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Emergency Plan of Action operation update

Somalia: Tropical Cyclone Chapala



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Date of Issue: 18 December 2015	Timeframe covered by this update: 13 November – 13 December 2015
Operation start date: 13 November 2015	Operation timeframe: Two months, two weeks (New end date: 31 January 2016)
Overall operation budget: CHF 27,823	
N° of people being assisted: 150 families (900 people)	
Host National Society(ies) presence (n° of volunteers, staff, branches): The Somalia Red Crescent Society (Two SRCS branches (Berbera and Bosaso)	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners currently actively involved in the operation: German Red Cross Society, International Committee of the Red Cross and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, World Food Programme.	

A. Situation analysis

Description of the disaster

On Monday 2 November 2015, Tropical Cyclone Chapala made a landfall in Yemen; however its effects were also felt across the Gulf of Aden in Somalia where extensive rainfall was experienced in the northern Bari region in Bosaso district, Puntland. Affected areas include Baargaal, Bander, Bareeda, Butiyaal, Caluula, Murcanyo, Qandalla, Xaabo and some parts of Xaafun. In the worst affected coastal villages enormous waves washed away people's homes, fishing boats and nets. On 4 November 2015, there was more rainfall from Tropical Cyclone Chapala in Berbera district, Somaliland, specifically in Biyacad, Bulahar, Ceelsheik, and Shacable situated on the west coast of Sahil region, causing additional population displacement, and killing livestock. Most of the affected population is nomads who derive their livelihood from pastoralism, as an estimated 3,000 sheep and goats, as well as 200 camels were killed. Following Tropical Cyclone Chapala, a new Tropical Cyclone named 'Megh' arrived from the Arabian Sea causing even more rains in parts of Bari region in Puntland. Areas affected include, Af Kalahay, Alula, Bareda, BiyoCade, Boolimoog, Dhurbo, Fagoora, Geesalay, Murcanyo, Sayn Weyn, Sayn Yar, Toxin and Xaabo. According to a joint inter-agency rapid assessment more than 500 families (4,000 people) were affected by Tropical Cyclones Chapala and Megh, the majority of whom are in living in Gardafuul Region, Puntland, which was reported to have been the worst affected. No human loss of life had been reported, but the rainfall and waves caused damage/destruction to people's homes and livelihoods, as well as to public infrastructure including boats, hospitals, roads and schools.

On 13 November 2015, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) released CHF 27,823 from the Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) to support the Somalia Red Crescent Society (SRCS) respond to the needs of the 150 families (900 people), for a period of one month. This Operations Update is requesting to extend the timeframe of the DREF operation by six weeks to enable to replenishment of non-food items (NFIs), which have been procured not delivered late due to issues experienced with transportation to the area of implementation (changes in tide patterns impacting on travel by boat). The DREF operation will end on 31 January 2016, and a final report will be made available on 30 April 2016 (Three months after the end of the DREF operation). Following the completion of more detailed inter-agency assessments (led by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Affairs) it was anticipated that there could be a need to expand the DREF operation; and discussions are on-going. Other organizations including Danish Refugee Council, Care International, Norwegian Refugee Council,

Save the Children and the World Food Programme have indicated that they are willing to provide assistance. Following the confirmation of these commitments, it is possible that there may remain a need to expand the DREF operation, and such the extension of timeframe also provides space for this if required.

This DREF has been replenished by DG ECHO and the Netherlands Red Cross/Silent Emergencies Fund. The major donors and partners of the DREF include the Red Cross Societies and governments of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Monaco, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden and the USA, as well as DG ECHO, the UK Department for International Development (DFID) the Medtronic and Zurich Foundations and other corporate and private donors. The IFRC, on behalf of the Somalia Red Crescent Society would like to extend many thanks to all partners for their generous contributions

Please refer to the original [Emergency Plan of Action](#) for information on the DREF operation, including on the operational strategy and plan, and operational support needs, which all remain unchanged.

