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Ethiopia: Population Movements

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Period covered by this Ops Update: November 2011 to April 2012;

Appeal target: Originally CHF 623,771. Through this Operations Update, this appeal is revised to CHF 684,476. The operational timeframe is extended by 6 months to 28 October 2012 [<click here to view the attached Revised Emergency Appeal Budget>](#)

Appeal coverage: ~50% [<click here to go directly to the updated donor response report, or here to link to contact details >](#)

Appeal history:

- This Emergency Appeal was launched on 28 October for CHF 623,771 for 6 months to assist from 3,000 to 10,000 beneficiaries.
- **Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF):** CHF 185,000 was initially allocated from the Federation's DREF to support the National Society to respond.
- **An Operations Update no.2** was published on 30 November 2011 informing on the latest activities carried out by the ERCS branch in Asosa, Benishangul-Gumuz region. These activities were in the areas of primary health care and health promotion in Ademazine and Tongo camps, reproductive health in Ademazine transit centre, referral system in Ademazine and Tongo camp and nutrition (Severe Acute Malnutrition) in Ademazine and Tongo camp.
- A "**Special Early Warning Sitrep: Ethiopian Humanitarian Operations**" was circulated on 27 March 2012, highlighting recent concerns regarding increased numbers and complexity of influxes from as far south along the Sudan/South Sudan borders as Gambella region.



ERCS volunteer in Asosa with IEC material during hygiene promotion campaign. Source: ERCS

Partners who have contributed to this Appeal include Austrian Red Cross, British Red Cross, Finnish Red Cross Japanese Red Cross, Monaco Red Cross and Swedish Red Cross and Government. IFRC, on behalf of the Ethiopian Red Cross Society, would like to thank all donors for their generous contributions.

Summary:

The situation in neighbouring countries along Ethiopia's western borders has steadily deteriorated and has become more complex with new tribal fighting adding to internal strife in South Sudan and ongoing conflicts with the North. This has resulted in increased and even more ethnically mixed and multifaceted populations seeking assistance in two Ethiopian regional states along the border, Benishangul-Gumuz and now Gambella. The need

to surge humanitarian assistance services to meet this challenge has been confirmed by the Government of Ethiopia's Agency for Refugees and Returnees (ARRA), UNHCR and partners including the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement. The Ethiopian Red Cross Society (ERCS), supported by the Federation Country Representative office and the IFRC Operations Support Unit (IFRC-OSU) has remained engaged with all parties and has accepted the need to also increase its presence and activities in support of these developments. In order to maintain current momentum and to prepare for expanded action in Gambella State the decision has been made to amend the current Appeal amount marginally and to extend the duration of the operation by a further six months. In doing so the Asosa branch and increasingly the ERCS branch in Gambella, can maintain the Red Cross presence in this important operation. This is a contribution that is much appreciated by the government and the UN and other agencies. **It has to be noted that should the worst case scenarios noted in this update prove correct a full revision of this Appeal may be necessary at a later date.**

The situation

Rationale for this operations update for Appeal increase and extension¹

Since this Appeal was launched, a steady but expanding influx of refugees—initially fleeing conflict in the Blue Nile State of Sudan, but more recently from increasing fighting in South Sudan—has arrived in Ethiopia. The profile and motivation of these groups varies but indicates an increasingly complex scope and origins of conflict ranging from rebellion to tribal warring over land and cattle. Regardless the net effect has been to intensify the pressure on the Government of Ethiopia, its refugee agency ARRA, the UNHCR and other UN agencies, INGOs, NGOs and the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement to surge their support and assistance to the current case load, new arrivals and increasingly the wider ranging host communities. This in turn has prompted UNHCR to extend its contingency planning both in numbers and duration to the end of 2012 and possibly beyond. ARRA/UNHCR seek affirmation of continued and indeed expanded support services from partners in Asosa, Bambasi and now further south in Gambella region, where UNHCR has established an additional field office and transit centre to meet the new needs.

