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Emergency Plan of Action operation update Ethiopia: Floods

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Operation start date: 20th May 2016	Operation timeframe: 3 months Request for additional 2 months New end date: 16 October 2016
Overall operation budget: CHF 200,499	N° of people being assisted: 2,000 households (12,000 individuals)
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Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners currently actively involved in the operation: Ethiopian Red Cross Society (ERCS), has 11 Regional branches, 33 Zones, 80 Districts structures, with 1,300 staff, and over 3,000 grass root committees and 29,331 youth and adult volunteers through the country.	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: IOM, UNICEF, IRC, Save the children international (SCI) and Government of Ethiopia (GoE).	
This Operations Update is requesting an extension to the timeframe of the by 2 months (New end date: 16 October 2016) to enable completion of the planned activities and procurement process.	

A. Situation analysis

Description of the disaster

As a result of unexpected heavy rain and flash floods on 4 May 2016, in Oromia region West Harerghe zone Hawi Gudina, Arsi zone, Seru and Chole woredas. A lot of people were affected and displaced from their residence. The result of assessment conducted by ERCS branch officers immediately after the the disaster indicated that in West Harerghe zone of Hawi Gudina woreda 8 people were reported dead, 5 injured and 3,179 heads of livestock lost. In Arsi zone Seru woreda the heavy rain and flash flood resulted in the displacement of 1500 households while in Chole woreda 405 households were displaced and 17 houses destroyed.

Summary of current response

On May 2016, Ethiopian Red Cross society in collaboration with IFRC launched a DREF project to support 1,124 flood affected households in Oromia and also to replenish 876 NFI items which were distributed in SNNP, Wolaita, Sidama, Hadiya and Halaba zones. In 2 zones of Oromia region i.e. Arsi and West Harerghe branches project launching workshop and relief distribution orientation trainings were conducted before the actual distribution of the relief items.

participants (38 in West Harerghe and 41 in Arsi zone) attended the workshop. The major topics discussed include, dissemination of Red Cross history, Fundamental Principles of Red Cross and Red Crescent, the Red Cross emblem, and humanitarian works done by the branch in relation to the drought response. Furthermore, the objective, major activities, budget and the time frame of the DREF supported project was presented by the branch secretaries of the respective zones.



Volunteer training and Inception workshop in West Harerghe and Arsi ZONES (Coutesy ERCS)

In addition a half day relief distribution training for 20 volunteers in each branch were held before the distribution. The volunteers were trained on registration and crowd management. They have been told to prioritise breast feeding mothers, disabled and elderly while distributing the relief items. They have also been told to inform the targeted people who is providing the support, what kind of items they are going to receive and the quantity of the items. After completing the beneficiary selection and registration process, ERCS borrowed full 1,124 ES/NFI from ICRC supplied emergency stock and carried out the distribution in Arsi and West Harerghe zones. Full ICRC emergency non-food items were distributed to 1,124 flood affected beneficiaries in West Harerghe (641) and Arsi zones (483 HHs) of Oromia region. During the distribution the trained volunteers applied all the instructions they were given during the relief distribution training and were able to complete the distribution successfully in both zones.



Distribution of ES/NFI in West Harerghe and Arsi zones (Coutesy ERCS)

Overview of Host National Society

ERCS participates in the National Flood Task Force at Addis Ababa level and was requested to respond with NFI (emergency shelter and households kits) in the newly affected areas in West Hararghe and Arsi, identified in the ERCS rapid needs assessment.

Since the onset of the rains, ERCS has been responding to the flood affected population in Somali, Oromia and SNNPR regions utilizing existing NFI stocks and their own funds to respond. The interventions undertaken by ERCS included the provision of NFIs (emergency shelter and household kits).

