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# Emergency appeal operation update

## Somalia: Drought

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**Emergency appeal n° MDRSO001**  
**GLIDE n° DR-2011-000029-SOM**  
**Operation update n°1**  
**20 October 2011**

**Period covered by this Ops Update:** This update represents covers the first 21 days from the launch of the emergency appeal (September 23 to October 14).

**Appeal target (current):** CHF 4,158,791

**Appeal coverage:** 47%; [<click here to go directly to the updated donor response report, or here to link to contact details >](#)

#### Appeal history:

- This [Emergency Appeal](#) was initially launched on 23 September 2011 for CHF 4,158,791 for 12 months to assist 150,000 beneficiaries.
- No funds were used from IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) since IFRC operational support to the Somalia drought has been ongoing since January, 2011 through the scaled-up Somalia Annual Country Plan.



**SRCS Bosaso branch volunteer organize school children in Adisone village, Karkar region for nutrition screening. Photo by SRCS**

**Summary:** The severe drought and resulting food insecurity in southern and central Somalia has also affected Somaliland and Puntland areas in the north, including the influx of 67,000 IDPs in Somaliland and 139,000 in Puntland. The new Emergency Appeal builds on the ongoing drought response initiated by the Somali Red Crescent (SRCS) in January, 2011. The immediate response from the RC/RC Movement enabled the IFRC to mobilize non-food items (NFIs) from the Regional Logistics Unit in Dubai. During the first two weeks of the appeal, NFIs were shipped to the port of Berbera in Somaliland and are expected to arrive on 24 October 2011. Another shipment will be dispatched to the port of Bosaso in Puntland, which is expected to arrive during the first week of November. The NFIs delivery will enable the Somali Red Crescent to address the immediate needs of an estimated 5,000 families newly displaced from southern and central Somalia who were forced to leave their homes due to famine and conflict.

A request for five vehicles has been placed through the Global Fleet Base in Dubai to replace the rented vehicles currently used as mobile clinics. The SRCS branches in Puntland and Somaliland started the procurement process for dry food rations to be distributed to targeted schools in areas affected by the drought to keep children in schools.

## The situation

A combination of conflict, drought and soaring food prices led to a deteriorating food security situation in Somalia. In July 2011, the UN declared famine in three regions in south Somalia. Namely, Middle Shabelle, Lower Shabelle and Bakool. In August, three more regions followed, namely Afgooye Corridor IDP Settlement, Mogadishu IDP Community and Bay Region. In Puntland and Somaliland in the North East and North West, the food security situation is relatively better. However, the regions are receiving an increasing influx of IDPs from south and central Somalia, which is putting more pressure on the host communities. Currently, the IDP population is estimated to be 67,000 in Somaliland and 139,000 in Puntland (UNHCR May, 2011).

The seasonal assessment released on 8 October, 2011, post Gu (spring rains) by the Somalia Food Security and Nutritional Analysis Unit (FSNAU) and Famine Early Warning System (FEWS NET) indicates that four million people remain in crisis nationwide, including three million in southern Somalia. The population in crisis includes 1.8 million people who are in Humanitarian Emergency (HE) and 830,000 people in Acute Food and Livelihood Crisis (AFLC) in urban and rural areas. Of the total people in crisis, 910,000 are IDPs.

The collective effort of the humanitarian community since July has eased the situation. However, the humanitarian emergency persists across all non-famine areas, particularly in the south. Humanitarian action has accelerated across the south and central, although interruptions in the aid pipeline have been experienced, mainly due to security and access restrictions.

The Deyr rainy season (autumn rains, September-December) started in most parts of Somalia including Somaliland and Puntland, and is expected to replenish pasture and water sources. Rains are predicted to be average, and if they continue at their current level, most affected areas will recover from the drought effects by early 2012.

## Coordination and partnerships

IFRC support continues to focus in Somaliland and Puntland while the ICRC continues to focus its activities in south and central Somalia. The Somali Red Crescent branches in Somaliland and Puntland will continue to lead the implementation of activities supported by IFRC. The SRCS and IFRC are working closely with the UN agencies and other humanitarian actors through the relevant clusters such as health and WASH, under the umbrella of Somalia Support Secretariat (SSS) and the Coordination of International support to Somalia (CISS) forums.