The Ethiopian Red Cross Society (ERCS) has a tripartite Letter of Understanding (LoU) with ARRA and UNHCR to provide services as laid out in this Population Movement Appeal and the Plan of Action for this operation. The ERCS has agreed in principle that through its branch in Asosa to review its activities with a view, subject to both funding availability and staffing reinforcement, to expanding the services in the PoA in the following Areas of Operation (AoR):

- **Asosa:**
 - Review the capacity of the existing branch office to assume added services to those currently provided.
 - Reinforce its logistics capacity (transport, warehousing, ambulance services etc).
 - Expand administrative and support functions (office space, storage, staffing etc).
 - Assess the possibilities of providing additional NFI (5 and under children's clothing sets, kitchen sets etc.)
- **Tongo Camps II.**
 - Assess the possibilities to expand WASH activities to include construction of latrines and urinals as part of the upgrading of this camp.
- **Bambasi Camp:** ARRA/UNHCR have asked the Red Cross to participate in the committee for this new camp due to be opened in April and designed to initially hold 20,000 refugees and up to 40,000. ERCS Asosa will be allocated a compound location in the camp.
- **Gambella.** Assess the situation with the ERCS Branch and UN agencies with a view to reinforcing the Red Cross capacity to support activities in Gambella.

In order to address these new and expanding needs, the appeal amount will be increased to CHF 684,476 and the duration extended to 28 October 2012. In the event the situation deteriorates even further during this extension period, consideration will be given, in consultation with the Africa Zone, Regional Representation and the secretariat in Geneva to a fully revised Appeal.

¹ Reference: Further details can be found in the IFRC Ethiopia Country Office: "Special Sitrep on Early Warnings: Ethiopia Humanitarian Operations". March 27th 2012.

The current Ethiopian Population Movement Appeal PoA will be adjusted accordingly to reflect both the additional amount increase (up to 10%) in the Appeal as well as the extension of the duration of the action.

The ongoing situation:

The Benishangul Gumuz region (Asosa): This region borders a long distance with the Sudan. Since 1997, the region has been hosting Sudanese refugees in Sherkole camp. Between 2006 and 2008 following voluntary repatriation, the number of refugees in the camp was reduced from about 16,000 to nearly 4,000. Then on 2 September 2011, an influx of Sudanese refugees came to the region as a result of fighting between the Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) and members of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement-North- (SPLM-N) in Blue Nile State of Sudan.

As of 31 March 2012, there are a total of 30,919 Sudanese refugees in Asosa. The current statistics are as follows:

Camp/Site	Households	Individuals
Sherkole camp	4,003	9,469
Tongo camp	4,359	12,416
Ademazin transit centre	2,681	9,034
Total	11,043	30,919

The asylum seekers entered Ethiopia through three major entry points:

1. Guba woreda, Bamza area (Almehal, Aswar and Bamza).
2. Kurmuk woreda (Kutaworke, Genegen, Dule Hode, Dule Shitalo, and Kurmuk)
3. Sherkole woreda Gissan area (Teyiba, Gemed, Monday market).

Presently, there are no asylum seekers in Bamza area.

Currently, although rates of arrival in the Asosa have remained steady (150-300 persons per week), UNHCR received reports in early April of a group of up to 3,000 persons arriving, confirming the still unstable conditions prevailing in Sudan. UNHCR is working with International Organization for Migration (IOM) to relocate them to Adamazine; a small number of refugees are entering through Gengen, area of Kurmuk woreda. During the latest military engagements the, SPLM-N troops were forced back into to South Sudan by the Sudan Army Forces. Following this incident most of the entry points are occupied and are under control of North Sudan on the other side of the border. No one can cross in and out of these entry points. By now the active entry points are Gissan area, Gemed and Asheshiko entry points. IOM transports the refugees from the entry corridors to Ademazine transit centre. The number of refugees transported from the entry points to Ademazine transit centre is an average of 250–300 per week. The plan to relocate all persons from Ademazine to the new camp at Bambasi in April, pending completion of infrastructure works, remains in force. According to the inter-agency meeting updates and other sources the security situation in Sudan is still very tense and volatile. The fighting between the two forces continues and it is expected that more refugees will come in the future.

UNHCR and the Ethiopian government (ARRA) relocated refugees from the entry points to Sherkole and Tongo refugee camps including Admazine transit centre. Tongo and Sherkole refugee camps are full and have reached maximum capacity. Admazine transit centre was planned to host around 5,000 refugees but it has reached over the maximum capacity. All new arrivals are relocated at Ademazine transit centre.

New camp at Bambasi (South of Asosa): ARRA, UNHCR and the regional government surveyed and selected a third refugee camp in Bambasi woreda which is 10 km to the south east direction of Bambasi town. It is large enough to be able to host up to 40,000 people, but immediate contingency plans are for a population of approximately 20,000. Water and sanitation and other facilities are under construction. It is planned to relocate refugees from Ademazine to Bambasi, but the timing of the relocation, estimated to be in April depends on the completion of the access road which is now under construction. When the camp opens all new arrivals and all refugees in Ademazine transit centre will be relocated to Bambasi. The Red Cross has been asked to participate in the Bambasi Camp Management Committee.

