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Emergency appeal operation update

Somalia: Drought

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Emergency appeal n° MDRSO001
GLIDE n° [DR-2011-000029-SOM](#)
6-month consolidated update
31 March 2012

Period covered by this operation update:
23 September 2011 – 22 March 2012

Appeal target: CHF 4,158,791
Appeal coverage: 87%; [<click here to go directly to the interim financial report and here to view the contact information>](#)

Appeal history:

- This Emergency Appeal was initially launched on 23 September, 2011 for CHF 4,158,792 for 12 months to assist 150,000 beneficiaries.
- Operational updates no [1](#) and [2](#) were respectively put on the IFRC website on 20 October and 31 October 2011.



Summary:

A drought hit five regions in Somalia between July and August 2011 when two consecutive rain seasons failed to materialize. A relief operation led by the Somalia Red Crescent Society (SRCS) and supported by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) was launched in the second half of 2011 to respond to the needs of vulnerable families in the areas of non-food relief distributions, emergency health and care as well as water, sanitation and hygiene.

In the last six months, SRCS's Somaliland branch distributed non-food items (NFIs) to 1,650 families in the internally displaced person (IDP) settlements in Hargeisa, Berbera, Burao, Erigavo, Las Anod and Borama. Meanwhile the Puntland branch distributed similar items to 3,350 families in the IDPs settlements in Bosaso, Galkayo and Garowe. The NFIs comprise of tarpaulins, jerry cans, buckets, kitchen sets, hygiene kits, blankets and mosquito nets. Approximately 15,000 mosquito nets were distributed to 30 mother and child health (MCH) clinics to be given to pregnant and lactating mothers during their regular visits. A second consignment of NFIs for 5,000 families was delivered on 17 February 2012, with distributions ongoing.

A total of 2,000 ceramic water filters were procured from the SRCS Ceramic Water Filter Factory in Hargeisa, Somaliland. Of these, 1,000 filters were delivered to SRCS branches in Puntland (Galkayo, Bosaso and Garowe) and 1,000 filters to the branches in Somaliland six regions. The water filters benefit up to 2,000 IDP households, who can now drink clean water and reduces the risks of water related diseases.

Through the fuel subsidy initiative, 18,000 litres of diesel fuel were delivered to ten boreholes in Somaliland to assist pastoralist to run the boreholes so as to provide water for their livestock and for domestic use. Bosaso Branch in Puntland delivered 6,000 litres of diesel to two boreholes in Bari Region. An estimated 84,000 people will have access to water as a result of the operational boreholes.

Meanwhile, the mobile health teams continued to deliver health services to IDPs and nomadic communities in remote areas. During the reporting period, 14 mobile teams reached 43,153 beneficiaries with services including outpatient consultations, antenatal consultations, postnatal consultations, children screened for growth monitoring and vaccinations for children.

To date, contributions to this appeal have been received from the following: American Red Cross, Austrian Red Cross, British Red Cross/ British government, Red Cross Society of China, Danish Red Cross, Icelandic Red Cross, Japanese Red Cross Society, the Republic of Korea Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross, the Red Crescent Society of Islamic Republic of Iran and Swedish Red Cross. Other donors include the Kuwait government and private donors.

On behalf of the Somalia Red Crescent Society, IFRC would like to thank all partners for their generous response to this appeal.

The situation

Following the failure of two consecutive rainy seasons, locally known as Deyr (October-December 2010) and Gu (April-June 2011), famine was declared in five regions in south and central Somalia between July and August 2011. The drought situation also affected the north east and north west parts of the country. A substantial relief operation was launched in the second half of 2011 and due to the collective efforts of the humanitarian community and the donors, the famine situation has subsided. In fact, by November 2011, three regions Bay, Bakool and Lower Shabelle were downgraded from famine situation to humanitarian emergency. However, an estimated 250,000 people are still estimated to be at risk of starvation.

The Deyr rainy season (October-December 2011) was above average in most parts of Somalia with the exception of some pockets in Bari Region of Puntland which received below average rains. The situation has improved and the harvest in the cereal producing zones was estimated to be double the average of the past 17 years.

In February, 2012, The Somalia Food Security and Nutrition Analysis Unit (FSNAU) and Famine Early Warning System (FEWS NET) announced the end of the famine conditions in southern Somalia. However, they warned that 2.34 million people across the country remain in crisis. The FSNAU further predict that the coming Gu rains (April-June 2012) will be below average leaving most Somalis pastoralist and agro-pastoralist vulnerable to effects of poor rainfall and hike in food prices reversing the gains made during the Dery rainy season (October-December 2011).