First Floods (7 April 2016):

Distribution of a total of 800 partial NFI kits (blankets, sleeping mats, body soap, laundry soap, tarpaulins, kitchen utensils) in the following regions/districts:

- Somali (.Iiina 8 Anril): 200 HH kits (full)

- SNNPR (Silita 26 April): 200 HH kits

Latest floods (4 May 2016):

As a response to the most recent flash floods, ERCS have responded with the distribution of 876 partial NFI kits (blankets, sleeping mats, body soap, laundry soap, tarpaulins and kitchen utensils) in the following regions/woredas in SNNPR:

- SNNPR (Wolaita 10 May): 200 HH kits
- SNNPR (Hadiya 10 May): 200 HH kits
- SNNPR (Sidamo 10 May): 200 HH kits
- SNNPR (Halaba 10 May): 276 HH kits

In addition ERCS responded 300 households displaced by floods in Adama town of Oromia region and 500 AWD affected households in Amhara Region North Shoa zone on July and August respectively.

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in country

In Ethiopia, the IFRC, ICRC and PNSs are participating in regular coordination meetings convened by the National Society. All issues including potential bilateral and multilateral actions are discussed. Additionally, IFRC convenes regular coordination meetings in Nairobi with ICRC and PNS representatives to share updates on the situation in Ethiopia and neighboring countries, and Movement action to date.

In addition to the DREF flood support this report is dealing with, the financial and technical support obtained from IFRC/DREF, ERCS enabled to reach over 3,030 under 5 years, lactating and pregnant mothers through provision of supplementary food mainly CSB and oil in Afar region, zone 2, Bidu woreda.

There is an extensive PNS presence in Ethiopia, and all PNSs have different strategies of supporting the NS emergency response activities. The Netherlands, Sweden, Spanish and Austria Red Crosses are supporting ERCS in allocating fund for provision of supplementary food to malnourished under five children, lactating and pregnant mothers in Somali, Oromia, Tigray and Amhara regions by pivoting different development projects.

ICRC has supplied ERCS with 2,000 NFI kits this year as part of the 2016 conflict affected IDP support plan and from these items 1,124 were distributed to the current project beneficiaries devising to replenish the items after the procurement and planned to be prepositioned in the targeted strategic warehouses.

Besides ERCS together with ICRC and branch staff provided ES/NFI for over 3,020 conflict displaced households in West Harerghe zone, Mieso and Doba woredas. Recently ICRC provided full NFI items for 1,315 households displaced by the Murle attack in Gambella region Jor, Gog and Jicawo woredas.

Overview of non-RCRC actors in country

ERCS works with different government and non-government organizations in responding to different types of disasters. There are clusters in which different RC and non-RCRC actors hold coordination meetings and discuss on the existing humanitarian needs and responses of the country. The national and regional disaster risk management offices collaborate with ERCS during assessments and distribution of relief items. Moreover, ERCS leads the support of IOM and UNICEF in terms of distributing ES/NFIs to conflict and flood affected households.

For example, IOM with the technical support of Arsi branch office provided NFI items for 1000 household displace by the same flood in Arsi zone Gollolcha woreda.

B. Operational strategy and plan

Overall Objective

- Immediate provision of lifesaving emergency shelter and NFI kits in support to 1,124 flood affected communities in Oromia region, West Hararghe and Arsi zones and replenish 876 distributed items in SNNPR, Wolaita, Halaba, Hadiya and Sidama zones to ERCS main stock over 3 months.

Proposed strategy

- Conduct an inception workshop and develop a monitoring and evaluation plan for the DREF operations in order to systematically collect data and information in order to provide timely reporting and ensure lessons learned document can be compiled and shared at the end of the operations.

- Collect updated information on the priority needs of the disaster affected people by directly engaging in the multi-agency assessment and by consulting the regional DRM CB.
- Engage beneficiaries in planning and implementation of the relief operation (identifying appropriate places and times for the distribution of relief items).
- Distribution of ICRC NFI kits from ERCS main stock to 1,124 flood affected beneficiaries in West Hararghe (Hawi Gudina) and Arsi (Chole and Seru) woredas.
- As enshrined in ERCS DPR policy and relief operational manual, give priority to people with a disability, elderly and female-headed households while distributing food and non-food items.
- Since 1,124 items were distributed by borrowing ICRC items, complete the procurement process of all 2000 NFI kits and replenish to ERCS main stock.