Gambella State Region: Increasingly complex conflict scenarios are emerging in South Sudan and some are being waged along the border of Ethiopia's Gambella region. Since mid-February 2012, some 15,000 Lou Nuer tribe people have fled to western Ethiopia in recent weeks from conflict over land and cattle in South Sudan to escape clashes with rival tribesmen and for fear of retaliation attacks. In Ethiopia, the new arrivals are settling

around the border town of Matar in the Gambella region, some 500 kilometers west of Addis Ababa. UNHCR is helping the Ethiopian authorities to set up a reception centre near Matar, where the new arrivals are being screened by ARRA before they are relocated to Fugnido refugee camp, some 110 kms from Gambella. People from South Sudan's Jonglei State continue to enter Ethiopia and although it seems some would like to return to South Sudan in the meantime they have asked for assistance in the form of food and NFI. Detailed assessment is difficult as agencies are unable to access the border area due to security concerns, despite efforts of GoE. Approximately 2,700 people have been transferred to Fugnido camp. UNHCR is working with ARRA to screen new arrivals to ensure Ethiopians are not registered as refugees. WFP is providing High Energy Biscuits for new arrivals and dispatching food as requested by UNHCR. Of increased concern are growing tensions between refugee and local populations and scattered locations make provision of assistance difficult.

Coordination and partnerships

Since the influx of Sudanese refugees into Ethiopia, the ERCS branch has been actively coordinating the Red Cross response with the GoE/ARRA and UNHCR with whom the society has a Letter of Understanding for assistance to Sudan Refugees. The IFRC Ethiopia Country Representation Office, the IFRC Operations Support Unit (IFRC-OSU), the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) and Partner National Societies (PNS) in country continue to provide the needed support to the ERCS branch. Specifically there is a joint initiative underway between the Austrian Red Cross, IFRC and the ERCS to expand both office and warehousing space to meet increased needs in Asosa branch. Information is shared through the Monthly Movement Cooperation Meetings (MCM) at country level. The MCM is a forum for the Movement partners' in-country to update each other on their activities, share experiences, discuss cross-cutting issues and coordinate interventions. Additionally, periodic PNS conference meetings are held at regional level to share the latest developments and information from the operations. Field visits to the operation by PNS are also coordinated with the branch.

The ERCS and IFRC continues to participate in the weekly ARRA /UNHCR task force meetings at both Addis HQ and Asosa levels, which informs the IASC and other partners of the latest developments and acts as a coordinating body for assistance to both the host and the displaced communities in the camps. Additionally, the ERCS Asosa branch continues providing assistance at Kurmuk, Sherkole and now in Tongo camps in coordination with UNHCR and ARRA in Benishangul region. As noted Red Cross services will be provided in the new Bambasi Camp once the population from Ademazine have been transferred. With the added influxes from South Sudan into the Gambella region the ERCS branch in Gambella is coming under increased pressure and will be brought into the overall Population Movement appeal and PoA as a coordinating branch.

National Society Capacity Building:



ERCS volunteers in Asosa during hand washing campaign. Source: ERCS

In addition to this operation, the Ethiopian Red Cross Society, supported by the IFRC and PNSs, is scaling up operations under the Drought Emergency Appeal (Ethiopia). The National Society has experience of implementing food security and drought response operations in different parts of the country for many years. It also has also previous experience with displaced populations fleeing conflict and famine from Sudan, Eritrea, Kenya and Somalia. Additional attention and support has to be provided to the ERCS in order to respond to expansion and intensity of existing and possibly additional operations in Gambella and possibly new challenges in the Moyale area of Oromia. The ERCS capacity needs to be strengthened at both headquarter and branch level.

ERCS Benishangul Gumuz Regional branch is one of the 11 regional branches of ERCS. It was established in 1997. It has one regional branch office, two zonal, 10 woreda and 103 kebele Red Cross committees. Since the

beginning of the operation ERCS Benishangul Gumuz Regional branch in Asosa has demonstrated effective and pro-active intervention with its existing capacity and with assistance and resources from the Population Movement Appeal continues to be actively assisting in supporting and expanded services to the influx of refugees from Sudan. ERCS/IFRC/PNS integrated assessments to review and update the existing Asosa branch capacity to meet increased requests for services as well as a mission to Gambella to review their resource capacity and to meet external partners to identify activities and needs are planned for April/May.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Overview

The Ethiopian Red Cross Society (ERCS) Benishangul Gumuz Regional branch in Asosa is heavily engaged in different refugee operation intervention activities. These are outlined in the Appeal, PoA and according to the Letter of Understanding signed with ARRA. ERCS headquarters continue providing support to the branch with bidding and procurement activities of essential drugs, medical equipment, increasing warehousing capacity and transportation of items.