IFRC and ICRC are supporting the SRCS to lead Movement coordination in Mogadishu where a number of sister national societies are operational. A weekly coordination forum is established in Mogadishu, chaired by SRCS, where information on activities is shared. The SRCS, supported by the ICRC and IFRC is working on a memorandum of understanding to be signed by the movement partners to improve coordination and formalize the working relationship between the PNSs that operate in Mogadishu and the SRCS to ensure the security, integrity and image of the Movement.

**National Society Capacity Building:** The Somali Red Crescent with support from IFRC started its response to the drought situation from January, 2011. The National Society branch emergency response teams were mobilized to deliver fuel subsidies to the boreholes, distribute NFIs to the IDPs and monitor the rehabilitation of water sources. Health teams scaled up services from mobile clinics to reach the nomadic communities and IDPs affected by the drought. The SRCS branches, through the community based health and First Aid (CBHFA) and the health education programme, continued to promote water hygiene, especially in the areas where communities consume water from ground reservoirs and shallow wells, in order to reduce the incidence of water-borne diseases and the outbreak of seasonal watery diarrhea which occur at the beginning of the rainy season.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

### Overview

The New Emergency Appeal is building on the ongoing response to the drought situation which started in January, 2011. The action carried on by the SRCS included rehabilitation of water sources, scaling up of mobile clinics activities, distribution of non-food items to the IDPs and targeted food distribution to schools and pregnant and lactating women through the SRCS fixed clinics network.

Through the Regional Logistics Unit the Red Cross Red Crescent action mobilized non-food items pre-positioned at the RLU in Dubai. Two shipments were dispatched to Somaliland and Puntland and are expected to arrive in October and November respectively. A Vehicle Request Form (VRF) was sent to the Global Fleet Base in Dubai to procure five Toyota Hard Top Land-cruiser vehicles to replace rented vehicles used as mobile clinics.

## Progress towards outcomes

### Relief and early recovery: (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**

| Expected results   | Activities planned   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Livelihoods of 300 fishing communities in coastal areas of Puntland have improved through fishing gear support<sup>1</sup>.</li> <li>5,000 IDPs households' immediate needs are met through provision of basic non-food items.</li> </ul> | <p>Procure and distribute:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>300 sets of fishing gear for 300 fishing families in coastal areas of Puntland and Somaliland.</li> <li>10,000 pcs tarpaulin, 5,000 foldable 20lt jerry cans, 10,000 blankets, 5,000 kitchen sets, 5,000 buckets</li> <li>2,000 First Aid kits for volunteers, 2,000 aprons, 2,000 Red Cross jackets, manuals and training materials for 19 branches.</li> <li>5,000 hygiene parcels (Body soap, laundry soap, sanitary pads, toilet paper, toothpaste, tooth brush, chlorine tablets, razor disposable, shampoo, washable diaper),</li> <li>Livelihoods groups of drought affected communities are assessed for ongoing programming.</li> </ul> |

### Progress:



Loading NFIs for Somaliland at Dubai, photo IFRC RLU

10,000 pcs of tarpaulin, 5,000 jerry cans, 10,000 blankets, 4,900 buckets, 5,000 kitchen sets, 5,000 hygiene parcels, 20,000 mosquito nets and 10,000 blankets were procured through RLU in Dubai. Out of these NFIs, 3,300 pcs tarpaulin, 1,650 jerry cans, 1,660 buckets, 1,650 kitchen sets, 1,650 hygiene kit, 10,000 mosquito nets, and 3,300 blankets were shipped to Somaliland on 12 October, 2011 and the consignment is expected to arrive in Berbera port on 24 October, 2011. The SRCS Coordination Office in Somaliland started preparing for the clearance of the consignment. The transport tendering process for the shipment of the balance of the NFIs to Puntland is in progress and the consignment is expected to be shipped to Bosaso port within the month of October.

The SRCS branches in Somaliland and Puntland are preparing the distribution plans for distributions expected to take place in November. The IFRC East Africa logistic unit and the Somalia Country Representation have started the procurement process for the fishing gear in Kenya. Requests for quotations have been sent out to suppliers for bidding. A tendering process for 2,000 FA kits is in progress, and an order was placed to suppliers to produce 2,000 aprons and 2,000 jackets with SRCS logo to be distributed for SRCS volunteers in 19 branches.

