

OPERATIONS UPDATE



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ETHIOPIA: FLOODS

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In Brief

Appeal No. 05EA013; Operations Update no. 1; Period covered: 24 June to 31 July, 2005; Appeal coverage: 40.7%; Outstanding needs: CHF 435,675 (USD 336, 688 or EUR 279,816).

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Appeal history:

- Launched on 24 June 2005 for CHF 735,000 (USD 576,796 or EUR 477,164) for 6 months to assist 43,000 beneficiaries, amended from the original number of 14,000 beneficiaries in the Emergency Appeal (ending 24 December 2005). Refer to: http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?05/05EA013.pdf
- This Operations Update decreases the number of beneficiary households from 8,645 to 2,257 with the corresponding new number of beneficiaries at 14,217.
- Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF) allocated: CHF 200,000.

Operational Summary: Since the launch of the Emergency Appeal no. 05EA013 on 24 June 2005 to assist the Ethiopia flood victims, a reassessment of the situation took place in the flood affected zones from July 8 – 17. The findings revealed that improvements had generally taken place in the flood affected zones. The Ethiopian government's contribution through the provision of both food and non-food items in Humbo woreda, reduced the number of households requiring immediate basic non-food items in this operation. The largesse of the Ethiopian families towards their displaced relatives in shelter provision also greatly mitigated the effects of the floods.

The Ethiopian Red Cross Society¹ continues to play a lead role in the implementation of the proposed interventions. During the reporting period, the national society made significant progress in the provision of basic non-food items to the affected households.

It is anticipated that a request for the possible extension of this operation will be made in the future as a result of the water and sanitation (WatSan) component, implementation of which is expected to start in September 2005.

At the end of July, contributions amounting to CHF 281,819 had been pledged by the following participating national societies (PNS) towards this Appeal; the Turkish Red Crescent, the Swedish Red Cross, the Finnish Red Cross and the Japanese Red Cross.

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Background

The heavy rains that hit the eastern and southern parts of Ethiopia in April 2005, led to severe flooding which left 156 people dead and thousands others homeless. Reports indicated that up to 235,418 people were affected, while tens of thousands of livestock were killed and substantial damage to crops suffered. The regional disaster response team (RDRT) conducted a rapid assessment of the flood affected areas of Sidama, Wolayita and Arbaminch zones (woredas) of the Southern nations, nationalities and people regional state from 22 May to 31 May. The assessment came up with findings that a total of 8,645 households had been affected; 312 from Dale woreda (district); 4,933 from Humbo woreda; 3,400 from Arbaminch woreda. The assessment team also witnessed crop damage in the Sodo zuria woreda and the bridge that connects Dalle woreda with the market place and health posts was reported damaged.

Operational developments

In response to the unfolding emergency situation, the Ethiopian Red Cross Society (ERCS) and the ICRC jointly distributed non-food items for 541 households (2,700 persons) at Jijiga in Somali region in the eastern part of Ethiopia immediately after the flood from April to May. The national society focused on the southern part due to less intervention by the government and non-governmental organisations in the area.

The society began its planned interventions in June 2005 mainly with the purchasing and putting in place of modalities for the distribution of basic non-food items initially targeting 4,000 households. So far, distribution of basic non-food items and insecticide treated nets has been carried out in the Humbo, Arbaminch and Dale woredas on the basis of the revised number of households (refer to tables 2 and 4 below). It should be noted that there will be no expenditure on plastic sheets as had been budgeted in the Emergency Appeal no. (05EA013) as these are no longer required.

A subsequent assessment of the flood affected areas took place from July 8-17 July along with targeting of basic non-food items for distribution. The findings revealed that improvements had generally taken place in the affected zones. The Ethiopian government's interventions especially in Humbo woreda, in terms of distribution of food and basic non-food items reduced the number of households requiring immediate basic non-food items in this operation from 8,645 to 2,257 with the breakdown as follows; 312 from Dale woreda whose figures have not changed from the initial assessment; 1,388 from Humbo woreda – only two kebeles (villages) namely Abaya Gorecho and Abaya Chukere now require assistance down from 13 kebeles and resettlement areas initially assessed – compared to the initial figures of 4,933; and 557 from Arbaminch woreda down from 3,400.

There is need to carry out rehabilitation activities such as the rehabilitation of damaged water supply and sanitation systems mainly in Sodo zuria woreda as stated in the Emergency Appeal no.(05EA013), and a team consisting of water and sanitation (WatSan) , disaster preparedness/response and health personnel will be deployed to the affected area in mid-September in order to come up with practical revised plan of action and financial requirements for the long-term components of the project.

The following participating national societies (PNS) have pledged CHF 281,819 towards this Appeal; the Turkish Red Crescent, the Swedish Red Cross, the Finnish Red Cross and the Japanese Red Cross.

² Code of Conduct - <http://www.ifrc.org/publicat/conduct/>

³ Humanitarian Charter - <http://www.sphereproject.org/>

Red Cross and Red Crescent action – objectives, progress and impact

Emergency relief (food and basic non-food items)

Objective: To distribute emergency non-food items to 2,257 displaced families.

- This objective has been amended taking into account the developments since the launch of this appeal on 24 June 2005. Consequently, the number of households requiring immediate relief assistance in this operation has dropped from the initial figure of 8,645 as stated in the emergency appeal to 2,257.

