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KENYA: DROUGHT

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The Federation's mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity. It is the world's largest humanitarian organization and its millions of volunteers are active in over 185 countries.

In Brief

Appeal No. MDRKE001; Operations Update no. 4; Period covered: 21 June to 7 September 2006; Appeal coverage: 31%.

The above Appeal coverage only includes multilateral contributions. The Kenya Red Cross Society reported that by September 2006, cash and in-kind contributions totalling to approximately KES 478,791,278.50 (CHF 8,378,847) had been received in-country for activities additional to those under this Revised Appeal.

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Appeal history:

- Launched on 4 January 2006 - <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/06/MDRKE001.pdf> for CHF 16,369,585 (USD 12,700,000 or EUR 10,500,000) in cash, kind or services for 12 months to assist 329,000 beneficiaries.
- Refer to <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/06/MDRKE00101.pdf> for Operations Update no. 1
- For Operations Update no. 2, refer to: <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/06/MDRKE00102.pdf>
- Operations Update no. 3 – <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/06/MDRKE00103.pdf> – dated 25 July 2006, increased the Appeal budget from CHF 16,369,585 to CHF 16,840,847.
- Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF) allocated: CHF 427,808. For the DREF Bulletin, refer to <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/appeals/05/05ME076.pdf>

Outstanding needs: CHF 11,690,418 (USD 9,352,334 or EUR 7,352,464)

Operational Summary: Efforts have been made by the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) and its partner national societies (PNSs) to ensure that the implementation of the plan of action (PoA) that was initiated at the time when the drought situation was most acute is on course. In particular, food distribution continues to be of high priority as well as improvements on access to safe drinking water and hygiene promotion.



As compared to the distribution figures in the previous Operations Update, an additional 8 metric tonnes (MT) of maize flour/grains, 186 MT of rice, 13.4 MT of beans, 24.8 MT of cooking oil/fat and 1,394 MT of UNIMIX has presently been distributed to beneficiaries in 29 districts. Despite a steady and continuing improvement to the drought situation, there is a need to remain vigilant to the possibilities of a cyclic drought phenomenon.

Photo left: KRCS staff monitor distribution of food.

This Operation is aligned with the International Federation's 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 number 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.**
- **To reduce intolerance, discrimination and social exclusion and promote respect for diversity and human dignity.**

Background

The drought that ravaged most parts of Kenya since late 2005 caused devastating effects on the residents of 18 districts out of which 16 of them were worst hit and needed urgent mitigation activities. Most the worst affected districts were in the Eastern and North Eastern provinces with relatively low impact on the other provinces. The affected districts include Mandera, Wajir, Garissa, Isiolo, Marsabit, Mwingi, Tana River, Kajiado, Kwale, Makueni, Ijara, Turkana, Kitui, Samburu, Taita/Taveta and Laikipia. As a consequence, the President of Kenya declared this catastrophe a national disaster with appeals for assistance from donors and other well wishers. The drought situation and food security prospects since January 2006 were reported through the Emergency Appeal (MDRKE001). The Kenya Food Security meeting (KFSSM) report of 8 February 2006 noted that 396,525 metric tonnes (MT) of additional food assistance, valued at CHF 276,920,263 was required for 12 months.

Operational developments

The long rains replenished the rehabilitated pans and dams in various districts including Turkana, Isiolo and Marsabit. However, these improvements will be short lived, as the water in these pans continues to evaporate as well as increasing risks of water contamination. It is anticipated that water scarcity will increase and the affected communities will have to walk longer distances (of between 2 and 7 kilometres) as well as wait longer times to fetch water at water points. According to received media reports, the main water sources are boreholes and shallow wells where water access is guaranteed at a fee.

It is foreseen that food aid, livestock support, emergency health, water and nutrition as well as special feeding interventions will remain critical with respect to sustaining livelihoods. Food aid and nutrition interventions are not being sufficiently complemented by improvements in health and water provision. As a result, there are high underlying levels of malnutrition. The main factor affecting food security is livestock losses experienced during the drought. According to the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS), average global acute malnutrition (GAM) rates for the affected districts range between 21 percent and 32 percent and severe acute malnutrition (SAM) is at 2.1 percent.

By September 2006, the KRCS had received cash and in-kind donations totaling to approximately KES 478,791,278.50 from well-wishers. In an effort to maximize on the goodwill from the public, the national society has set aside Thursday of every week to receive donations from well-wishers (although this has slowed down since its inception). However, the response to date has been encouraging with a total of 4,274 MT of foodstuff received, out of which 99 percent has already been distributed. Various recommendations to the Kenya Food Security Steering Group (KFSSG) from humanitarian agencies have indicated that food aid should be enhanced in the areas where no positive impact was felt after the long rains like Tana River and Kajiado districts. In addition, nutritional support and supplementary feeding should be targeted to communities still reporting persistent high malnutrition rates among children aged under five years.