At branch level, activities are ongoing and increasing mainly primary health care activities including referral (ambulance) service, support of camp health centres with drugs, medical equipment and furniture for Ademazine transit centre. ERCS volunteers have conducted trainings for capacity building to ARRA health staff and refugee volunteers. ERCS focused on the software parts of health centre and materials support. Hygiene promotion activities and campaigns were conducted in Tongo 2 camp including tracing activities in all camps and Ademazine transit centre. In coordination with the ICRC, ERCS continues to provide Restoration of Family Link (RFL) services.



Sample of hygiene promotion flyers in Arabic disseminated among the camps. Source: ERCS

Currently the branch is also managing several bilateral projects with PNS in the country. The capacity of the branch which was already overstretched has become even more challenged due to the increasing influx of refugees. Therefore a new objective within this Appeal has been included to scale-up the capacity of the branch in order to manage the activities of this expanding operation.

Progress and challenges towards outcomes

Good progress is being made on the current PoA objectives; however, the operation is adapting to changing circumstances. Based on ongoing participation of the Red Cross in the ARRA/UNHCR Refugee Task Force Meetings, the contingency planning tentatively envisages two scenarios: A likely scenario, with up to 20,000 refugees in Benishangul-Gumuz and 10,000 in Gambella State, and worst case scenario with 40,000 in Benishangul and 25,000 in Gambella. Instability in both Sudan and South Sudan and a lack of security access guarantees raise the option of the latter scenario already becoming a real possibility with crossing points along both State borders increasing. In addition continued influxes of displaced from such a varied profile of tribal and political sources can be expected to aggravate tensions and subsequently increase security issues for resident, refugee and indeed humanitarian workers. This could manifest itself in terms of competition for access to humanitarian assistance as well as existing but scarce resources. Stress can also be assumed to impact on environmental, agricultural and other economic areas. Regardless of this scenario the Red Cross along with its external partners would have no option but to rise to the challenge and seek support of partners and donors to meet them. This would likely involve engagement in participation in upgrading services and infrastructure in both Tongo and Asosa camps as well as the new camp in Bambasi. UNHCR, in consultation with partners is preparing an "Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan for an influx of asylum seekers from Sudan and South Sudan." Any adjustments to the ERCS Appeal PoA will refer to and be informed by the UNHCR plan.

Areas in which expansion and additional resources are likely to be needed are:

- Increased ambulance service.
- Increasing participation in WASH “hardware” activities (latrine/urinal construction).
- Improved project management capacity.
- Increased logistics capacity.
- Increased support in NFI (tents, children’s clothes, kitchen sets etc.)
- Reinforced branch capacity in Asosa and Gambella.

Ongoing Progress

Relief Support (basic non-food items)

Outcome: To improve the overall status of up to an initial 2,000 households in camps in Benishangul-Gumuz and reinforce the interventions undertaken by humanitarian agencies in the region.	
Outputs (expected results)	Activities planned
Appropriate non-food items are distributed to targeted beneficiaries in an efficient and transparent manner following well- establish best practices, SPHERE and other guidelines and SoP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop Letter of Understanding (LoU) or agreements between the Government of Ethiopia (ARRA), UNHCR and the ERCS to ensure well coordinated assistance. • Leasing of five vehicles with Red Cross logo will ensure wider access for ERCS staff relief teams and volunteers • Procurement of two motor bikes to support volunteer management, relief coordination, health and tracing (in coordination with the ICRC existing support in RFL) activities in camps will expand the access and efficiency of these activities as the camp population grows. • Procurement and distribution of 2,000 kitchen sets, jerry cans, plastic sheeting, sleeping mats, grinding mills (4), clothes, soap, blankets and other additional NFI items as agreed through the NFI cluster to ensure better living conditions in the camps. • Procurement of 20 tents of various sizes will reinforce local authority capacity to provide facilities for administration, education and health services in the camps and at health centres. • Provision and distribution, as and where required, of up to 400 family tents from the ERCS existing stock and replacement from the mobilisation table. • Procurement of two ambulances for ERCS branch in Asosa. (This support will be agreed and coordinated in consultation with ICRC who support these ERCS activities and details recorded in later Ops Updates) • Contract local service providers to transport NFI and any other relief services that may emerge from hubs to the distribution points. • Mobilize volunteers for facilitating beneficiary identification and relief distributions. • Identify beneficiaries: agree on distribution lists including verification and validation. • Monitoring, evaluation and reporting.