### Emergency health and nutrition:

**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.**

| Expected results  | Activities planned   |
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| Scaled up integrated health services and nutrition have built | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue and extend the services of the 14 mobile health teams (6 in Puntland and 8 in Somaliland)</li> </ul> |

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

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| up the resilience of the affected communities through better access to health and nutrition services   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supporting the NS with adequate transportation.</li> <li>Procure and deliver 54 medical OPD kits, 6 Cholera kits and equipment on quarterly basis.</li> <li>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</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The resilience of the community is improved through increased health awareness, knowledge and health behavioural change.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>Distribute 10,000 insecticide treated bed nets to pregnant and lactating mothers through the SRCS fixed clinics network</li> </ul>  |

#### Progress:

- Price quotations for 54 OPD kits were sent and will be procured by end of October.
- The SRCS branches in Somaliland and Puntland sent out price quotations to procure food for five schools in Puntland and three schools in Somaliland.
- Statistics from SRCS mobile clinics are expected to be compiled by the end of October.
- The IFRC Health team is currently in Somaliland to conduct a training on Epidemic Control for Volunteers and a Reproductive Health training for clinics staff.

#### 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

| 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"> <li>Procure 6 generators and submersible pumps for 6 boreholes in Somaliland and Puntland.</li> <li>Provide fuel to run 23 boreholes in Puntland and 10 boreholes in Somaliland.</li> <li>Dig 10 shallow wells fitted with 10 hand pumps in the IDPs settlements in Puntland and Somaliland.</li> <li>Chlorination of water reservoirs, shallow wells, deep wells and water containers.</li> <li>Procure and distribute 1,000 ceramic water filters to the households in Puntland.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>ORS distribution and demonstration on preparation at household levels should be included.</li> </ul> |
| Sanitation in IDPS settlements have improved and risk to diseases is mitigated.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Procure and distribute 18 sets of sanitation tools each set containing of (shovels, wheel barrows, forks, axes) to nine branches in Somaliland and Puntland.</li> </ul>  |
| The health status of the drought affected population is improved through health education and water hygiene promotion activities.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mobilize the affected communities to protect water sources through regular clean up campaigns.</li> <li>Mobilize volunteers to clean up drainage system at water sources.</li> </ul>   |

**Progress:**

The SRCS Coordination office in Somaliland is working with the water department in Hargeisa and a consulting water engineering company to prepare cost estimates for rehabilitation of two boreholes, one in Ghalbeed region and one in Sool region. The report is expected to be ready by the end of October.

SRCS branches in Somaliland and Puntland are preparing a request for procurement of sanitation tools for the nine branches to be used in the clean up campaigns.

**Logistics**

**SRCS logistics, supported by the Regional Logistics Unit (RLU) based in Dubai, UAE, 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.

**Process:**

A mobilization table will be set up and will be made available on the International Federation's Disaster Management Information System (DMIS). The International Federation will be working on mobilizing specific relief items to respond to the needs in the field and donors should coordinate with RLU regarding outstanding needs. RLU will provide shipping instructions, mobilization guidelines and issue a commodity tracking number before any goods are shipped to the operation. Procurement of goods and transportation can be arranged through Dubai RLU.

**Progress:**

The Regional Logistic Unit in Dubai has set up a mobilization table for the NFIs and posted it (online on IFRC's DMIS system). All main NFIs were secured from the pre-positioned stocks in Dubai and a shipment has already departed Dubai to Berbera port for the Somaliland consignment. The transport tendering for the Puntland consignment is in progress and is expected to be delivered to Bosaso port in early November. For more details, please refer to section 1 above (Relief distribution).

The Global Fleet Base has completed international tendering for four vehicles and the order is placed to the successful bidder. Tendering for a fifth vehicle will start in due course.

**Communications – Advocacy and Public Information**

Somalia Representation has contributed to the Horn of Africa Operation bio-weekly update issued by the communication department of IFRC East Africa Regional Representation to inform the donors and media about the progress of the operation.

Somalia Representation attended the conference on Somalia recovery organized by the Humanitarian Forum and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). The conference which was convened in Nairobi, Kenya was attended by more than 120 people representing INGOs, UN system, Donor Governments, the RC/RC and Somali and Kenyan NGOs. The Country Representative shared the Emergency Appeal with the Representatives of the Islamic Development Bank in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia and translated the Appeal into Arabic to be shared with the Arabic Speaking donors.

**Challenges:**

No major challenges are foreseen at this stage, as the Appeal has just been launched, however, the donors' response to the vehicles replacement component is low and the operation might continue to rent vehicles for the mobile health teams for some time.

There are no major access problems in Somaliland and Puntland, however, in the south and central, access beyond the capital Mogadishu is restricted. As indicated above, coordination among Movement partners can be improved, particularly among sister national societies operating in Mogadishu and the host national society.

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