A KRCS Red Cross Action Team (RCAT) member addresses a Federation and PNS coordination team.

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During the reporting period, an additional 8 MT of maize flour/grains, 186 MT of rice, 13.4 MT of beans, 24.8 MT of cooking oil/fat and 1,394 MT of UNIMIX had been distributed to beneficiaries in 29 districts as indicated in the table below. The criteria for distribution was based on the local needs and priorities, with areas that were worst affected by the drought receiving special attention. These include Mandera District, the highest recipient of rice and UNIMIX followed by Marsabit District being the highest recipient of cooking oil while Samburu District received the highest quantity of maize flour as shown in the table below. According to the KFSSG, there is an urgent need for continued emergency food and non-food assistance as well as the need to address the emerging trends.

Table 1: Area statistics of food distribution in metric tonnes (MT) received and distributed

District	Maize flour/grains	Rice	Beans	Cooking oil/fat	UNIMIX	Others	Total
Mandera	51	121	4	3.8	202	71	452.8
Marsabit	68	30	13	7	164	78	360
Isiolo	19	28	5	3	181	52	288
Turkana	35	0	3	2	150	1	191
Makueni	58	0	7	1	145	1	212
Kitui	46	0	7	1	171	1	226
Mwingi	27	0	2	0	95	0	124
Ijara	0	4	0	0	91	11	106
Kajiado	29	0	3	1	116	0	149
Nyeri	19	0	0	0	0	1	20
Wajir	1	27	4	6	162	69	269
Nairobi	10	0	0.4	0	0	2	12.4
Mbeere	16	0	2	1	52	0	71
Garissa	28	51	3	5	152	81	320
West Pokot	24	0	5	0	76	13	118
Samburu	78	0	13	3	98	0	192
Lamu	19	21	0	0	86	36	162
Laikipia	8	0	1	1	30	0	40
Kilifi	24	10	4	6	69	1	114
Moyale	44	0	7	1	154	0	206
Baringo	54	0	5	0	86	0	145
Bondo	14	0	5	4	0	0	23
Machakos	0	0	0	0	30	0	30
Malindi	0	4	0	0	60	11	75
Tana River	0	0	0	0	110	0	110
Narok					20		20
Tharaka Nithi	0	0	0	0	27	0	27
Mombasa	0	4	0		0	11	15
Kwale	0	13		2.0	90	34	139
Total distributed	672	313	93.4	47.8	2,617	474	4,217.2
Total received	673	315	94	48	2,617	527	4,274
Balance	1.0	2.0	0.6	0.2	0.0	53	56.8

Generally, there is poor health seeking behaviour; immunization rates remain low at 38 percent with high morbidity rates caused by malaria, respiratory infections and diarrhoea. Six children died in Wajir District and six others in Isiolo District Hospital in North Eastern Province after an outbreak of Kala-azar disease¹. These trends will undoubtedly undermine infant health if they are not controlled. A campaign to educate parents about the Kala-azar

¹ A deadly parasitic disease characterized by anaemia and the inflammation of the liver and spleen, and is transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected female sand fly.

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threat is ongoing and health personnel have been mobilized from both Wajir and Isiolo to spray houses in a bid to kill the sand flies. Lack of adequate health services in the rural areas continue to be a major contributing factor to the health condition of the affected communities.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Goal: To provisionally assist some 329,000 targeted beneficiaries in Kenya to cope with the present drought, reduce its impact and initiate recovery activities.

Objective 1: To mitigate the effects of drought and increase resilience of affected communities in Mandera, Wajir, Garissa (North Eastern Province), Marsabit, Mwingi, Isiolo, Makueni (Eastern Province), Kajiado (Rift Valley Province), Tana River, Kwale (Coast Province) through the protection and management of livestock assets.

Progress

The Irish Red Cross pledged to contribute towards the KRCS re-stocking programme by distributing livestock to 100 households. The KRCS shall re-stock a further 500 households in the remaining five districts using funds from the Federation. Details on the number of beneficiaries in the de-stocking programme were not available at the time of reporting.

Objective 2: To provide fortified supplementary food (UNIMIX) to 37,500 children in 20 districts between January and August.

Progress

In the month of July, a total of 432 MT of UNIMIX was distributed to 43,200 children in Marsabit, Mwingi, Kitui, Makueni, Kajiado, Garissa, Wajir and Mandera districts. These eight districts have so far received over 1,207 MT of UNIMIX. The distribution exercise was able to surpass the targeted number of beneficiaries by 5,700 due to experience in distribution by the national society staff and volunteers as well as the desire to help.