The escalation in the military operations which started in October 2011 in some regions of the south has complicated the humanitarian situation. The situation was further aggravated by the ban imposed by Al Shabaab on 16 international organizations and UN agencies. In January 2012, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) temporarily suspended its food and seed distribution in southern Somalia and in February 2012, Al Shabaab imposed a ban on ICRC in areas under their control.

The volatile security situation has led to an increase in population movement, especially around Mogadishu and Afgooy corridor. According to the United Nations Humanitarian Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) February, 2012 statistics, an estimated 40,000 people have been displaced around Mogadishu. An estimated 28,000 newly displaced people arrived in Mogadishu from February 2012 further straining facilities in the capital where the number of internally displaced persons (IDP) is currently estimated at 184,000. The number of IDPs in Somaliland and Puntland remained relatively the same. According to UNHCR statistics for January 2012, the number of IDPs in Somaliland is 85,000 and in Puntland 143,000.

Coordination and partnerships

SRCS and IFRC are working closely with the UN agencies and other humanitarian actors through the relevant clusters such as health and water sanitation and hygiene (WASH) under the umbrella of Somalia Support Secretariat (SSS) and UNOCHA. In Mogadishu SRCS chairs the weekly coordination meeting of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners operating in Mogadishu. The Movement platform is an opportunity for information sharing and coordination of support to the target population. In Somaliland and Puntland SRCS attends relevant cluster meetings chaired by UNOCHA.

National Society Capacity Building:

The IFRC Somalia Country office completed the procurement of 10 desk top computers, printers and accessories which were delivered to the SRCS Coordination office in Mogadishu in December, 2011 the equipment will be

used to train the SRCS staff, youth and volunteers to improve their computer skills with respect to keying in and analyzing simple data and drafting reports related to the drought operation.

To enhance the role of the volunteers in responding to emergencies, 2,000 first aid kits, 2,000 aprons and 2,000 SRCS branded jackets were procured and dispatched to the branches.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The SRCS branches in Somaliland and Puntland completed distribution of the first consignment of non-food items (NFI) to 5,000 households in the IDP-settlement. The distribution of the second consignment of NFIs delivered on 17 February 2012 is ongoing. The food rations procured by the branches were distributed to six schools and two orphanages, benefiting 135 students and their families. 54 out patient department (OPD) kits were procured and dispatched to the mobile clinics in Somaliland and Puntland. Ceramic water filters were distributed to 2,000 households in Somaliland and Puntland and 24,000 litres of diesel were delivered to service 12 boreholes.

During the first six months, the operation focused on the procurement of NFIs, medical supplies and capital items such as vehicles. The rehabilitation of water sources such as earth pans, sub-surface dams, shallow wells and drilling of boreholes were delayed due to the onset of the rainy season October-December and the need for more time to conduct thorough technical hydro-geological and geophysical assessments. The pending water and sanitation activities will be completed within the time frame of the appeal.

Progress towards outcomes

Relief distributions (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.

Outputs (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. 	<p>Procure and distribute:</p> <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:

A total of 15,000 tarpaulins, 10,050 jerry cans (20 litre capacity each), 10,000 kitchen sets, 8,459 hygiene kits, 20,000 mosquito nets, 20,000 blankets, 10,000 sleeping mats, and 5,000 buckets were procured through the IFRC regional logistics unit in Dubai and delivered to Somaliland and Puntland. The first consignment of NFIs was fully distributed in November 2011 in Somaliland and December 2011 - January 2012 in Puntland. The second consignment which arrived on 17 February 2012 was distributed in Somaliland and the distribution is still ongoing in Puntland and is expected to be completed by the end of April 2012. A total of 10,000 IDPs households benefitted from the distribution. Initially, the target was 5,000 IDP households, however, due to increased number of NFIs available, more households benefitted.



NFIs distribution to IDPs in Burao, Toghddeer region, Somaliland. Photo: SRCS.

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

The procurement of an additional 4,900 buckets and 5,000 hygiene kits is completed and expected to be delivered to Berbera Port by 1 May, 2012. This will be distributed to the IDPs families in Puntland. Also, fishing gear for 300 families in the coastal areas of Somaliland and Puntland arrived Mombasa port in Kenya in transit to Somalia. The clearance and forwarding expected to be completed by the first week of April 2012. Details of distribution to the targeted fishing community will be provided in the next update.

