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Emergency Plan of Action operation update

Ethiopia: Population Movement



Emergency Appeal: Operation update No. 4	Operation n° MDRET015;Glide n° OT-2014-00001-ETH
Date of issue: 6 November 2015	Timeframe covered by this update: 1 July to 30 October 2015
Operation start date: 22 December 2014	Operations timeframe: 14 months (22 December 2014 to 31 January 2016)
Overall budget: CHF 756,115.	Total estimated Red Cross and Red Crescent response to date: CHF 489,973
Operation manager (responsible for this EPoA): Jill Clements, IFRC Country representative, Ethiopia	Point of contact: Hagos Gemechu; Deputy General Secretary for programmes.
Number of people affected: 245,0000 refugees	Number of people to be assisted: 47,100
Host National Society presence (volunteers, staff, branches): Ethiopia Red Cross Society	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners a involved in the operation: IFRC, ICRC, Swiss Red Cross	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: Ethiopia Government (ARRA: Agency for Refugees and Returnees Affairs), UN agencies (UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, IOM, WHO). International NGOs includes: DRC, NCA/DCA, ADRA, NRC, IMC, MSF-Holland, Concern, ACF, Save the Children and national NGOs such as RaDo, DiCac, NRDEP and others.	

This update is to inform of timeframe extension by 1 month (new end date: 31 January 2016). Due to unexpected impact on humanitarian actors as a result of the annual week of *Nationals and Nationality Day* celebrations in the Gambella town and surrounding areas, the planned evaluation has to be postponed to mid-January and the agreed phase out/handover of activities to ERCS are expected to be delayed with restricted movement for ERCS staff and other humanitarian actors from late November through mid-December 2015.

Description of the disaster

The conflict between government and opposition forces in Juba broke out on 15 December 2013 and quickly spread to other locations in South Sudan. Despite repeated ceasefire agreements and peace negotiations, the conflict still continues, leaving 1.9 million people dependent on emergency assistance within South Sudan and resulting severe humanitarian crises within the country and in the borderland of neighbouring countries. Since December 2013 up to 1.6 million people were internally displaced whereas more than 771,340 South Sudanese had moved across borders, including 225,145 into Ethiopia. In total, Ethiopia hosts approximately 289,071 South Sudanese refugees of which 91% are women and children, 71% of the adult population are women and 85% of the registered refugees live in camps (UNHCR Update, 30 October 2015).

The majority of displaced South Sudanese have sought refuges in Ethiopia's Gambella Regional State through three border entry points citing fighting and food insecurity as the main reasons for their flight, in addition to citing human rights abuses and lack of basic services in their latest area of residence. Many refugees have gone through several rounds of displacement before arriving in Ethiopia.

As the humanitarian situation within South Sudan continues to deteriorate, Gambella continues to be a destination for civilians fleeing the war, food insecurity and violence. Despite attempts to sustain the large refugee operations in Gambella with essential services and sustainable solutions for protracted crisis, the living conditions and needs for provision of life saving humanitarian assistance to those refugees already arrived in Ethiopia's Gambella region, remains at a critical stage.

Action from Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

On 22 December 2014, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and Ethiopia Red Cross Society (ERCS) launched an emergency appeal with the aim of continuing lifesaving emergency response activities started under the completed DREF operations in early 2014. The EPoA covered an initial nine months, specifically in the areas of primary health (ambulance services and first aid) and WASH (hygiene promotion and environmental sanitation) and targeting a total population of 34,365 (host and refugees) to be reached with a budget of CHF 1,050,574. Due to flooding in Leitchour camp where the ERCS implemented their appeal activities, the population was relocated to a safe location in Jewii.

The [Appeal was revised](#) with the timeframe increased to 13 months while the budget reduced to CHF 756,115 allowing ERCs to support the refugees during the resettlement and establishment of services in a new location. The overall objective was adjusted as follows: *To provide hygiene, health and sanitation promotion and emergency health services for up to 47,101 individuals in Jewii camp for South Sudanese refugees in Gambella region of Ethiopia.*

As reflected in the 6m operations update, the EPoA was adjusted after the closure of Leitchour camp and relocation of the refugees population to Jewii camp. Implementation progress to date within this Emergency Appeal includes the following:

Health

Ambulance services have been provided for intra and inter camp referrals by two ambulances. A new ambulance has been procured and deployed for the appeal activities. In addition, first aid training has been given to ambulance attendants, drivers and community based volunteers. Implementation of first aid in communities began at the end of September and is additionally supported by stretchers to aid the movement of emergency case from households to accessible roads.