Human resources

The overall DREF project is supported by HQ, Regional and zonal staff and volunteers. In addition, logistics technical support is provided by IFRC from Nairobi regional office to assist the procurement process.

Logistics and supply chain

For the procurement of 2000 NFI items bid document was prepared and advertised in magazine. Fourteen suppliers applied to supply the items and bid analysis committee revised all the documents and the quality of the items were examined by the technical committee by referring the specification of ERCS disaster preparedness and response department. By the time of reporting the winners of the bid had already delivered 2 items to ERCS main stock.

Communications

During the inception workshop and the actual relief distribution, media and communication officers observed the responses given by ERCS to flood affected communities and broadcasted the works through FM radio stations of the respective zones.

Security

As far as the DREF project is concerned there were no security problems encountered by ERCS staff and volunteers in implementing the project in both zones.

Planning, monitoring, evaluation, & reporting (PMER)

The inception workshop, relief distribution training and the relief distribution carried out according to the plan. National HQ staff and IFRC logistics officer attended the inception workshop and relief distribution in Arsi zone. Due to shortage of man power in the national HQ it was not possible to monitor the distribution of West Hararghe zone on the spot.

C. DETAILED OPERATIONAL PLAN

Areas Common to all sectors			
Outcome 1: Continuous assessment and analysis is used to inform the design and implementation of the flood response intervention.	Outputs		% of achievement
		Output 1.1. Further assessments are carried out with zonal branch staff in consultation with beneficiaries to inform the interventions and continued coordination with stakeholders and government bodies is done	
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)
	Yes (x)	No (x)	
Identify staff and volunteers at HQ and 2 zonal branches to lead the operations	X		100%
Conduct inception and dissemination workshop at HQ and			

Government bodies.			
Provide the relief management training for 20 field staff and 30 volunteers' participants	X		100%
Participation in NFI cluster and Floods Task Force meetings at Addis level and inform ERCS zonal branches and flood project coordinators	X		
Beneficiary satisfaction survey undertaken in 2 zonal branches		X	
Post distribution monitoring		X	
Lessons learnt Workshop with 2 zonal branches and HQ staff		X	

As it can be clearly seen from the table, the first four activities were successfully completed. Meanwhile, beneficiary satisfaction survey, post distribution monitoring and lessons learnt workshop are planned for this month.

Shelter and settlements: 2,000 households (12,000 individuals).				
Outcome 1 :	Outputs			% of achievement
Immediate relief and emergency shelter needs of the 2,000 families in flood affect areas of Southern Ethiopia are met	Output 2.1: Targeted families are provided with 1,124 emergency shelter and NFI kits.			57%
	Output 2.2.: ERCS emergency response NFI stock already distributed as part of the floods response are replenished (876 NFI Kits).			
Activities	Is implementation on time?		% progress (estimate)	
	Yes (x)	No (x)		
Nairobi surge support deployed from IFRC Nairobi to assist with logistics and procurement	X		100%	
Undertake local procurement of 2,000 NFI kits in Ethiopia.	X		75%	
Transport the ICRC items (which will be replenished) to the distribution sites	X		100%	
Loading and unloading and conduct beneficiaries' registration	X		100%	
Distribution of 1,124 NFI kits in West Hararghe and Arsi Woredas.	X		100%	
Post distribution monitoring		X	%	
Purchase and replenish the ERCS emergency stocks for 876 NFI kits distribution in SNNPR on May 10 th 2016 (Part of Procurement under output 2.1)	X		75%	
Delivery and quality check of NFI's received	X		50%	

The table above clearly indicates that, the project achieved its main objective by transporting ICRC NFI items to distribution sites. ICRC items were transported to the project areas in order to make the response well-timed. The

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and **safe** living.



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