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# DREF operations update

## Ethiopia: Populations Movement

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<b>DREF operation</b>	MDRET013
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<b>Operations update n° 2</b>	<b>Timeframe covered by this update:</b> April – May 2014
<b>Operation start date:</b> 28 January 2014	<b>Timeframe:</b> 5 months <b>End date:</b> 30 June 2014
<b>Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) allocated:</b> CHF 125,220	
<b>N° of people being assisted:</b> Up to 30,000	
<b>Host National Society presence (n° of volunteers, staff, and branches):</b> Ethiopia Red Cross Society (ERCS), has 11 regional offices, 27 zonal branches and over 1,500 kebeles (grassroot committees) all over the country including 70,000 volunteers.	
<b>Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners actively involved in the operation:</b> ERCS, IFRC, ICRC, Swiss Red Cross Society	
<b>Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation:</b> UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), Ethiopian Government Administration of Refugees and Returnees Affairs (ARRA), UNICEF, World Food Programme (WFP), ACT Alliance, International Organization for Migration (IOM), World Health Organization (WHO), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Danish Refugee Council (DRC), ACF, MSF.	

### Summary:

On 15 December 2013, violent clashes erupted in neighbouring South Sudan which rapidly deteriorated into a full conflict spreading to the eastern states of South Sudan. The continuing insecurity in South Sudan has so far resulted in more than 120,000 South Sudanese asylum seekers arriving in Ethiopia since the outbreak. The bulk of the refugees have arrived in Gambella, but since 4 May 2014, more than 23,000 people have crossed into Ethiopia mainly to the town of Burbiey (new entry point) and are being located into two main camps, Kule (approximately 44,000 persons) and Leitchor (approximately 47,000 persons). To date, both camps have surpassed their capacity.

The refugees arriving include those wounded and in urgent need of medical help. Until recently, the majority of refugees were women and children and recently more and more young men are making their way into Ethiopia, as a result of heavy fighting despite a renewed agreement of cessation of hostilities signed by the parties to the conflict on 9 May 2014. It is likely that the number of refugees to Ethiopia will continue to increase in the foreseeable future as fighting continues in South Sudan. The risk of a country wide famine in South Sudan due to delayed rains might further delay return of refugees to South Sudan.

This population movement response operation began in end January 2014 with the health and WASH needs assessment conducted by ERCS. In Mid-March 100 volunteers (50 in WASH and 50 in emergency health) were trained. However, the commencement of the activities were delayed as a severe fuel shortage experienced in March in the region greatly affected access and the movement of vehicles and staff.

On 28 April an [operation update n° 1](#) was issued to provide an update on the progress of the operation as well as to extend the operation timeframe by two months (To end June). Following this extension, a [revised budget](#) and operational plan have been prepared and this operation update describes these changes as well as the rationale for the

changes. A reduction in the in volunteer per diem rates created surplus funding that has been reallocated to other activities such as the recruitment and support of environmental cleaners and environmental action committees. The overall total of the initial budget remains unchanged with these reallocations.

## Operational implementation

### Main changes to operational plan

ERCS was one of the first agencies on the ground at Leitchor camp and it initiated needs assessments as well as the recruitment and training of volunteers. However, as agency numbers increased and the refugee population expanded, the lead actors (ARRA and UNHCR) began to introduce standardised policies and practices that required changes to the original DREF plan.

One example is the rate that was originally budgeted for volunteer per diem – it was too high and had to be reduced to conform to the new policy set by ARRA. Additionally, agencies were asked to work with similar standards and coordinate their efforts resulting in changes to the training initially provided. Each agency was provided a set of blocks within which to operate with their volunteers altering the number of beneficiaries initially targeted. Leitchor camp now hosts more than its capacity of refugees and has been expanded.

The change in volunteer per diem rate created surplus funding that has been reallocated to other activities such as the recruitment and support of environmental cleaners and environmental action committees and to cover the additional costs for the 2 months the DREF operation has been extended. While reallocation has taken place, the total budget is unchanged.

