

Operation Update Report

Somalia: Urban Fire Incident

DREF n° MDRSO013	GLIDE n°: FR-2022-000191-SOM
Operation update n° 1: 26 May 2022	Timeframe covered by this update: 06 April to 25 May 2022
Operation start date: 06 April 2022	Operation timeframe: 4 months (end date: 31 August 2022)
Funding requirements: CHF 252,720	DREF amount initially allocated: 252,720
N° of people being assisted: 2,340 (390HHs) instead of 3000 people/500HHs in the initial EPoA	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners currently actively involved in the operation: the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), and the German Red Cross.	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: National Committee for Waaheen market fire, appointed by the President and led by the Minister of religion and representatives from the local municipality (Mayor of Hargeisa), chamber of commerce, governor of Maroodijeex region (Hargeisa), minister of interior, minister of commerce. National disaster preparedness response and food reserve (NADFOR)	

Summary of major revisions made to emergency plan of action:

This Operation update is published to inform stakeholders that following a meeting on 24 April with National Committee for the Waaheen market fire and the ensuing decision to have all organizations support with response to provide USD 500 to each targeted family. As such, SRCS has made the below changes to the ongoing operation:

- The amount of the cash grant to be allocated has been amended from USD 390 to USD 500 per household
- The number of targeted households has been revised downwards from 500 HH to 390 households.

Despite the above changes, the overall allocated amount for this DREF operation (CHF 252,720) as well as the implementation timeframe (4 months) remain unchanged.

A. SITUATION ANALYSIS

Description of the disaster

This DREF Operation was launched on 06 April 2022 following a huge fire outbreak in the biggest market (Waaheen) of Hargeisa on 01 April 2022. The fire was so powerful that the Somaliland Fire Protection could only control it 16 hours after, at noon of April 02, with the support of the Ethiopia Somali region fire department. Details on the incident can be found in the [EPoA](#). The DREF operation was launched to support 3,000 people most affected by the urban fire in Hargeisa and ensure that the impact of the incident on their livelihoods was minimized.

Summary of current response

Overview of Operating National Society

SRCS was present at the scene just two hours after the fire started and has deployed 16 staff, and 50 volunteers, including trained branch emergency response teams (BDRTs) to the site. During the rescue operations, SRCS BDRTs supported rescue services and provided first aid to 62 people with different injuries of which 28 were transported to Hargeisa Group Hospital. Approximately 1,000 people affected were present at the scene and were provided food and water. SRCS also assisted the rescue teams from the fire department throughout the entire time, and until the fire was extinct. With support from ICRC, SRCS will provide food and water to another 2,000 people that continue on site (due to the fasting month of Ramadan).

On 24 April 2022, the National Society had a meeting with National Committee for the Waaheen market fire appointed by the President and led by the Minister of Endowment and Religious Affairs, during which it was announced that the

support to the affected households should not be less than USD 500 per family. It was also indicated that any business owner affected by the Waaheen market fire who had a business of an estimated value of 73 USD, should receive USD 500 and this decision should not be compromised by any humanitarian agency, businessmen, and interested diaspora communities as well as the Government. In addition, the committee briefed NS that the affected people were not from rural communities but instead are business-oriented, and the support should be given as a one-off to support re-establishing their businesses, hence helping speed the recovery of the community. Three options were tabled by the Committee for humanitarian agencies to choose from. This includes:

- Category one: USD 500 - USD 5,000
- Category two: USD 5,000 – USD 20,000
- Category three: USD 20,000 and above.

From the above options, the SRCS has decided to adjust the response strategy to fit category one, thus revising upwards the cash grant from USD 390 to USD 500 and revising downwards the targeted families from 500 households to 390 households. This is to ensure the National Society maintains its support within the allocated envelope from IFRC DREF. The allocation will be provided as a one-off.

