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Emergency appeal Ethiopia: Drought

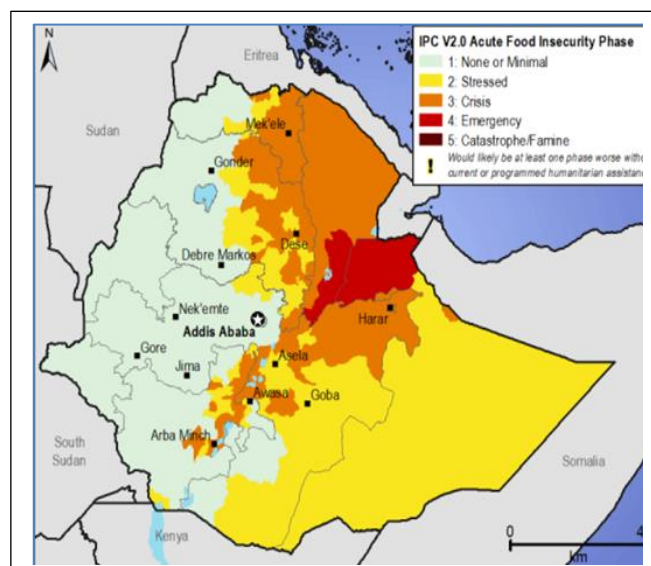
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DREF Operation: MDRET016	Glide n° DR-2015-000109-ETH
Date of Disaster: Sept. to Oct. 2015	Appeal launched: 4 January 2016
Operation start date: 28 December 2015	Operation end date: 28 December 2016
Overall operation budget: CHF 2,211,085	N° of people being assisted: 35,371
National Society: Ethiopia National Red Cross Society	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners currently actively involved in the operation: Austrian, Spanish, Canadian, Finnish, Swedish, Netherlands, Swiss and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: National Disaster Risk Management Coordination Commission (NDRMCC) , Disaster Risk Management Food Security Services (DRMFSS) of the Ministry of Agriculture	

Summary

This Emergency Appeal seeks a total of **CHF 2,211,085** to enable the IFRC to support the **Ethiopia National Red Cross Society (ERCS)** to deliver assistance and support to **35,371 people**, with a focus on health, water and sanitation, food security and livelihoods. This appeal reflects the current situation and will be updated and adjusted based on the evolving nature of the crisis on the ground and the findings of more detailed assessments carried out by the Field Assessment and Coordination Team (FACT), currently supporting ERCS to develop their plan.

The disaster and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Response to date



September / October 2015: In Ethiopia, consecutive failed rains (Belg rains (March – May), and Kirmet rains (June – Sept)) combined with erratic weather conditions attributed to El Niño, has resulted in severe food insecurity, especially in the north and north east areas of the country. Some 8.2 million people are in need of assistance across the country, and the number could reach as high as 15 million in 2016, with the level of need exceeding what was seen in the Horn of Africa drought in 2011.

November 2015: Following the recognition of urgent needs related to drought within Ethiopia, the ERCS requested support through an IFRC Field Assessment and Coordination Team (FACT), which was deployed to define the exact needs and to develop an appropriate, relevant plan and budget for the response. The FACT conducted field visits to Somali and Afar Regions, in addition to holding numerous meetings with Movement, non-Movement partners and other stakeholders.

27 December 2015: Emergency Appeal launched for 2,211,085 Swiss francs to support 35,371 people, with 181,521 Swiss francs allocated from the IFRC's Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) as start-up support for the response. [<Click here to link to the Emergency Plan of Action \(EPOA\)>](#)

Overview of Ethiopian Red Cross Society

ERCS has begun the process of consolidating its National Drought Response plan under an 'umbrella document', which combines all National Society response plans, including self-funded activities branch and Head Quarter as well as pivoting of existing Movement partner activities and the IFRC/ERCS EA). This IFRC/ERCS EA is part of a wider response plan, which will ensure that any identified gaps are filled with relevant activities to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable communities are addressed. Following the FACT mission, it was agreed between the ERCS Senior Management and all Regional Branch Secretaries to focus the activities planned through this EA in in four kebeles in Bidu woreda in Afar and Somali Regions.