WASH

ERCS has engaged up to 295 health and hygiene volunteers who have been conducting hygiene promotion messaging to refugee households using IEC material in both camps whereas environmental sanitation volunteers have shifted their focus from vector control in Leitchour to a mixed method of facilitation of community participation and environmental cleaning in Jewii. 63,000 bars of soap were procured and a total of 3 distributions (2 remaining) have been completed in accordance to the beneficiary criteria listed in the appeal. Additionally an estimated 800 hygiene kits for new arrivals were distributed for new arrivals in Pugnido 2 whereas 200 jerry cans remains to be distributed with the next soap distribution. Volunteers have been equipped with protective and visibility gear.

Objective of this Operations Update n.4

Whereas routine primary health and hygiene promotion activities are ongoing and on schedule, unfortunately the scale of Ethiopia's National and Nationality day will impact on the planned Emergency Appeal evaluation, as well as the phase out and handover of activities due to logistical constraints and movement restrictions for two weeks at a crucial time of the appeal finalization.

Nationals and Nationality Day is an annual week-long celebration from the 7-13 December, which changes region each year. Until recently it was not known what impact the celebrations would have on the humanitarian response in Gambella and thus it was not possible to foresee this delay and adjust activity implementation. During the annual celebration, there will be an influx of government actors and stakeholders (over 5,000 people are expected) in Gambella, which means movement will be restricted and all hotel space is reserved (some NGOs have also been asked to vacate their rooms and compounds). This will slow activity implementation significantly, and will force ERCS to conduct the final Appeal evaluation in January 2016.

Due to this unanticipated operational delay, this Operations Update no. 4 presents the IFRC-approved 1-month extension (new end date as January 31 2016), to allow ERCS to finalize the implementation of activities, handover key activities, and conduct an evaluation of the last two years of emergency response activities in Gambella. This will facilitate the wrap up of activities and ensure participation of IFRC/ERCS staff from outside Gambella to travel to the region to facilitate a comprehensive evaluation.

ERCS would also like to use this Operations Update no.4 to request the following minor changes to the appeal activities, which will still be completed by January 31 2016, as planned:

1. First aid training of an additional 40 volunteers to be deployed to assist communities in reaching ambulance services and clinic. Due to a funding gap there is currently no health community outreach in Jewii and ERCS can fill a gap until the responsible organization is able to start its outreach programme.
2. Continuation of ambulance services to ensure 24 hour coverage of emergency services in Jewii camp (currently 1 ambulance) but 2 will be engaged until end of the appeal.
3. Procurement of environmental sanitation kits for handover to the communities when phasing out hygiene promotion activities at the end of December 2015. This is in line with the agreed environmental sanitation strategy for WASH partners in Jewii.

The primary external actors in this operation include the Ethiopia Government (ARRA), UN agencies (UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, IOM, WHO) and several NGOs, with the majority of the responding organizations present in Gambella region. ARRA (Agency for Refugees and Returnees affairs) is the implementing agency for the Government of Ethiopia in the area of refugees' affairs and is working with UNHCR to ensure overall coordination in the area of protection and refugee management of the South Sudanese refugee population. IOM is supporting UNHCR in the registration of refugees, housing for migrants, and protection.

The IFRC, on behalf of the Ethiopia Red Cross would like to extend its thanks to all partners for their generous contributions.

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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 (NGOs) in Disaster Relief and the **Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian 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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Save lives,
protect livelihoods,
and strengthen recovery
from disaster and crises.



Enable **healthy**
and **safe** living.



Promote **social inclusion**
and a culture of
non-violence and **peace.**

Disaster Response Financial Report**MDRET015 - Ethiopia - Population Movement**

Timeframe: 22 Dec 14 to 22 Dec 15

Appeal Launch Date: 30 Dec 14

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Selected Parameters

Reporting Timeframe	2014/12-2015/9	Programme	MDRET015
Budget Timeframe	2014/12-2015/12	Budget	APPROVED
Split by funding source	Y	Project	*
Subsector:	*		

All figures are in Swiss Francs (CHF)