Progress:

In this Operations Update, increases in relief items are reflected within this objective, including: jerry cans, plastic sheeting, sleeping mats, grinding mills, clothes, soap and blankets. Additionally, an additional ambulance is requested to scale up the ERCS Asosa branch ambulance service. Discussions are under way with UNHCR IOM and ERCS to provide up to 400 tents from ERCS existing stock or from replacement donations to support the refugee transit facilities in Gambella. PNS have been approached to support this emergency shelter request and the Iranian Red Crescent is considering options in addition to tents already donated to the Horn of Africa (HoA) Operations through the Regional Representation Office in Nairobi.

At the beginning of the operation, a Letter of Understanding was signed between the Government of Ethiopia (ARRA), UNHCR and the ERCS stating that ERCS will reinforce the capacity of camp workers to provide timely and appropriate NFI, Health (including First Aid, Ambulance and Tracing) and WASH services in Tongo and partly in Sherkole Refugee Camps.

Activities undertaken for this objective:

- Two vehicles have been leased to support the activities of the Asosa branch. Three more are needed to upscale activities.
- ICRC provided one motor bike to the branch in order to support health and tracing activities in the camps.
- 16 types of supplementary feeding and cooking utensils were procured after the bidding process was completed.
- ERCS health staff from headquarters conducted a field visit to Asosa in order to explore the possibility of providing clothes to children less than 5 years of age. Recommendations are currently under revision.
- These cooking utensils were delivered in Tongo camp refugee camp health centre. The items included: cooking pots, tea pots, spoons, forks, plastic cups, plastic plates, ladles, kettles and water jugs.
- 5 family tents were dispatched from ERCS headquarters warehouse (existing stock) to Asosa branch to be installed in Tongo 2 refugee camp. The branch mobilized 60 volunteers to clear the site and erect the tents.
- One Rubb hall has been mobilized from ERCS East Hararghe branch to Asosa for additional warehouse capacity. This Rubb hall is en route to Asosa.
- Finnish Red Cross provided through this Appeal one ambulance for the Asosa branch.
- ICRC has provided a truck to transport relief items to Asosa.
- More than 60 volunteers have been mobilized to assist in carrying out the activities.
- The ERCS branch secretary, ERCS health coordinator and OSU counterparts have visited the operational area to monitor the activities.
- For monitoring, evaluation and reporting, the Asosa branch Secretary has provided detailed activity reports to ERCS headquarters and IFRC-OSU.

Challenges:

One of the challenges identified within this objective is the lack of warehouse capacity of the ERCS Asosa branch. The Rubb hall sent to the area will help increase the storage capacity, in the meantime, supplies are being stored in ERCS headquarters. Additionally, the expansion plans for the ERCS compound facilities include additional office and storage space. Additional mid size tents in the mobilisation need to be either taken up by donors for purchase from Dubai.

Emergency health and care

Outcome: To support ongoing ARRA health programs to improve health status of up to 10,000 people in Tongo camp and adjacent host communities.

Outputs (expected results)	Activities planned
The health status of the population is improved through improved access to medical professionals and thus management of injuries, illness and prevention, early detection and response to epidemics and reduced nutrition.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment of health professionals which will reinforce the quality and effectiveness of support to the camp activities under the guidance and supervision of ARRA medical director in the camp. • Procurement and provision of drugs and medical supplies for health facilities in the camps and for the Asosa Hospital will improve supply of pharmaceuticals and increase treatment capacity in health centres.
The Wounded and sick receive effective treatment through improved ambulance and First Aid services and well supplied health facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinforcement of ambulance and first aid services in both camps • Procurement and provision of drugs and medical supplies for health facilities in the camps and for the Asosa Hospital • Procurement of a cholera bed for the isolation centre and bed sheets (40 beds). • Strengthen and expand the health centre capacity to manage isolation cases and reduce risk of contagion in the host and displaced populations. • Deploy 250 volunteers trained in First aid and on epidemic control and provision of First Aid Kits.
Improve community health awareness in both host and beneficiary populations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development, printing and distribution of IEC materials with key health messages. This will improve reach and effectiveness of information to beneficiaries and host communities. Carry out social mobilisation and health promotion campaign activities.

Sustainably contribute to an improved health status of the population in the drought affected woredas through regular health activities based on Community Based Health and First Aid interventions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of 100 Red Cross volunteers on Epidemic Control for Volunteers Manual and Toolkit. • CBHFA
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Progress:

This objective has been revised by including additional items including First Aid kits for camp and branch volunteers.