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in country

Following the recognition of urgent needs related to drought within Ethiopia and a request from ERCS for support, IFRC deployed a FACT mission to Ethiopia to support ERCS and define the exact needs, develop an appropriate relevant plan and budget for the response. For all of 2015 and prior, the IFRC was represented in Ethiopia through an IFRC country representation based in Addis Ababa; however following change in the global structure of the institution, from January 2016 this office will be relocated to Nairobi. The IFRC East Africa and the Indian Ocean Islands (EAI/OI) country cluster office based in Nairobi, Kenya will support ERCS. In order to facilitate this transition in Ethiopia, the incoming IFRC operations manager for this Drought EA will be hired for a full 12 months and serve as a liaison to the EAI/OI office. In addition to the operations manager, logistics regional disaster response team member will be deployed (for three months), and a finance officer (for 12 months).

In Ethiopia, the IFRC, ICRC and Partner National Societies (PNS) participate in regular co-ordination meetings convened by the National Society. All issues including potential bilateral and multilateral actions are discussed. Additionally, IFRC convenes regular co-ordination meetings in Nairobi with ICRC and PNS representatives to share updates on the situation in Ethiopia and neighbouring countries and Movement action to date. All PNS (Austrian, Spanish, Canadian, Finnish, Swedish, Netherlands and Swiss) have different strategies to support the ERCS drought emergency response. All drought response activities should be harmonized with this EPoA, that has been agreed between IFRC and ERCS.

Overview of non-RCRC actors in country

The overall emergency response is led by the National Disaster Risk Management Coordination Commission (NDRMCC) which is a government structure above the Disaster Risk Management Food Security Services (DRMFSS) of the Ministry of Agriculture. Sector task forces have been established at national, regional, zonal and woreda level with the participation of all stakeholders including the National Society. ERCS will ensure that technical coordinators from ERCS HQ Disaster Preparedness and Response Department participates in their respective clusters (health, nutrition, NFI and WASH) to allow for enhanced visibility of RC movement activities and warrant coordination with non-movement partner on the ERCS response. To date, the Government of Ethiopia (GoE) at federal and regional levels have allocated more than 6 billion Ethiopian birr (ETB) or ~US\$ 285 million from its strategic reserves for the drought response. National and sub-national committees were established to oversee the distribution of relief supplies, which include food distributions, water point rehabilitation, livestock support, health services, and non-food item distribution for the internally displaced families.

The operational strategy

Overall objective

Providing humanitarian aid to 35,371 people in Afar and Somali Regions, affected by drought through the distribution of supplementary food, malnutrition screening and referral, improved access to safe water, hygiene promotion and protection of their livelihoods. ERCS will target Afar Region (Bidu woreda) with Health, Watsan, and Food Security / Livelihoods response activities. In Somali Region (Harshin woreda), ERCS will target 2 kebeles where the current Community Resilience project is being implemented with Food Security/ Livelihoods activities. The 43,233 is part of ERCS wider drought response (supported by other RC/RC Movement actors: see Table 1 above), which targets a grand total of 185,674 beneficiaries.

Proposed strategy

This EA has been set up to cover a 12 month period with defined activities for the first six months and will include an additional assessment in March-May 2016, which is the period of the crucial **belg** rains which failed in 2015 and has been a major contributing factor to the severity of the drought at this stage – as such it is expected that this will inform a revision of the EA. Initial activities planned include the following:-

Health and Care

- Training of community based first aid (CBHFA) trained volunteers in each Kebele; as well as refresher training on data collection and reporting through the use of mobile phones. Following the training, the volunteers will be equipped with mobile phones, which they will use during the household level screening, health and a WASH surveys.
- Household level screening by volunteers to establish households with Under 5 years SAM children, severely malnourished children and other vulnerable households, such as those with children with disabilities Conduct health promotion and prevention campaigns based on the needs that have been identified during household level screening and surveys.

Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion

- Conduct two-day WASH awareness training of 70 identified Health/Hygiene volunteers in order to assess WASH gaps/needs at household level.
- Provision of water treatment chemicals, safe water storage containers and buckets; as well as installation of hand washing facilities at all sanitary structures.
- Conduct hygiene promotion campaigns related to water treatment, safe water storage, as well as the proper use of latrines and hand washing at both household level and in public places (markets, parks etc.).
- Procurement/mobilization of an upgraded WatSan kit.