I. Funding

	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability	TOTAL	Deferred Income
A. Budget		756,114				756,114	
B. Opening Balance							
Income							
Cash contributions							
<i>American Red Cross</i>		48,223				48,223	
<i>Austrian Red Cross</i>		21,559				21,559	
<i>Danish Red Cross (from Danish Government*)</i>		63,851				63,851	
<i>Finnish Red Cross</i>		41,954				41,954	
<i>Japanese Red Cross Society</i>		34,700				34,700	
<i>Spanish Red Cross</i>		25,979				25,979	
<i>Swedish Red Cross</i>		173,607				173,607	
<i>The Netherlands Red Cross (from Netherlands Government*)</i>		211,338				211,338	
C1. Cash contributions		621,210				621,210	
C. Total Income = SUM(C1..C4)		621,210				621,210	
D. Total Funding = B + C		621,210				621,210	

* Funding source data based on information provided by the donor

II. Movement of Funds

	Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability	TOTAL	Deferred Income
B. Opening Balance							
C. Income		621,210				621,210	
E. Expenditure		-481,230				-481,230	
F. Closing Balance = (B + C + E)		139,980				139,980	

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III. Expenditure

Account Groups	Budget	Expenditure					TOTAL	Variance
		Raise humanitarian standards	Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people	Strengthen RC/RC contribution to development	Heighten influence and support for RC/RC work	Joint working and accountability		
	A					B	A - B	
BUDGET (C)			756,114			756,114		
Relief items, Construction, Supplies								
Shelter - Relief	4,000						4,000	
Construction Materials			2,290			2,290	-2,290	
Clothing & Textiles			3,295			3,295	-3,295	
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	900		43,236			43,236	-42,336	
Medical & First Aid	1,380		245			245	1,135	
Teaching Materials	8,500		50			50	8,450	
Utensils & Tools			74			74	-74	
Other Supplies & Services	54,230		137			137	54,093	
Total Relief items, Construction, Sup	69,010		49,327			49,327	19,683	
Land, vehicles & equipment								
Vehicles	53,000		33,776			33,776	19,224	
Total Land, vehicles & equipment	53,000		33,776			33,776	19,224	
Logistics, Transport & Storage								
Storage			427			427	-427	
Distribution & Monitoring	3,000		4,810			4,810	-1,810	
Transport & Vehicles Costs	147,649		37,546			37,546	110,103	
Logistics Services			4,093			4,093	-4,093	
Total Logistics, Transport & Storage	150,649		46,877			46,877	103,772	
Personnel								
International Staff	95,100		35,005			35,005	60,095	
National Staff	14,300		28			28	14,272	
National Society Staff	99,718		28,714			28,714	71,004	
Volunteers	116,540		72,471			72,471	44,069	
Total Personnel	325,658		136,219			136,219	189,439	
Consultants & Professional Fees								
Consultants	15,000						15,000	
Professional Fees			324			324	-324	
Total Consultants & Professional Fees	15,000		324			324	14,676	
Workshops & Training								
Workshops & Training	9,110		40			40	9,070	
Total Workshops & Training	9,110		40			40	9,070	
General Expenditure								
Travel	25,560		13,937			13,937	11,623	
Information & Public Relations	17,500		4,686			4,686	12,814	
Office Costs	20,610		12,433			12,433	8,177	
Communications	14,300		954			954	13,346	
Financial Charges	4,550		-736			-736	5,286	
Other General Expenses			111			111	-111	
Shared Office and Services Costs			192			192	-192	
Total General Expenditure	82,520		31,576			31,576	50,943	
Operational Provisions								
Operational Provisions			150,211			150,211	-150,211	
Total Operational Provisions			150,211			150,211	-150,211	
Indirect Costs								
Programme & Services Support Recover	45,822		29,143			29,143	16,679	
Total Indirect Costs	45,822		29,143			29,143	16,679	

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	A					B	A - B	
BUDGET (C)			756,114			756,114		
Pledge Specific Costs								
Pledge Earmarking Fee			2,338			2,338	-2,338	
Pledge Reporting Fees	5,346		1,400			1,400	3,946	
Total Pledge Specific Costs	5,346		3,738			3,738	1,608	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (D)	756,114		481,230			481,230	274,884	
VARIANCE (C - D)			274,884			274,884		

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IV. Breakdown by subsector

Business Line / Sub-sector	Budget	Opening Balance	Income	Funding	Expenditure	Closing Balance	Deferred Income
BL2 - Grow RC/RC services for vulnerable people							
Disaster response	756,114		621,210	621,210	481,230	139,980	
Subtotal BL2	756,114		621,210	621,210	481,230	139,980	
GRAND TOTAL	756,114		621,210	621,210	481,230	139,980	