Since the launch of the DREF, SRCS has successfully implemented the following activities as per the Emergency Plan of Action:

- Met with the National Response Committee for the Hargeisa-Waaheen market fire to discuss and brief them about SRCS's response to the fire incident through this DREF Operation, as well as obtaining the list of beneficiaries. The National Society also used this opportunity to explain the pre-determined selection process. During the above meeting, SRCS agreed to align to Government recommended response modality to support each targeted household with USD 500 as a one-off cash grant.
- The attended official CVA launching ceremony for the Waaheen market fire-affected population was organized by NGOs and Government, led by the Committee.
- Conducted refresher training for 60 volunteers on CVA and CEA
- Conducted refresher training on PSS and PGI for 40 volunteers and staff from the SRCS Hargeisa branch
- Conducted market assessment in Hargeisa (Price monitoring assessment) by volunteers
- Conducted Mobilization, and verification registration of beneficiaries together with the National Response Committee for the Waaheen market fire, led by the Ministry of Religious Affairs and the Mayor of Hargeisa.
- Set up a hotline center and Identification of Feedback & Complaints Focal Persons (Telesom company as FSP with valid framework agreement 2022)
- Well-oriented of CRM focal Persons/volunteers incall/hotline center at Hargeisa branch office

Overview of Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in-country

The International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC) has a Country Cluster Delegation for Somalia and Kenya based in Nairobi, Kenya, which provides operational, technical, and logistical support to SRCS. The IFRC Country Delegation will continue to support, technical advise, monitor, supervise the implementation as well as liaise with and support SRCS in coordinating with in-country Movement partners, and external organizations/partners in the Movement as needed. SRCS and IFRC currently also have an Emergency Appeal operation in response to the [Drought and Hunger Crisis 2021 \(MDRSO011\)](#). Furthermore, Somalia is about to start activities under the ECHO PPP, including cash assistance.

Overview of other actors' actions in-country

Somaliland Government declared a release of 11 million dollars to help support the reconstruction process but at the moment, no more details on how the assistance will be provided with this fund as this is still at the planning level.

The Somaliland businessmen/companies provided about 3.3 million in cash assistance to the affected population through the Government, represented by the National Committee. This included Telesom company (500,000 USD), Dahabshiil group (700,000 USD), Somcable (500,000 USD), SBI (500,000 USD), Boore company (500,000 USD, World Remit (600,000 USD). In addition, Somaliland President distributed 1,872,511 US to selected 988 most affected households at the presidential palace on 16 April 2022. These were the first batch supported by the Government.

Taiwan Government also contributed USD 500,000 cash and handed it over to the National Committee on 24 April at the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

The SRCS has been working closely with the Government, stakeholders, and other agencies to ensure that there will be no duplication of resources and activities or overlap. SRCS shared information with Government, especially the appointed National Response Committee, and the target selection was done with the participation of mandated Government entities in charge of the fire response. The primary list for beneficiaries' selection was provided by the Committee (Mayor of Hargeisa member) to SRCS for making official registration, verification, and making sure that each beneficiary meets SRCS/IFRC selection criteria to avoid duplication in the planned response of the Government or other humanitarian actors.

It should also be noted that the Government is represented by the National Response Committee (appointed by the president). Together with NADFOR and Hargeisa local municipality, they form the local authorities' coordination platform for the fire incident. As an auxiliary to the public authorities, SRCS maintains a strong relationship with Government bodies through participation in, and collaboration with (i) the National Disaster Response and Food Reserve (NADFOR); (ii) Hargeisa local municipality (iii) the appointed national taskforce/committee for fire response. For this response, the SRCS coordination office supports the SRCS Hargeisa branch disaster response teams in planning the provision of humanitarian assistance to affected households.