Food Security and Livelihoods

- Distribution of supplementary food targeting children Under 5 years, as well as pregnant and breast feeding mothers. The supplementary feeding package will include Corn Soya Blend (CSB) and vegetable oil. This will be based on the established standard of monthly rations of 4.5 kg of CSB and 0.5 Liters of oil per person for a period of six months.
- Provision of supplementary feed for livestock targeting the most vulnerable 20% households in the host community and IDPs in target kebeles. It is intended that the feed primarily targets the most productive female livestock (milking) to ensure continued access to milk.
- Provision of livestock treatment support targeting the most vulnerable 20% households in both host community and IDPs with treatment of five livestock for six months
- Provision of pasture and fodder seeds targeting the host community in the kebeles to rejuvenate degraded pastures and pilot community/fodder production.

Proposed sectors of intervention

Quality programming / Areas common to all sectors

Outcome 1: The management of the operation is informed by continued assessments and a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation system

Output 1.1 The findings of evaluations lead to adjustments in on-going plans and future planning as appropriate

Activities planned:

- Carry out needs assessments
- Conduct EA revision based on on-going assessment and relevant new data to ensure activities remain in line with the needed response
- EA inception Workshop (set up PMER tools, structure and schedule including SOPs) with ERCS Fields Coordinator, ERCS HQ Technical Committee and IFRC Coordinator
- Conduct Mid-term review including a beneficiary satisfaction survey with targeted population
- Conduct EA revision and adjustments based on outcome of MTR
- Conduct a final evaluation of the operation



Health and care

Outcome 2: Critical nutritional status of the children under five is improved in Bidu, Afar region

Output 2.1 Screening and referral for acute malnutrition carried out for households with children under age five.

Activities planned:

- CBHFA health/hygiene volunteers in 15 kebeles are trained in reporting and engagement methods, including use of mobile phones.
- Deliver mobile phones for health/hygiene volunteers for reporting and other equipment for household screening
- Identification and registration of households with U5 SAM (including general HH health assessment)
- Health/hygiene volunteers report findings and data to health facilities
- Provide food support for mothers/fathers arriving to health facility with their children
- Two-month food support for households after discharge of child
- Health/hygiene volunteers continue follow up with households after successful treatment

Output 2.2 Target population are provided with rapid medical management of drought related diseases

Activities planned:


- Planning meetings to define roles between RC and Health centre staff
- Establish supervision system for volunteers and prepare reporting formats
- Support drought affected population with additional RC mobile health unit
- Equip and or replenish medicines and supplies of the mobile unit
- In coordination with regional health authorities, conduct a health centre capacity assessment
- Establish accountability mechanism for HH to report any shortcomings and follow up any complaints




Outcome 2 Households with children U5 SAM have access to health information on prevention of drought related diseases

Output 2.1 Community-based disease prevention and health promotion is provided to the target households

Activities Planned:

- Analysis of HH health situation based on information gathered during registration
- Identify and prioritize needs for increasing health knowledge and awareness at HH level
- Train volunteers in identified topics
- Establish supervision and reporting structure for longer term intervention and define roles between health centre and RC
- Implement promotion activities at community level
- Implement community conversation sessions (tea and coffee ceremony expenditure: once/month in 15 kebeles)
- Mid-term and final review meeting (two sessions for two days each)

	Water; Sanitation; Hygiene promotion
Outcome 1: Immediate reduction in risk of waterborne and water related diseases in targeted communities	
Output 1.1 Continuous assessment of water, sanitation, and hygiene situation is carried out.	
<p>Activities planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepositioning of adapted WatSan Kit in ERCS Afar branch • Ongoing assessment of Watsan needs • Identification and recruitment of 20 WASH volunteers (5 of each kebele in Bidu woreda). • Conduct a 5-day WatSan Kit training for 20 selected WASH volunteers of 4 kebeles in Bidu woreda • 70 CBHFA health/hygiene volunteers receive a basic 2-day WASH awareness training including WASH questionnaire when using mobile phones • 70 Health/hygiene volunteers record WASH gaps of households with SAM U5 and report WASH findings and data to Health/WASH project coordinator 	
Output 1.2 Daily access to safe water in terms of quality is provided which meets Sphere and WHO standards to target population.	
<p>Activities Planned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 WASH volunteers address water related needs in identified households Households supplied with treatment chemicals, safe water storage containers and buckets as required 	
Output 1.3 Adequate sanitation which meets Sphere standards in terms of quantity and quality is provided to target population.	
<p>Activities Planned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 WASH volunteers address emergency sanitation needs in identified households Installation hand washing facilities at all sanitary structures 	
Output 1.4 Hygiene promotion activities which meet Sphere standards in terms of the identification and use of hygiene items provided to target population.	
<p>Activities Planned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 WASH volunteers conduct HP promotion campaigns in public places (markets, parks, etc.) on proper use of latrines and hand washing • 20 WASH volunteers conduct water treatment and safe water storage related HP promotion campaigns • 10 WASH volunteers follow up all previous WASH activities as required and conduct HP promotion campaigns in public places (markets, parks, etc.) on proper use of latrines and hand washing 	