Activities undertaken within this objective are:

- ERCS in coordination with ARRA recruited 15 hygiene promoters (7 male and 8 female) from Tongo 2 camp. Selection was based on educational background and experience.
- One hygiene promotion officer has been recruited through the ERCS headquarters and has been assigned permanently in Tongo camp coordinating the hygiene promotion activities and an emergency health coordinator has been recruited to support the Asosa branch.
- 29 different types of essential drugs were procured and dispatched to Asosa. These drugs were distributed in Tongo camp and Ademazine transit centre.
- Medical equipment including stretchers, maternity delivery supplies, examination beds and general medical items were procured and have been delivered to Asosa branch.
- A two day hygiene promotion campaign was conducted in Tongo 2 camp in February 2012 to increase awareness of personal hygiene, hand washing and environmental sanitation.
- In preparation for the campaign, banners were prepared with different hygiene messages in Arabic language.
- More than 3,000 leaflets in Arabic language with messages focusing on personal hygiene, importance of hand washing and prevention of diseases were distributed.
- ERCS prepared an official announcement to the whole community about the campaign in Tongo 1 and 2 camps using the ERCS branch music band.
- The ERCS branch music band provided entertainment and communicated key hygiene messages in the refugee community.
- Key messages were translated for the refugee community in Arabic, Nuer and Ruthana language. The messages focused on personal hygiene, environmental sanitation and hand washing among others.
- Approximately 1,400 to 1,500 refugees participated in the campaign. The refugee community and religious leaders were on the front line cleaning their compound and surroundings.
- ERCS volunteers installed hand washing facilities in the camps and the community members demonstrated how to use hand washing facilities to improve hygiene and sanitation in the refugee community.

In addition, an Epidemic Control for Volunteers (ECV) training was held in mid-February 2012 at the ERCS Training Centre in Addis Ababa with 25 participants from ERCS headquarters and branch staff and volunteers. The ECV training aims to help volunteers deal with epidemics in their local communities. It teaches them what an epidemic is, how epidemics spread, the conditions that help epidemics to spread, and what actions to take in the event of an epidemic. The training included a five-day workshop on the use of the Epidemic Control Manual for Volunteers and its accompanying Epidemic Control Toolkit.

Challenges: No new challenges other than expansion of services under consideration.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Outcome: The risk of waterborne and water related diseases has been reduced through the provision of safe water, adequate sanitation as well as hygiene promotion to 2,000 families (10,000 beneficiaries) in Sherhole and Tongo camps..	
Outputs (expected results)	Activities planned
The health status of the population is improved through improved access to clean and safe water supply,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess the existing coverage with a view of ensuring availability of adequate water supply sanitation facilities and hygiene awareness.

adequate sanitation and hygiene promotion according to SPHERE standards.	
<p>Improve water supply in Sherkole and Tongo.</p> <p>Establish two teams of volunteers dealing with household water treatment.</p> <p>Distribute 360,000 water treatment tablets.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide safe water to 2,000 families as permanent water source is installed / restored. • Procurement of 360,000 water treatment tablets for 2,000 HHs. • Training of 20 volunteers on household water treatment. • Distribution of 360,000 water treatment tablets. • Monitoring household water treatment and use.
Sanitation facilities in Sherkole and Tongo will be improved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide appropriate sanitation to 250 people (5x50) by constructing 50 semi-permanent family latrines/urinals. • Monitoring the use of latrines/urinals
<p>Improve community health and hygiene awareness in both host and beneficiary populations.</p> <p>Establish two viable and sustainable hygiene promotion teams.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct training for hygiene promoters. • Prepare materials for hygiene promotion for 2,000 families in the 2 locations. • Training of the 40 PHAST ToTs volunteers. • Training of the PHAST groups. • Disseminating hygiene and sanitation messages to the 10,000 family members. • Monitoring the hygiene promotion activities.

Progress:

Water and Sanitation construction projects have up to now been covered by other agencies and to date the Red Cross activity has been confined to the other objectives in this sector. However, a new plan to upgrade latrine/urinal services in Tongo camp has been represented by the branch in coordination with ARRA/UNHCR and World Vision. ERCS and IFRC Watsan coordinators are reviewing this proposal with a view to agree an appropriate Red Cross engagement for the branch and are planning a field visit to Asosa in April to agree with ARRA officials and World Vision the main needs in the camps.