A total of 2,000 first aid kits were procured through IFRC's East Africa regional office logistics unit and delivered to the SRCS branches. In addition, 2,000 aprons and 2,000 branded jackets with SRCS logo for SRCS volunteers and staff were procured and delivered to the SRCS branches. These items will be distributed to staff and volunteers in the operation to aid them during response (first aid kits) as well as for easy identification (aprons and jackets).

Emergency health

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.

Outputs (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 outpatient department (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 malnutrition among school children.
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:

A total of 54 OPD kits were procured and delivered to mobile clinics in Somaliland and Puntland so as to equip them and enable better provision of health services.

There are a total of 14 mobile clinics involved in the operation. A total of 43,153 beneficiaries in the IDPs settlements and nomadic communities have been attended to during the reporting period. Table 1 below shows the statistics from the mobile clinics.

Dry food rations for six schools and two orphanages in Somaliland were procured and delivered to the schools. The food rations delivered comprised of 7,650 kg of rice, 2,250 kg of sugar, 907 kg of pasta, 300 kg of beans and 972 litre of cooking oil benefiting 135 children and their families for three months.



SRCS mobile health team vaccinating children in Sool region, Somaliland. Photo: SRCS

Table 1: Breakdown of beneficiaries attended to in the mobile health clinics

Type of Service	No of Beneficiaries
Out Patient Department consultations	21,721
Children screened for growth monitoring	8,291
Ante-Natal care consultation	4,420
Post-Natal Care Consultation	2,240
Children under five vaccinated	1,940
Women vaccinated (TT)	4,541

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	
Outputs (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:

One generator and one submersible pump was delivered to Sihawle community borehole in Sool Region of Somaliland to facilitate its operation. 18,000 litres of diesel fuel were delivered to 10 boreholes in Somaliland and 6,000 litres to 2 boreholes in Puntland. Approximately 84,000 people will have access to water from the operational boreholes.

A total of 2,000 ceramic water filters were procured from the SRCS Ceramic Water Filter Factory in Somaliland and distributed to 1,000 households in Somaliland and 1,000 households in Puntland. SRCS volunteers explained to the households on usage and benefits of the water filters. According to spot checks in clinics, cases of diarrhoea are decreasing and this can be attributed partly to access to clean water for community members. The population in Somaliland and Puntland regularly receive hygiene information through awareness sessions conducted by SRCS volunteers.

Tendering for procurement of 18 sets of sanitation tools is in progress and procurement is expected to be completed in April 2012. Progress will be reported in the subsequent update.

Logistics

SRCS logistics, supported by the Regional Logistics Unit (RLU) based in Dubai, 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 NFIs reported above were mobilized through the IFRC regional logistics unit in Dubai and were delivered in two consignments through the ports of Berbera in Somaliland and Bosaso Port in Puntland. The SRCS coordination office in Hargeisa, Somaliland cleared the consignments and organized the in-land transport to the various branches. The SRCS branch in Bosaso cleared the consignment that arrived through Bosaso Port.

The seven land cruiser hardtop vehicles were procured through the IFRC global fleet base and delivered to seven branches, four in Somaliland (Burao, Las Anod, Erigavo and Berbera) and three in Puntland (Garowe, Galkayo, and Bosaso) to replace the rented cars for the mobile health teams.

Communications – Advocacy and Public Information

Communication and coordination through various humanitarian forums is ongoing. The SRCS and IFRC attended two forums organized by the Humanitarian Forum and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to initiate a dialogue within the humanitarian partners on Somalia recovery programme and to enhance better coordination and cooperation.

IFRC's Somalia country office contributes regularly to the Horn of Africa fact sheet issued by the communications unit of the East Africa regional office shared widely among humanitarian partners.

Challenges and constraints:

The general security situation in Somalia is volatile, especially in the south and central, however, this has not hindered access to beneficiaries in Puntland and Somaliland where the operation is focusing. The regular Movement partners meeting in Mogadishu has improved communication and information sharing among the partners, however, there is still room for improvement. This is with respect to joint initiatives with partners such as assessments, planning, implementation and monitoring.

The Famine Early Warning system (FEWSNET) and Somalia Food Security and Nutritional Analysis Unit (FSNAU) reports indicate that the Gu rainy season is expected to be below average which will affect the food security situation in 2012. The combination of climate change related disasters and the volatile security and political situation will worsen the humanitarian situation in 2012. The predicted situation requires long term commitment to support the humanitarian activities of Somali Red Crescent to ensure continuity of the services to the people at risk.