	Food security		Nutrition		Livelihoods
Outcome 1: immediate nutritious supplementary food requirements are met for the targeted population of Somali and Afar region					
Output 1.1 Sufficient nutritious supplementary food is accessed by children under 5 years, pregnant and breast feeding mothers in vulnerable IDP and host community households.					
<p>Activities planned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement of supplementary food rations for 6,850 children under 5 and for 1,712 pregnant and breast feeding mothers for 6 months • Identification and registration of beneficiaries • Distribution of supplementary food rations for children U5 • Distribution of supplementary food rations for pregnant and breastfeeding mothers • Post distribution follow up visits 					
Outcome 2 Livelihoods of affected populations are protected through targeted livestock interventions.					
Output 2.1 livestock assets are protected					
<p>Activities Planned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement of supplementary feed for livestock • Identification and registration of beneficiaries • Distribution of supplementary feed (molasses/multi nutrient blocks/"concentrate") to milking livestock • Treatment of livestock for the most vulnerable households • Provision of pasture and fodder seed for targeted communities 					

Budget

See attached IFRC Secretariat budget (Annex 1) for details.

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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.

The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:



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



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

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Ethiopia Drought (MDRET016)

Budget Group	Multilateral Response	Inter-Agency Shelter Coord.	Bilateral Response	Appeal Budget CHF
Shelter - Relief	0			0
Shelter - Transitional	0			0
Construction - Housing	0			0
Construction - Facilities	0			0
Construction - Materials	0			0
Clothing & Textiles	0			0
Food	432,102			432,102
Seeds & Plants	5,871			5,871
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	52,366			52,366
Medical & First Aid	33,250			33,250
Teaching Materials	0			0
Utensils & Tools	375,042			375,042
Other Supplies & Services	0			0
Emergency Response Units	0			0
Cash Disbursements	0			0
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	898,631	0	0	898,631
Land & Buildings	0			0
Vehicles	0			0
Computer & Telecom Equipment	0			0
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	0			0
Medical Equipment	0			0
Other Machinery & Equipment	0			0
Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0
Storage, Warehousing	22,800			22,800
Distribution & Monitoring	11,800			11,800
Transport & Vehicle Costs	298,659			298,659
Logistics Services	12,000			12,000
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	345,259	0	0	345,259
International Staff	190,000			190,000
National Staff	36,000			36,000
National Society Staff	82,480			82,480
Volunteers	97,660			97,660
Total PERSONNEL	406,140	0	0	406,140
Consultants	4,000			4,000
Professional Fees	16,000			16,000
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	20,000	0	0	20,000
Workshops & Training	64,560			64,560
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING	64,560	0	0	64,560
Travel	33,171			33,171
Information & Public Relations	15,400			15,400
Office Costs	45,975			45,975
Communications	18,000			18,000
Financial Charges	18,000			18,000
Other General Expenses	211,000			211,000
Shared Office and Services Costs	0			0
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	341,546	0	0	341,546
Partner National Societies	0			0
Other Partners (NGOs, UN, other)	0			0
Total TRANSFER TO PARTNERS	0	0	0	0
Programme and Services Support Recovery	134,949	0		134,949
Total INDIRECT COSTS	134,949	0	0	134,949
Pledge Earmarking & Reporting Fees	0			0
Total PLEDGE SPECIFIC COSTS	0	0	0	0
TOTAL BUDGET	2,211,085	0	0	2,211,085
Available Resources				
Multilateral Contributions				0
Bilateral Contributions				0
TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES	0	0	0	0
NET EMERGENCY APPEAL NEEDS	2,211,085	0	0	2,211,085