) coupled with the ongoing humanitarian interventions.

In Somaliland and Puntland where IFRC focuses its humanitarian intervention, the situation remains normal with no major change from previous month. The Deyr rainy season (autumn rains, October-December) started in most parts of Somaliland and Puntland. Rainfall is predicted to be average, which will replenish water sources and pasture for livestock grazing.

Coordination and partnerships

IFRC support continues to focus on Somaliland and Puntland while the ICRC continues to focus its activities in south and central Somalia. SRCS branches in Somaliland and Puntland will continue to lead the implementation of activities supported by IFRC. The SRCS and IFRC are working closely with UN agencies and other humanitarian actors through the relevant clusters such as health and WASH under the umbrella of Somalia Support Secretariat (SSS) and the Coordination of International support to Somalia (CISS) forums.

IFRC and ICRC are supporting the SRCS to lead the Movement Coordination in Mogadishu where a number of sister national societies are operational. A weekly coordination forum has been established in Mogadishu chaired by SRCS where information on activities is shared. The SRCS supported by the ICRC and IFRC is working on a memorandum of understanding to be signed by Movement partners to improve coordination and formalize the working relationship between the NS operational in Mogadishu and SRCS to ensure the security, integrity and image of the Movement is maintained.

National Society Capacity Building:

The Somali Red Crescent Society coordination office in Mogadishu is finalizing plans to conduct Branch Emergency Response Team training for 10 branches in south and central Somalia. The NS Branch Emergency Response teams who are currently mobilized to assist in the food distribution in south Somalia will receive further training to enhance their emergency response capacity.

The health teams continued to scale up the mobile clinics services to reach the nomadic communities and IDPs affected by the drought. The IFRC health team is currently conducting training on Epidemic control for volunteers in Somaliland and Puntland and scaling up the Community Based Health and First Aid (CBHFA) training and the health education programme to enable SRCS health teams and community health committees to reach more rural communities and IDPs. The IFRC EA Regional Representation is in the process of procuring computers for SRCS Coordination office in Mogadishu to enhance the office capacity to handle the extra work load generated by the response to the crisis.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Overview

The New Emergency Appeal is building on the ongoing response to the drought situation which started in January 2011. The action by SRCS included rehabilitation of water sources, scaling up of mobile clinics, distribution of non-food items to the IDPs and targeted food distribution to schools as well as pregnant and lactating women through the SRCS fixed clinics network.

Through the IFRC Regional Logistics Unit, the Red Cross Red Crescent action mobilized non-food items pre-positioned at the RLU in Dubai. The shipment of NFIs for Somaliland was delivered to Berbera Port on 25 October 2011 and has been cleared from the port and delivered to the SRCS branches for further distribution to the IDPs. The shipment for Puntland is expected to arrive at Bosaso port on 25 November 2011. The IFRC Global fleet Base in Dubai started the procurement of five Toyota Hard Top Land-cruiser vehicles to replace the rented vehicles used as mobile clinics. The consignment is expected to be delivered at Berbera port by end of November 2011.

Progress towards outcomes

Relief and early recovery: (basic non-food items):

Outcome: Basic non-food items and replacement of productive assets have been provided to the drought affected population in Somaliland and Puntland to meet immediate needs and restore and protect livelihoods

Expected results	Activities planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Livelihoods of 300 fishing communities in coastal areas of Puntland has improved through fishing gear support¹. 5,000 IDPs households' immediate needs are met through provision of basic non-food items. 	Procure and distribute: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 300 sets of fishing gear for 300 fishing families in coastal areas of Puntland and Somaliland. 10,000 pcs tarpaulin, 5,000 foldable 20lt jerry cans, 10,000 blankets, 5,000 kitchen sets, 5,000 buckets 2,000 First Aid kits for volunteers, 2,000 aprons, 2,000 Red Cross jackets, manuals and training materials for 19 branches. 5,000 hygiene parcels (Body soap, laundry soap, sanitary pads, toilet paper, toothpaste, tooth brush, chlorine tablets, razor disposable, shampoo, washable diaper), Livelihoods groups of drought affected communities are assessed for ongoing programming.

Progress:

As reported in the previous update, 10,000 tarpaulins, 5,000 jerry cans, 10,000 blankets, 4,900 buckets, 5,000 kitchen sets, 5,000 hygiene parcels, 20,000 mosquito nets, and 10,000 blankets were procured through RLU in Dubai. In addition, 3,300 tarpaulins, 1,650 jerry cans, 1,650 buckets, 1,650 kitchen sets, 1,650 hygiene kits, 10,000 mosquito nets, and 3,300 blankets arrived in Berbera Port in Somaliland on 25 October 2011. These NFIs have since been cleared by SRCS Coordination office in Somaliland and transported to the branches for further distribution to the IDPs.

The shipment for Puntland is expected to arrive at Bosaso Port on 25 November 2011. The IFRC East Africa Regional Representation's logistic unit and Somalia Country Representation started the procurement process for fishing gear in Kenya. Request for quotations have been sent out to suppliers for bidding. In addition, tendering process for 2,000 First Aid kits is in progress, and an order was placed to suppliers to produce 2,000 aprons and 2,000 jackets with SRCS logo to be distributed to SRCS volunteers in 19 branches.

Emergency health and nutrition:

Outcome 1: The health risks of the drought affected population and host communities in Somaliland and Puntland are reduced through the provision of preventive, curative and health promotion services by scaling up outreach services through mobile clinics and distribution of basic food rations to pregnant and lactating women and children under the age of five and food for school children.