ERCS branch conducted recruitment (15 refugees) and training of hygiene promoters. From 16 to 19 February 2012, PHAST in emergency ToT training was conducted for the hygiene promoters in Tongo camp. The training was participatory and there was a high involvement in the course. In addition to PHAST in emergency courses, a course on volunteerism was given to all the trainees.

Challenges:

Most of activities within this objective have yet to be carried out, since priority was given to other areas in this Appeal. Nevertheless, due to recent requests from ARRA to support WASH activities, the ERCS and IFRC-OSU Watsan team are planning a field visit to review this current plan to better address the most immediate needs in the camps.

Capacity building of the National Society

Outcome: To enhance the operational capacity and management skills of ERCS operational branches to respond to this and to potential future disasters throughout the region.

Outputs (expected results)	Activities planned
Capacities of the ERCS branches in operational areas strengthened to ensure adequate service deliveries to vulnerable communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment and deployment of additional staff to implement the various operational activities. • Training of new hired staff and volunteers. • Provide with adequate transport and fleet capacities to ensure mobility and rapid response. • Vehicle maintenance and procurement of spare parts. • Provide necessary office equipment, furniture, IT and

	<p>communication equipment including mobile cards, computers, printers and EVDOs (internet sticks).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase warehouse, office and accommodation capacity.
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Progress:

Additional staff has been recruited to support and carry out the activities within this Appeal (see above). Office furniture and IT equipment has been procured for use in the Asosa branch. An ERCS branch review was carried out by the head of Organizational Development (OD) from HQ in Addis with recommendations to the ERCS senior and branch management. This includes the almost certain need for additional staffing in financial administration and project management capacity. Austrian Red Cross and IFRC have agreed to support the completion of already planned additional office and storage space. In addition, as residential accommodation is almost impossible to secure in Asosa and the situation is likely to get worse with the expansion of activities, a draft concept to build some basic accommodation units for visiting staff, PNS and donors is under consideration.

To increase warehouse capacity, a Rubb hall has been dispatched to be installed in the branch. Additional warehouse options including direct procurement in Ethiopia for Rubb hall type tents is under review.

Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction

Outcome: Reduce socio-economic impact in the affected area through community based programming to identify and address disaster risk and to build resilience.

Outputs (expected results)	Activities planned
Enhanced preparedness for population movement through increased awareness and analysis of hazard risks and increased volunteer engagement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthened kebele and woreda community committees to implement DP and DRR activities through training and resources. • Launching community awareness campaign in DP and DRR including contingency plans at the community level.
Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) approaches have been incorporated in all recovery sectors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Branch staff develops skills to strengthen livelihoods. • Provide technical training to help host and affected families to reconstruct livelihoods
Branch staff benefit from improved knowledge and training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise training for volunteers, in DRR modalities. • Procurement of IT and office equipment.

Progress:

Emergency relief, health and Watsan interventions have taken precedent up to now and will likely continue to be the prime focus, however it is felt important to retain these elements and the hope is some earmarked funding and support in this area may be forth coming from interested partners.

Challenges: Identifying funding within the Appeal to address and resource these activities is a priority going forward.

Logistics Support

Whilst in many situations logistics is a cross-cutting support to the operation and would not be an Appeal objective on which to report, in this case the training and capacity building functions are being included as objectives. In addition, the IFRC-OSU will provide support to the ERCS HQ and Asosa Branch in implementing the emergency operation including logistics, procurement and supply-chain management. A logistics and procurement plan for the operation will be developed by ERCS supported by IFRC. On the job training and development of ERCS branch capacity in logistics will be included. Logistics support training and capacity building activities will, wherever possible be harmonised and coordinated, with those supporting the Drought Operation to maximise the efficiency and resources of the ERCS.

Outcome: Humanitarian goods are procured, stored, delivered and distributed in a timely, transparent and cost-effective manner.

Outputs (expected results)	Activities planned
Well coordinated mobilization of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct emergency needs and capacity assessments.

<p>relief goods;</p> <p>Coordinated delivery to the operational areas ensuring proper storage and distribution to affected communities;</p> <p>Provision of all necessary vehicles for the operation and effective fleet management;</p> <p>The Federation will also work with the Ethiopian Red Cross Society to support and build logistics capacity through training, workshops, and providing delegates to support the logistics function.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist the ERCS branch in setting up effective and efficient supply chain and provide reporting on performance. • Support the ERCS in developing detailed logistics and procurement plan for the operation. • Reinforce the fleet needs to deliver the assistance. • Reinforce warehousing with renovated and replacement Rubb hall or other facilities. • Advise on efficient delivery of operation supplies and materials supplies and control supply movements from the point of dispatch to the end user. • Assist the operation in delivering services for the communities including procurement of goods, services and other equipment. Necessary for effective implementation of the planned activities. • Support Procurement of all supplies in the PoA and budget. • Advise on contracting of local service providers to transport goods from hubs to the distribution points. • Support logistics training and knowledge development
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Progress:

The IFRC logistics officer, in coordination with the ERCS disaster management and logistics department arranged the procurement and transportation of items to Asosa. Due to lack of warehouse capacity in the branch, the ERCS logistics department with support from IFRC logistics officer dispatched a Rubb hall to Asosa. Transport and vehicle capacity has been strengthened and the next assessment will re-evaluate any additional needs in this sector.

