

# Appeal 2008-2009



International Federation  
of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

## Ethiopia

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This appeal seeks CHF 2,942,000 (USD 2,631,000 or EUR 1,783,000) to fund programmes to be implemented in 2008 and 2009.

In a world of global challenges, continued poverty, inequity, and increasing vulnerability to disasters and disease, the International Federation with its global network, works to accomplish its Global Agenda, partnering with local community and civil society to prevent and alleviate human suffering from disasters, diseases and public health emergencies.



Beneficiary identification during a flood emergency response in Ethiopia. Omar Valdimaarson, International Federation.

## Current context

According to the disaster risk index (1980-2000), the number of people killed by disasters per year in Ethiopia was 14,330.33, with an average of 272.57 people killed per 1 million inhabitants, making Ethiopia one of the most disaster-prone countries in the world. Despite the prospect of improved food security, an estimated 1.36 million people still require emergency food assistance due to the severe impacts of recurring drought and flooding, and localized agricultural failure. In addition, access to water is poor with only 22 per cent of the population guaranteed of access to the essential commodity. Limited access to sanitation facilities at only 8 per cent in the whole of Ethiopia has resulted in poor sanitation.

The Ethiopian Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH) has reported that there are approximately 1.32 million people (55 per cent females) living with HIV and a prevalence rate of 3.5 per cent (3 per cent among males and 4 per cent among females; geographically, 10.5 per cent in urban areas and 1.9 per cent in rural areas). Despite efforts to stem the spread of HIV, the risks are still high due to factors such as societal stigmatization, negative attitudes towards protective measures and discrimination towards people living with HIV.

The Ethiopian Red Cross Society (ERCS) is putting emphasis on mitigating the effects of recurrent disasters including droughts and floods, developing proper disaster preparedness measures as well as post emergency and recovery efforts. Its health and care programme aims to address the HIV/AIDS through awareness creation, minimizing stigmatization, care and support for PLWHIV, orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) and community-based capacity building in response to the control and prevention of further infection.

## Programme summary

The ERCS programmes in 2008-2009 are tailored towards making an impact on the lives of targeted communities through lessening the burdens of chronic disasters, disease, and lack of access to water among vulnerable populations in Ethiopia.

When conducting Vulnerability Capacity Assessments, the ERCS will ensure participation of the local communities in order to develop thorough and realistic assessments. Women will be taken into account, as part of the objective of the programmes is to increase the opportunity for women to participate in activities to improve their living conditions.

## Disaster Management

Due to the recurrence of floods and droughts in Ethiopia, the ERCS will reinforce its response and preparedness capacities, which have been overwhelmed and exhausted in the last two years in order to improve the results of its emergency response activities in the future. To enhance recovery, a Food (and/or cash) for work project will be a piloted. For the three programme components of disaster management, the ERCS expects to attain the following results in line with Global Agenda 1:

- Strengthened ERCS preparedness to flood and drought disasters at community level;
- Improved community awareness on the impact of environmental degradation;
- Improved livelihood of the most vulnerable population affected by flood and drought disasters;
- Reduced impact of floods and drought disasters on people's lives.

## Health and Care

The health and care programme seeks to address maternal and child health (MCH), HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis prevention, control and management, immunization, water and sanitation (WatSan), emergency health and psychological support to traumatized groups. There will be 675,164 beneficiaries out of the 1.7 million populations targeted for the maternal and child health project (MCH) and 150,000 people (from 30 Kebeles) for the WatSan project. The rich experience of the ERCS volunteers in advocacy and social mobilization will highly contribute in achieving the programme's overall goal.

The programme main outcomes are as follows:

- Reduced child and maternal morbidity and mortality rates;
- High level of awareness about HIV, AIDS and sexually transmitted infections (STI) at the community level;
- Positive behavior change due to increased awareness;
- Improved access to safe water and sanitation services.

## Capacity Development

In line with Global Agenda Goal number 3 and 4, the ERCS strives to develop capacity at branch and head office levels, to strengthen governance and management and to expand community capacity as well as volunteer promotion and development.

This programme will directly benefit 7,798 people including members of governance, management, volunteers and youths of the National Society from all parts of the country. It is designed to enhance the capacity of the National Society to deliver programmes which are responsive to local vulnerability and to improve dissemination capacity at all levels.

The main outcomes for the organizational development programme include:

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- Increased service delivery by ERCS branches to the most vulnerable populations;
- Strengthened relationship between ERCS governance and management;
- Increased action and participation of the ERCS volunteers in service delivery.

## Principles and Values

Focusing on communication development, Fundamental Principles and Humanitarian Values, this programme is in line with the Global Agenda Goal 4. The outcomes are also aligned to the first area for improvement within the Framework for Action which seeks to realize a shared vision, values and organizational culture. They include the following:

- Increased communications capacity of the public relations department of the ERCS;
- Improved internal communication between the national headquarters and the branches;
- Awareness of the Code of Conduct by all ERCS personnel and volunteers.

For details please go to: [detailed 2008 to 2009 National Society support plan](#), [planning and resource summary matrix](#), and the [budget summary](#)

## Needs

Programmes	2008 budget (CHF)	2009 budget (CHF)	Total budget (CHF)
Disaster Management	449,199	288,771	737,970
Health and Care	563,637	558,824	1,122,461
Capacity Development	87,940	152,139	240,079
Coordination	420,574	420,574	841,148
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,292,020</b>	<b>1,249,268</b>	<b>2,941,658</b>

## Working in partnership

The ERCS programmes have received financial and technical support through bilateral activities from the Danish, British, Netherlands and the German Red Cross societies. In addition, the Federation Eastern Africa Zone office in Nairobi has been continuously monitoring and providing technical support to the HIV and AIDS unit of the ERCS. This programme will be managed with support from the Federation through technical assistance including monitoring and evaluation.

The success of the programme will also rely on the support and technical assistance provided by UN agencies including the World Health Organization (WHO), World Food Programme (WFP) and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). Assistance of other development partners such as European Commission (EC) and the Department for International Development (DFID) will be sought.

### How we work

All International Federation assistance seeks to adhere to the [Code of Conduct](#) and is committed to the [Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response \(Sphere\)](#) in delivering quality and accountable assistance to the most vulnerable. For support to or for further information concerning Federation programmes or operations in this or other countries, or for a full description of the national society profile, please access the Federation's website at <http://www.ifrc.org>

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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