Objective 3: To improve access to safe drinking water, livestock water, hygiene promotion and sanitation facilities in the ten targeted districts, both in the immediate and medium-term.

Progress

A total of 20 bladder tanks have been bought. In addition, 10 storage tanks of 10 cubic metres each have been distributed in the six districts – Makueni, Kitui, Kwale, Turkana, Isiolo and Marsabit – under the European Commission Humanitarian Office (ECHO) project. Two pipeline extensions have been constructed in Kwale, Makueni and Kitui districts.

A refresher Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation (PHAST) training also took place in Makueni and Kwale. Plans to facilitate health-related PHAST training in areas where water intervention programmes have been scheduled are on course. Training has also taken place in Kitui and Garissa. 28 water management committees (WMC) have also been trained in the six districts under the ECHO project.

Spare parts have been supplied to 10 boreholes in Kwale, Makueni, Kitui, Turkana, Isiolo and Marsabit districts and 12 shallow wells are being rehabilitated in Turkana District. There are also plans to commence construction of 3 model latrines in Kwale, Makueni and Kitui districts.

Objective 4: To significantly reduce mortality and morbidity in vulnerable populations and in emergency situations.

Progress

20 emergency health kits were donated through the KRCS by the German Red Cross to 12 districts while the 4 other districts received two kits each. The distribution criterion was based on the effects of the drought and the vulnerability of the areas. More than 2,000 people benefited from free medication over a two days camp at Elwak area.

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In addition, other activities undertaken by the national society included health education, hygiene behaviour change and social mobilization campaigns mainly conducted to stimulate demand for the available health services in the affected areas. In July 2006, a surgical camp benefited over 91 people in Kitui and Marsabit districts. A health and nutritional assessment was conducted in Isiolo District in July 2006. Since September 2006, the national society has been conducting malaria prevention and control campaigns in Kwale, Makueni, Kitui and Tana River districts.

Objective 5: To build and sustain a logistics capacity in primary and secondary transportation and warehousing in the field that would enable access to beneficiaries in remote locations at all times.

Progress

During the month of July, 5 trucks were involved in the measles and insecticide-treated mosquito nets (ITNs) distribution campaigns in 21 districts where a total of 1.7 million ITNs were distributed in addition to vaccines and drugs. One rubble hall was erected in Garissa District. The rubble hall will now be used as a storage facility for relief items destined for North Eastern Province.

Objective 6: To provide assistance to 5,000 households affected by drought, clashes and floods (especially displaced pastoralists or drop-out pastoralists) with assorted non-food items.

Progress

Following massive drought in North Horr and Loyangalani divisions of Marsabit District, non-food items (NFI) were distributed to 72 families who were displaced as a result of the floods as shown in the table below:

Table 2: Non-food items distributed in North Horr and Loyangalani, Marsabit district

Item	Quantity
Blankets	169 pieces
Kitchen sets	72 sets
Tarpaulins	72 pieces
Jerry cans	151 cans
Pieces of soap	864 pieces

Objective 7: To enable effective, reliable and efficient Information Technology (IT) and radio communication between the drought-affected areas and the headquarters as well as within the affected districts.

Progress

No report during the period under review

Federation coordination

The Transport Support Unit (TSU) operations – based on initial and continuous assessments to determine the project's viability – in Mandera, Wajir, Marsabit and Moyale districts have been on course.

Based on the drought appeal, the KRCS received 20 new emergency health kits from the German Red Cross and distributed them to 16 districts with each district receiving one kit. Following negotiations between the KRCS, the German Red Cross and the government, the kits were increased to 20 based on the fact that Mandera District had a dysentery outbreak while Kajiado, Wajir and Marsabit districts were severely hit by the drought, thus, calling for additional support.

There is also an on-going project in the six districts funded by ECHO. The World Food Programme (WFP) has extended the Emergency Operation (EMOP) Phase IV in 17 districts namely Turkana, Mandera, Marsabit, Wajir, Garissa, Tana River, Isiolo, Makueni, Kitui, Mwingi, Machakos, Kwale, Kilifi, Samburu, Kajiado, Taita/Taveta and Malindi.

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Support was extended to the Ministry of Health (MoH) with a supply of emergency drug kits during a medical camp that was organized by Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) and Kenya Medical Association (KMA). The Kenya Red Cross Society is working in close collaboration with the Ministry of Special Programmes, the KFSM, Arid Lands Resource Management Project (ALRMP) and National Operation Centre (NOC) in its interventions.