Progress

- Community targeting; committees consisting of seven members were established prior to registration. The committee members were representatives of community elders, women, Red Cross volunteers as well as the Red Cross officer and the government development agent. The volunteers were trained in targeting and distribution. A total of 30 volunteers have been mobilized to participate in the screening, registration and distribution of non-food items to 2,257 households.
- Currently, a total of 4,240 blankets; 2,257 cooking dishes; 2,257 teapots; 2,257 bowls; 9,028 plastic plates; 9,028 plastic cups; 2,257 water jerry cans; and 2,257 water jugs have been distributed in the affected areas. Approximately half of the beneficiaries are female. Some 10 per cent of the households entitled to the relief items are women headed while 3 per cent are orphan headed.

Table 1: Revised NFIs Distribution Plan for 2,257 Households

NFIs	Humbo (HH 1,388)		Arbaminch (HH 557)						Dalle Abaya (HH 312)	Total NFIs
	Gorecho (713)	Chukere (675)	Elgo (132)	Kolla Shelle (77)	Shelle Beak (238)	Besuka (44)	Arba minch (15)	Goffa (51)	Abaya Dalle (312)	
Blanket	1,152	1,350	264	154	476	88	30	102	624	4,240
C.Dish	713	675	132	77	238	44	15	51	312	2,257
Tea Pot	713	675	132	77	238	44	15	51	312	2,257
Bowl	713	675	132	77	238	44	15	51	312	2,257
P.Plate	2,852	2,700	528	308	952	176	60	204	1,248	9,028
P.Cup	2,852	2,700	528	308	952	176	60	204	1,248	9,028
Jerry can	713	675	132	77	238	44	15	51	312	2,257
Water jug	713	675	132	77	238	44	15	51	312	2,257

Table 2: Actual Distributions and Remaining (Contingency) Stock of NFIs

NFIs	Humbo (HH 1,388)		Arbaminch (HH 557)						Dalle Abaya (HH 312)	Purchased	Contingency stock
	Gorecho (713)	Chukere (675)	Elgo (132)	Kolla Shelle (77)	Shelle Beak (238)	Besuka (44)	Arba minch (15)	Goffa (51)	Abaya Dalle (312)		
Blanket	1,152	1,350	264	154	476	88	30	102	624	8,000	3,760
C.Dish	713	675	132	77	238	44	15	51	312	4,000	1,743
Tea Pot	713	675	132	77	238	44	15	51	312	4,000	1,743
Bowl	713	675	132	77	238	44	15	51	312	4,000	1,743
P.Plate	2,852	2,700	528	308	952	176	60	204	1,248	16,000	6,972
P. Cup	2,852	2,700	528	308	952	176	60	204	1,248	16,000	6,972
Jerry can	713	675	132	77	238	44	15	51	312	4,000	1,743
Water jug	713	675	132	77	238	44	15	51	312	4,000	1,743

Health

Objective 1: Improve access to health services and secure a healthy environment.

Progress

- A total of 8,000 insecticide treated nets (ITN) were procured and 4,240 dispatched to the affected areas.

Table 3: Revised ITN Distribution Plan for 2,257 Households

NFIs	Humbo (HH 1,388)		Arbaminch (HH 557)						Dalle Abaya (HH 312)	Total NFIs
	Gorecho (713)	Chukere (675)	Elgo (132)	Kolla Shelle (77)	Shelle Beak (238)	Besuka (44)	Arba minch (15)	Goffa (51)	Abaya Dalle (312)	
ITN	1,152	1,350	264	154	476	88	30	102	624	4,240

Table 4: Actual Distributions and Remaining (Contingency) Stock of ITNs

NFIs	Humbo (HH 1,388)		Arbaminch (HH 557)						Dalle Abaya (HH 312)	Purchased	Contingency stock
	Gorecho (713)	Chukere (675)	Elgo (132)	Kolla Shelle (77)	Shelle Beak (238)	Besuka (44)	Arba minch (15)	Goffa (51)	Abaya Dalle (312)		
M. Nets	1,152	1,350	264	154	476	88	30	102	624	8,000	3,760

Federation Coordination

The Ethiopian Red Cross Society continues to play a leading role in the implementation of the proposed interventions. It has a well-established structure at the grass root level with the capacity to manage and implement the activities of the overall emergency operation.

The sub-regional office for the Horn of Africa and the Regional Delegation Nairobi (RDN) are coordinating the responses to the emergency situation. They have also been involved in finalizing the appeal document, assisting in the procurement of items, collaborating with different partner organizations to raise funds and providing technical assistance.

Discussions with UN agencies and the Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Commission (DPPC) of Ethiopia, which is the focal organization for coordinating the emergency operation, have been held. The national society sub-branches in the affected areas are also working closely with the DPPC field offices.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement – Principles and initiatives

Promoting the fundamental principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement within the target area will be addressed when the programme is fully operational. It will be addressed alongside the capacity building endeavour including provision of trainings and awareness sessions to the volunteers and the affected community respectively.

National Society Capacity Building

The proposed national society capacity building including the purchase of computer and telecom equipment, workshops and trainings will be undertaken in the future pending on the financial situation.

Communications – Advocacy and Public Information

Information generated and progress made will be communicated to concerned offices/organizations through operations updates and programme reports.

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ANNEX 1

APPEAL No. 05EA013

PLEDGES RECEIVED

05/09/2005

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				735,000	TOTAL COVERAGE 40.7%	
FINNISH - RC		50,000	EUR	77,400	05.07.05	
CHINA - HONG KONG - RC BRANCH		11,442	HKD	1,895	08.08.05	
JAPANESE - RC		19,000	USD	23,668	04.07.05	
MONACO - RC		10,000	EUR	15,605	10.08.05	
SWEDISH - GOVT		1,000,000	SEK	168,300	01.07.05	
TURKISH - RC		10,000	USD	12,457	24.06.05	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				299,325	CHF	40.7%

KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				0	CHF	0.0%

ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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