Expected results	Activities planned
Scaled up integrated health services and nutrition have built up the resilience of the affected communities through better access to health and nutrition services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue and extend the services of the 14 mobile health teams (6 in Puntland and 8 in Somaliland) Supporting the NS with adequate transportation. Procure and deliver 54 medical OPD kits, 6 Cholera kits and equipment on quarterly basis. Continue to financially support 36 new health staff and 14 community mobilizers to provide the services to the affected population through the mobile health units Through the network of the fixed clinics (18 in Puntland and 14 in Somaliland) in addition to the mobile health units, provide food rations to lactating and pregnant women and children under five. Procure basic dry food rations locally and deliver to 18 schools and orphanages, to keep the children in school and to mitigate

¹ The one-time distribution of NFIs will be carried according to selection criteria that identify the vulnerable groups.

	malnutrition among school children.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The resilience of the community is improved through increased health awareness, knowledge and health behavioural change. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out health promotion campaigns within the affected population focusing on Health promotion using Community Based Health and First Aid (CBHFA), Epidemic Control for Volunteers (ECV) and PHAST tools. Distribute 10,000 insecticide treated bed nets to pregnant and lactating mothers through the SRCS fixed clinics network

Progress:

Price quotations for 54 medical OPD kits were sent out for procurement of the same by the end of October 2011. The medical logistics unit at IFRC Secretariat in Geneva is processing the tenders for the supply of the OPD kits.

The SRCS branches in Somaliland have sent price quotations to procure dry food rations locally for 9 schools and orphanages while Puntland branches are currently procuring food for 5 schools.

Statistics from the SRCS mobile clinics for the month of October are expected to be compiled by the end of the month. This information on people reached with different medical services will be provided in subsequent updates.

The IFRC Health team is currently in Somaliland conducting trainings on Epidemic control for volunteers, CBHFA and Reproductive health

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion:

Outcome 1: the risk of waterborne diseases has been reduced through improved access to safe drinking water, improved sanitation and hygiene services	
Expected results	Activities planned
<p>Access to safe water, adequate sanitation as well as hygiene promotion to 150,000 people in Somaliland and Puntland has been improved.</p> <p>Access to drinking water for livestock in pastoralist areas has improved through maintenance of water sources.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procure 6 generators and submersible pumps for 6 boreholes in Somaliland and Puntland. Provide fuel to run 23 boreholes in Puntland and 10 boreholes in Somaliland. Dig 10 shallow wells fitted with 10 hand pumps in the IDPs settlements in Puntland and Somaliland. Chlorination of water reservoirs, shallow wells, deep wells and water containers. Procure and distribute 1,000 ceramic water filters to the households in Puntland. Through community mobilizers scale up campaigns to raise the awareness of the affected communities on basic hygiene practices and Household water treatment methods (boiling water, cleaning and protecting of water containers), general water hygiene. ORS distribution and demonstration on preparation at household levels should be included.
Sanitation in IDPS settlements have improved and risk to diseases is mitigated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procure and distribute 18 sets of sanitation tools each set containing of (shovels, wheel barrows, forks, axes) to nine branches in Somaliland and Puntland.
The health status of the drought affected population is improved through health education and water hygiene promotion activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobilize the affected communities to protect water sources through regular clean up campaigns. Mobilize volunteers to clean up drainage system at water sources.

Progress:

The rehabilitation work in Geedabeera borehole in Ghalbeed Region, Somaliland is under way. The rehabilitation which includes installation of a new generator, sinking of a borehole and adding extra pipes is expected to be completed by mid November 2011.

SRCS branches in Somaliland and Puntland are preparing request for procurement of sanitation tools for the nine branches to be used in the clean up campaigns.

Logistics

SRCS logistics, supported by the Regional Logistics Unit (RLU) based in Dubai, UAE, will carry out the following activities:

- Procure 14 Hard Top Toyota land-cruisers for the mobile teams.
- Coordinate timely and cost efficient sourcing options for the items required for the operation.
- Coordinate mobilization of goods and receipt of incoming shipments.
- Ensure that local, regional and international procurement of goods and services is carried out following International Federation procurement procedures.

Progress:

The Regional Logistic Unit in Dubai has set up a mobilization table for the NFIs and posted it on the Disaster Management Information System (DMIS) website. All main NFIs were secured from the pre-positioned stocks in Dubai. This consignment has already departed from Dubai to Berbera Port. The transport tendering for the Puntland consignment was completed and is expected to be delivered to Bosaso port by 25 November 2011. For more details refer to section 1 above (Relief distribution)

The Global fleet base has completed the international tendering for five vehicles and the consignment is expected to be delivered by end of November 2011.

Communications – Advocacy and Public Information

Somalia Representation continues to contribute to the Horn of Africa Operation by sharing bi-weekly updates with the communication department of IFRC East Africa Regional Representation. These updates inform donors, the media and other stakeholders about the progress of the operation.

Challenges:

No major challenges foreseen at this stage as the Appeal has just been launched. However, the donors' response to the vehicles replacement component is low and the operation might continue to rent vehicles for the mobile health teams for some time.

There are no major access problems in Somaliland and Puntland, however, in south and central Somalia access beyond the capital Mogadishu is restricted. The security situation in Somalia's southern regions remain insecure thus affecting and complicating the humanitarian operations to deliver food assistance to the affected population. The increased insecurity at Kenya/Somalia border is further aggravating the already complex situation.

Coordination between the Movement partners in Mogadishu needs to be strengthened and improved. There are a number of sister national societies operating in Mogadishu with little coordination with the host national society.

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