Communications – Advocacy and public information

The national society issues one press release each week inviting the media for public donations received at its headquarters on Thursday afternoons. Other press releases are issued based on specific needs such as giving critical information about the drought operation or during flagging-off of donations. The KRCS has also participated in various local media initiatives to publicize the drought, thereby increasing resources for the operation. Contacts continue to be made with the local and international media to conduct interviews as well as produce and publish articles and photographs to raise awareness to the public about the plight of the drought-affected populations.

Capacity of the national society

The KRCS relies on its fully operational branches with both employed and volunteer staff in all the affected areas and continues to put up mechanisms to have these branches fully equipped and motivated to keep up the operations as they are instrumental in the distribution of relief food and NFIs.

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Selected Parameters	
Reporting Timeframe	2006/1-2006/10
Budget Timeframe	2006/1-2006/12
Appeal	MDRKE001
Budget	APPEAL

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Consolidated Response to Appeal

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
A. Budget		16'840'847				16'840'847
B. Opening Balance		0				0
Income						
Cash contributions						
American Red Cross		194'850				194'850
Australia - Private Donors		223				223
British Red Cross		79'310				79'310
Finnish Red Cross		155'650				155'650
Irish Government		77'723				77'723
Irish Red Cross Society		156'853				156'853
Japanese Red Cross Society		332'142				332'142
Libyan Red Crescent		1'000				1'000
Monaco Red Cross		31'300				31'300
Netherlands Red Cross		1'929'134				1'929'134
Norwegian Red Cross		821'552				821'552
On Line donations		14'681				14'681
Swedish Red Cross		678'700				678'700
Switzerland - Private Donors		200				200
C1. Cash contributions		4'473'316				4'473'316
Outstanding pledges (Revalued)						
Swedish Red Cross		342'200				342'200
C2. Outstanding pledges (Revalued)		342'200				342'200
Inkind Goods & Transport						
Other		219'300				219'300
C4. Inkind Goods & Transport		219'300				219'300
Inkind Personnel						
IFRC		19'013				19'013
Norwegian Red Cross		96'599				96'599
C5. Inkind Personnel		115'612				115'612
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C6)		5'150'429				5'150'429
D. Total Funding = B + C		5'150'429				5'150'429

II. Balance of Funds

	Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation	TOTAL
B. Opening Balance		0				0
C. Income		5'150'429				5'150'429
E. Expenditure		-3'907'319				-3'907'319
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		1'243'110				1'243'110

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III. Budget Analysis / Breakdown of Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Health & Care	Disaster Management	Humanitarian Values	Organisational Development	Coordination & Implementation		
A							B	A - B
BUDGET (C)		16'840'847					16'840'847	
Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	594'000		83'230				83'230	510'770
Food	5'009'322							5'009'322
Seeds,Plants			448				448	-448
Water & Sanitation	3'785'073		134'960				134'960	3'650'113
Medical & First Aid	1'226'305							1'226'305
Utensils & Tools	182'000		140				140	181'860
Other Supplies & Services	309'831							309'831
Total Supplies	11'106'532		218'777				218'777	10'887'754
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Land & Buildings			1'193				1'193	-1'193
Vehicles	698'746							698'746
Computers & Telecom	20'614		12'763				12'763	7'851
Office/Household Furniture & Eq	15'588							15'588
Others Machinery & Equipment	29'456							29'456
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	764'404		13'956				13'956	750'447
Transport & Storage								
Storage			7'953				7'953	-7'953
Distribution & Monitoring	586'908		74'897				74'897	512'011
Transport & Vehicle Costs	1'638'078		92'814				92'814	1'545'264
Total Transport & Storage	2'224'986		175'663				175'663	2'049'322
Personnel Expenditures								
Delegates Payroll	296'044		31'023				31'023	265'021
Delegate Benefits	59'428		164'987				164'987	-105'559
National Staff			7'766				7'766	-7'766
National Society Staff	649'170		299				299	648'871
Total Personnel Expenditures	1'004'642		204'075				204'075	800'567
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	124'288							124'288
Total Workshops & Training	124'288							124'288
General Expenditure								
Travel	16'506		54'054				54'054	-37'548
Information & Public Relation	2'001		1'016				1'016	985
Office Costs	99'606		28'208				28'208	71'398
Communications	44'965		8'771				8'771	36'194
Professional Fees			98				98	-98
Other General Expenses	358'263		379				379	357'884
Total General Expenditure	521'341		92'526				92'526	428'815
Federation Contributions & Transfers								
Cash Transfers National Societi			2'956'746				2'956'746	-2'956'746
Total Federation Contributions & Transfers			2'956'746				2'956'746	-2'956'746
Program Support								
Program Support	1'094'655		245'574				245'574	849'081
Total Program Support	1'094'655		245'574				245'574	849'081
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	16'840'847		3'907'319				3'907'319	12'933'529
VARIANCE (C - D)			12'933'529				12'933'529	