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Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2011/9-2012/2
Budget Timeframe	2011/9-2012/9
Appeal	MDRSO001
Budget	APPROVED

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I. Consolidated Funding

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
A. Budget	4,158,792					4,158,792
B. Opening Balance	0					0
Income						
<u>Cash contributions</u>						
<i>British Red Cross (from DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee))</i>	249,011					249,011
<i>Danish Red Cross</i>	636,292					636,292
<i>Icelandic Red Cross</i>	26,042					26,042
<i>Japanese Red Cross Society</i>	137,200					137,200
<i>Kuwait Government</i>	229,463					229,463
<i>Kuwait - Private Donors</i>	607					607
<i>Norwegian Red Cross</i>	795,557					795,557
<i>Red Crescent Society of Islamic Republic of Iran</i>	493,583					493,583
<i>Red Cross Society of China</i>	280,051					280,051
<i>Swedish Red Cross</i>	245,529					245,529
<i>United States - Private Donors</i>	2,215					2,215
C1. Cash contributions	3,095,551					3,095,551
<u>Inkind Goods & Transport</u>						
<i>American Red Cross</i>	104,374					104,374
<i>Austrian Red Cross</i>	201,109					201,109
<i>British Red Cross</i>	79,248					79,248
<i>Icelandic Red Cross</i>	117,397					117,397
C2. Inkind Goods & Transport	502,129					502,129
<u>Other Income</u>						
<i>Programme & Services Support Recover</i>	30,857					30,857
C4. Other Income	30,857					30,857
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)	3,628,536					3,628,536
D. Total Funding = B + C	3,628,536					3,628,536
Appeal Coverage	87%					87%

II. Movement of Funds

	Disaster Management	Health and Social Services	National Society Development	Principles and Values	Coordination	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance	0					0
C. Income	3,628,536					3,628,536
E. Expenditure	-1,472,296					-1,472,296
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)	2,156,240					2,156,240

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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)		4,158,792					4,158,792	
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	142,500	121,480				121,480	21,020	
Clothing & Textiles	232,750	253,559				253,559	-20,809	
Food	51,300	38,738				38,738	12,562	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	483,531	203,895				203,895	279,636	
Medical & First Aid	261,961	53,896				53,896	208,065	
Teaching Materials	9,500						9,500	
Utensils & Tools	95,000	159,078				159,078	-64,078	
Other Supplies & Services	133,475	31				31	133,444	
Total Relief items, Construction, Supplies	1,410,017	830,677				830,677	579,340	
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Vehicles	626,430	164,281				164,281	462,149	
Computers & Telecom	37,901	15,574				15,574	22,327	
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	664,331	179,855				179,855	484,476	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Storage		4,148				4,148	-4,148	
Distribution & Monitoring	103,605	50,418				50,418	53,187	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	374,376	25,133				25,133	349,244	
Logistics Services		26,026				26,026	-26,026	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	477,981	105,725				105,725	372,256	
Personnel								
International Staff	472,059	37,954				37,954	434,105	
National Staff	66,500	6,078				6,078	60,422	
National Society Staff	399,825	17,328				17,328	382,497	
Volunteers	100,000	1,110				1,110	98,890	
Total Personnel	1,038,384	62,469				62,469	975,915	
Consultants & Professional Fees								
Consultants	41,354						41,354	
Total Consultants & Professional Fees	41,354						41,354	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	90,535	1,024				1,024	89,511	
Total Workshops & Training	90,535	1,024				1,024	89,511	
General Expenditure								
Travel	48,925	3,977				3,977	44,948	
Information & Public Relations	10,000	620				620	9,380	
Office Costs	43,016	1,170				1,170	41,846	
Communications		238				238	-238	
Financial Charges	44,426	30,518				30,518	13,908	
Other General Expenses	36,000	7,062				7,062	28,938	
Shared Office and Services Costs		6,138				6,138	-6,138	
Total General Expenditure	182,367	49,723				49,723	132,644	
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions		144,943				144,943	-144,943	
Total Operational Provisions		144,943				144,943	-144,943	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recov	253,823	87,556				87,556	166,267	
Total Indirect Costs	253,823	87,556				87,556	166,267	
Pledge Specific Costs								

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BUDGET (C)		4,158,792					4,158,792	
Pledge Earmarking Fee		8,024				8,024	-8,024	
Pledge Reporting Fees		2,300				2,300	-2,300	
Total Pledge Specific Costs		10,324				10,324	-10,324	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	4,158,792	1,472,296					1,472,296	2,686,496
VARIANCE (C - D)		2,686,496					2,686,496	