Communications – Advocacy and Public Information

Maintaining timely and accurate information between the field and other major stakeholders is important to resourcing this emergency which has to compete with the needs on the Eastern border of Ethiopia. Therefore, the communications activities are aimed at harmonising the separate but equally important objectives in supporting the National Society to improve their communications capacities and develop appropriate communication tools and products to support effectively both operations. The new ERCS Head of Communications has plans for a targeted initiative addressing the Ethiopian Population Movement operation and the Red Cross contribution to it.

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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.

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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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Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2011/10-2012/3
Budget Timeframe	2011/10-2012/10
Appeal	MDRET011
Budget	BUDGET9

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Funding

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL	Deferred Income
A. Budget	684,476					684,476	
B. Opening Balance	0					0	
Income							
<u>Cash contributions</u>							
<i>Austrian Red Cross</i>	49,721					49,721	
<i>British Red Cross</i>	63,005					63,005	
<i>Finnish Red Cross</i>	60,335					60,335	
<i>Japanese Red Cross Society</i>	20,600					20,600	
<i>Red Cross of Monaco</i>	6,181					6,181	
<i>Swedish Red Cross</i>	60,926					60,926	
C1. Cash contributions	260,768					260,768	
<u>Other Income</u>							
<i>DREF Allocations</i>	185,000					185,000	
C4. Other Income	185,000					185,000	
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)	445,768					445,768	
D. Total Funding = B + C	445,768					445,768	
Appeal Coverage	65%					65%	

II. Movement of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL	Deferred Income
B. Opening Balance	0					0	
C. Income	445,768					445,768	
E. Expenditure	-191,704					-191,704	
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	254,065					254,065	

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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
BUDGET (C)		684,476					684,476	
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	40,000							40,000
Construction Materials	59,000							59,000
Clothing & Textiles	5,000							5,000
Food	15,000							15,000
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	14,000							14,000
Medical & First Aid	96,000							96,000
Teaching Materials	20,000							20,000
Utensils & Tools	65,000							65,000
Other Supplies & Services	10,000							10,000
Total Relief items, Construction, Sup	324,000							324,000
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Vehicles	87,450							87,450
Computers & Telecom	16,000							16,000
Office & Household Equipment	16,000							16,000
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	119,450							119,450
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Storage	5,000							5,000
Distribution & Monitoring	2,000							2,000
Transport & Vehicles Costs	12,550	5,687				5,687		6,863
Logistics Services		74				74		-74
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	19,550	5,760				5,760		13,790
Personnel								
International Staff	48,000							48,000
National Society Staff	31,250	16				16		31,234
Volunteers	2,250							2,250
Total Personnel	81,500	16				16		81,484
Consultants & Professional Fees								
Consultants	11,000							11,000
Total Consultants & Professional Fe	11,000							11,000
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	70,000							70,000
Total Workshops & Training	70,000							70,000
General Expenditure								
Travel	7,000	286				286		6,714
Information & Public Relations	6,000							6,000
Office Costs	1,000							1,000
Communications	1,200							1,200
Financial Charges	1,000	45				45		955
Shared Office and Services Costs	1,000							1,000
Total General Expenditure	17,200	332				332		16,868
Contributions & Transfers								
Cash Transfers National Societies		173,708				173,708		-173,708
Total Contributions & Transfers		173,708				173,708		-173,708
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recov	41,776	11,688				11,688		30,087
Total Indirect Costs	41,776	11,688				11,688		30,087
Pledge Specific Costs								

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Appeal Launch Date: 28 oct 11

Appeal Timeframe: 19 oct 11 to 30 apr 12

Interim Report

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Appeal	MDRET011
Budget	BUDGET9

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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
BUDGET (C)		684,476					684,476	
Pledge Reporting Fees		200					200	-200
Total Pledge Specific Costs		200					200	-200
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	684,476	191,704					191,704	492,772
VARIANCE (C - D)		492,772					492,772	