At the country level, SRCS and IFRC participated in Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) forums held both during disasters and non-emergency times. However, for now, the National Response Committee is mainly involved in coordination and collaboration with humanitarian actors and other interested local charities or organizations/businessmen/individuals for Waaheen market support. SRCS has regular communication with the Committee and other actors on the Waaheen support situation to avoid overlap of the resource. During the first days of the fire response, there was much involvement of local authorities, firefighters, military, and police helping rescue and evacuations. Currently, the National Response Committee has taken the lead and coordinates the resources available to the humanitarian actors.

To note, the country is in a high drought impact situation and most of the inter-agency coordination meetings/efforts are focused on the drought response.

Needs analysis and scenario planning

Needs analysis

The SRCS Hargeisa branch and coordination office work closely with the National Response Committee for the Waaheen fire. The Committee listed down all the affected pop in the Waaheen market after conducting rapid assessments to verify the number of properties and households affected by the fire.

On 19 April 2022, a total of 5,000 households were registered and seen as most affected by the fire and lost their assets. Other people working in the market and surrounding areas have lost their livelihoods and means of subsistence.

ICRC provided support through the SRCS Hargeisa branch to around 3,000 people who received food and water (sandwiches, drinks, bottled water, etc) as immediate relief needs, particularly to those staying near the site of the fire or being evacuated to safer areas.

Operation Risk Assessment

Please refer to the [EPoA](#) for details on operation risk assessment, as the risks remain unchanged.

B. OPERATIONAL STRATEGY

Overall Operational objective

The overall objective of this operation is to provide relief to 2,340 people (390 households) affected by the Hargeisa market fire and ensure that they have the means to start recovering their livelihoods. The operation will be implemented for 4 months, starting from the date of approval, and will be completed by 31 August 2022.

Proposed strategy

Generally, this operational strategy is in line with current SRCS and IFRC policies and procedures and seeks to provide immediate support to the 390HH most affected by the fire. However, the Government of Somaliland has come up with new support modalities for the Waaheen market fire-affected people. SRCS in consultation with IFRC brainstormed and revised their target beneficiaries from 500HH to 390HH. This has not changed the initial allocated total amount for cash disbursement (initial plan was 500HH to receive USD 390 in two installments of USD 295 first and later an installment of USD 95 as the second installment, for a total of USD 390. This operation update aligns with the recommendations of the Committee and shall ensure the distribution of USD 500 to 390 households as a one-off cash grant. This support will directly go to the selected affected people, especially those who have lost their livelihoods, to meet their immediate needs and, at the same time, be able to quickly recover means of generating income.

C. Detailed Operational Plan



Livelihoods and basic needs

People reached: 0

Male: 0

Female: 0

Outcome 1: Communities, especially in disaster and crisis affected areas, restore, and strengthen their livelihoods

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of households who have their basic household needs covered through cash transfers: (<i>Target modified based on the recommendation of the local authority to distribute USD 500 per HH</i>)	390 HH or 2,340 people	0

Livelihoods and basic needs Output 1.5: Households are provided with unconditional/multipurpose cash grants to address their basic needs

Indicators:	Target	Actual
% of targeted people who during PDM report being satisfied with distribution process and the assistance received	100%	0%
# of volunteers working on the operation who have been briefed on community engagement and accountability	60	60
# of staff working on the operation who have been briefed on community engagement and accountability	10	40

Progress towards outcomes

Activities already carried out;

- Mobilization of volunteers
- Refresher training for 60 volunteers on CVA and CEA
- Refresher training on PSS and PGI for 40 volunteers and staff from the SRCS Hargeisa branch
- Conducted market assessment in Hargeisa (Price monitoring assessment) by volunteers
- Mobilization, and verification registration of beneficiaries together with the national response committee for the Waaheen market fire led by the ministry of religion and mayor of Hargeisa.

To note, the distribution of cash grants to selected families will be done as a one-off, by ending May or the first week of June.



Health

People targeted: 0

Male: 0

Female: 0

Outcome 1: The immediate risks to the health of the affected populations are reduced through improved access to medical treatment

Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of people who have access to PSS	1,200	0

Output 1.1: Improved access to health care for the targeted people.