C. Detailed Operational Plan

Early warning & emergency response preparedness

Programming / Areas Common to all Sectors

Insert programming area			
Outcome 1: Quality programming, continuous and detailed assessment and analysis is used to inform the design and implementation of the DREF operation.	Outputs		% of achievement
	Output 1.1: Rapid and detailed needs assessment are carried out to inform the preparation/revision of the Emergency Plan of Action; and continuous coordination with all stakeholders.		60%
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes	No	
1.1.1. Mobilization of volunteers to carry out rapid needs assessment	X		100%
1.1.2 Mobilization of volunteers to carry out detailed needs assessment in collaboration with UNOCHA	X		100%
1.1.3 Analyse and consolidate assessment data from the field and maintain constant liaison with SRCS staff and volunteers in the field.	X		100%
1.1.4 Revise Emergency Plan of Action based on analysis of assessment information		X	0%
1.1.5 Coordination with relevant departments of the SRCS, IFRC and ICRC.	X		100%
Progress towards outcomes			
1.1.1	Between 4 – 6 November 2015, a joint rapid needs assessment was carried out in three locations (on the outskirts of Bareda and Toxin) that were reported to be worst affected by Tropical Cyclones Chapala and Megh. During the assessment an initial investigation tool assessment form developed by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) was used to collect the data on education, food security, health/nutrition, NFIs/shelter, protection and WASH.		
1.1.2	Between 15 – 25 November 2015 rapid needs assessment report generated was based on the findings of a joint multi-cluster and authority's assessment that was conducted. The contents of the report are primarily based on data collected by sampled households interviews in initial investigation forms, key informant interviews, general meetings with key community leaders in each location and other relevant information collected by team leaders. This assessment team included participation of Humanitarian Affairs Disaster Management Agency (HADMA), Gardafue regional authorities, regional coordinator of Ministry of Environment and elders of all communities visited, World Food Programme (WFP), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Food and		

Agricultural Organization (FAO), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Save the Children International (SCI), CARE, Africa Development Solutions (ADESO), International Rescue Committee (IRC), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCS), Horn of Africa Aid and Development Organization (HADO) and SHILCON which all made substantive contribution both in terms of human resource and logistics.

1.1.3 Please refer to “Activity 1.1.2”.

1.1.4 Following the completion of the detailed inter-agency assessment there have been continuing discussions between organizations in terms of the coordination of the response required (refer to “Background to disaster” section; however as of this Operations Update there is no indication that an expansion of the DREF operation is required. Nonetheless, once the commitments of other organisations has been confirmed, it is possible that there may remain a need to expand the DREF operation, and such the extension of timeframe also provides space for this if required.

1.1.5 Coordination with the relevant departments of the SRCS, IFRC and ICRC has been carried out, as well as with Partner National Societies (PNS) including the German Red Cross to establish the level of assistance they are able to mobilize for this response. The German Red Cross has committed (as previously confirmed) NFIs for 100 families.

Shelter and settlements

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Outcome 2: Immediate shelter and settlement needs of the disaster affected population in Bosaso, Puntland are met over a period of one month		Outputs		% of achievement
		Output 2.1: Distribution of Non-Food Items (NFIs) and emergency shelter items undertaken to meet the needs of the target population in flood- affected areas (Target: 150 families (900 people))		0%
Activities		Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
		Yes	No	
2.1.1	Identification/registration of beneficiaries for distribution of NFIs	X		50%
2.1.2	Mobilization of volunteers to carry out NFI distributions (Target: Five volunteers)	X		50%
2.1.3	Distribution of NFIs (Target: 150 families / 900 people)	X	X	10%
1.1.2	Procure and transport for replenishment (Target: 200 blankets, 100 buckets, 100 jerry cans, 100 kitchen sets , 200 mattresses, 50 sleeping mats)		X	0%
Progress towards outcomes				
2.1.1	In collaboration with the local authority, the SRCS selected the most affected vulnerable communities. The distribution exercise was conducted over a period of six days by the by the sub branch and branch volunteers.			
2.1.2	Please refer to “Activity 2.1.4”			
2.1.3	Please refer to “Activity 2.1.4”			
2.1.4	The SRCS Bosaso branch has completed the procurement of NFIs for 150 families (900 people) for replenishment; however their delivery was delayed due to issues experienced with transportation to the area of implementation (changes in tide patterns impacting on travel by boat).			

D. Budget

There were no budget revisions done please refer to initial budget.

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and strengthen recovery
from disaster and crises.



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and **safe** living.



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and a culture of
non-violence and peace.