Indicators:	Target	Actual
% of the affected population that are satisfied with the PSS services provided	80%	0

Progress towards outcomes

A total of 40 volunteers have received training on PSS and will be deployed in the coming days to provide support. In addition, the SRCS hotline has been activated and will be manned by two volunteers in shifts for the duration of the operation, to ensure communities have access to their services.

Strengthen National Society		
Outcome 1: National Society capacity building and organizational development objectives are facilitated to ensure that National Societies have the necessary legal, ethical, and financial foundations, systems and structures, competences and capacities to plan and perform		
Output 1.1: National Societies have effective and motivated volunteers who are protected		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
# of volunteers insured	100	100
Output 2. NS compliance with Principles and Rules for Humanitarian Assistance is improved		
Indicators:	Target	Actual
% of people who received a response to their feedback or complaint about the operation	90%	0%
% of community members who feel the operation has communicated well about plans and activities	80%	0%
Progress towards outcomes		
Activities already carried out; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up hotline center and Identification of Feedback & Complaints Focal Persons (Telesom company as FSP with valid framework agreement 2022) Mobilization of volunteers Orientation of CRM focal Persons/volunteers incall/hotline center at Hargeisa branch office The attended official CVA launching ceremony of the Waaheen market fire-affected pop was organized by NGOs and the government led by the committee at the ministry of religion. 		

D. Financial Report

The budget for implementing this operation remains unchanged, i.e., CHF 252,720 to be expensed by 31 August 2022.

*all amounts in
Swiss Francs
(CHF)*

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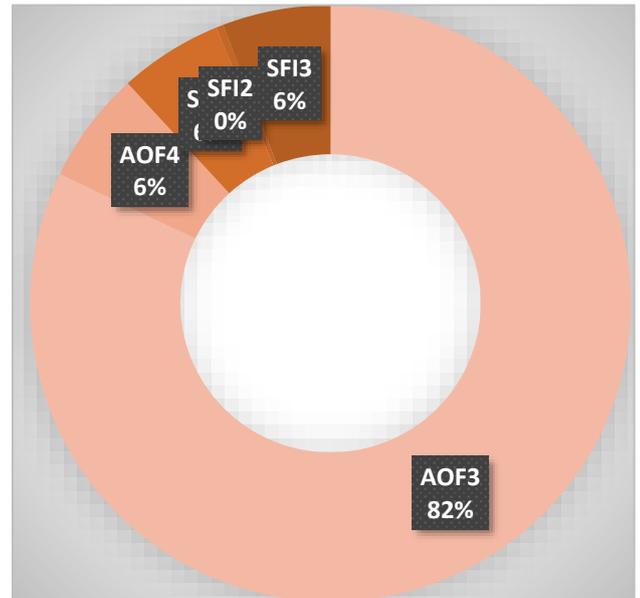
Budget by Resource

Budget Group	Budget
Medical & First Aid	1,382
Teaching Materials	8,292
Cash Disbursement	181,458
Relief items, Construction, Supplies	191,132
Distribution & Monitoring	3,685
Transport & Vehicles Costs	2,432
Logistics, Transport & Storage	6,118
National Society Staff	3,133
Volunteers	17,289
Personnel	20,421
Professional Fees	921
Consultants & Professional Fees	921
Workshops & Training	4,146
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Travel	6,449
Information & Public Relations	737

Financial Charges	7,371
General Expenditure	14,557
DIRECT COSTS	237,295
INDIRECT COSTS	15,424
TOTAL BUDGET	252,720

Budget by Area of Intervention

AOF3	Livelihoods and Basic Needs	207,618
AOF4	Health	15,307
SF11	Strengthen National Societies	14,095
SF12	Effective International Disaster Management	981
SF13	Influence others as leading strategic partners	14,718
TOTAL		252,720





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- [Emergency Plan of Action \(EPoA\)](#)

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