**Health:** The overall budget for health activities has been reduced by approximately CHF 25,000. This covers a reduction of CHF 36,000 in volunteer per diem and travel costs (output 1.1) while there has been an increase of CHF 9,000 in costs for secondary care referral/ambulance services (output 1.4) to cover extended implementation period (additional 60 days)

**Watsan:** The overall budget for Watsan has increased by approximately CHF 25,000 to cater for an additional component on hygiene promotion and environmental cleaning. Based on discussions with counterparts working in the camps as well as the government, an additional gap was identified within latrine cleaning. The added outputs describe how ERCS and camp volunteers are ensuring proper cleaning of camp latrines and waste disposal management. The latrines were constructed by ICRC and the maintenance have been handed over to ERCS. Environmental action committees are in the process of being established to ensure local ownership of the activities. Budget has been re-allocated to purchase equipment for the environmental volunteers (i.e. rubber boots, gloves, shovels, pails, wheelbarrows).

**Support costs:** National Society operational and IFRC support costs are unchanged.

**Bilateral contributions:** Swiss RC is providing complementary funding to the DREF operation in the form of support materials and salaries for implementing staff, branch capacity building, and tukul (shelter) construction at Leitchor camp. ICRC is, in collaboration with ERCS, implementing a large operation including: Donation of materials/equipment to the main hospital in Gambela and health clinics supporting the refugee population; water trucking at Kule camp; construction of temporary communal shelters at Pagak entry point; 2 ambulances (service vehicles); construction of latrines at Leitchor camp; provision of NFIs (soap, firewood, fuel saving stoves, temporary shelter materials) for 2,600 households; branch capacity building.

**Challenges and opportunities:**

The implementation is progressing, albeit at slow pace as infrastructure in the camp is poor (i.e. housing for staff) and ERCS capacity is limited. Staffing has been a significant challenge with ERCS seconding people from HQ to the branch for temporary periods.

ERCS has expressed a desire to start working with host communities as these are increasingly also affected by the high influx of refugees. No action has been taken yet, and no activities for host communities are currently being implemented, but ERCS and partners are looking into a joint assessment in the first instance.

An emergency/scenario planning workshop was completed by ERCS with support of the IFRC country and regional offices and the participation of PNS and ICRC. Further discussions on ERCS response will be based in part upon the outcomes of the emergency planning workshop.

The operation has been challenged and remains to be challenged by a number of issues.

- Inadequate and appropriate staff for the operation
- Government newly introduced standards and practices, i.e. per diem rates and slow identification of blocks for agency activities
- Numbers of refugees in increasingly poor state of health
- Inter-Agency coordination mechanisms to harmonize health and hygiene promotion activities.
- Capacity of ERCS Gambella branch.
- Magnitude of needs particularly with rainy season about to start.
- Competing priorities within ERCS (i.e. ICRC operation, contract with UNICEF, internal processes)

Planned interventions	Implementation (%)
<b>Health and care</b>	
<b>Outcome 1: Meet the basic health needs among refugee communities in Leitchour refugee camp, Gambella Region</b>	<b>35%</b>
Output 1.1 Emergency health needs assessment	<b>100%</b>
Output 1.2 Community-based Disease Surveillance	<b>On going</b>
Output 1.3 Production of CBHFA and health materials	<b>On going</b>
Output 1.4 Secondary care referral services and provision of ambulance service to Lietchor camp for patients transport	<b>On going</b>
<b>Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion</b>	
<b>Outcome 1: To reduce the risk of water- and vector-borne diseases among affected communities in Leitchour camp, Gambella Region.</b>	<b>35%</b>
Output 1.1 Rapid assessment of water, sanitation, hygiene needs and training of volunteers are conducted	<b>100%</b>
Output 1.2 Refugee community environmental action committees established	<b>Ongoing</b>
Output 1.3 IEC materials on Hygiene promotion are produced.	<b>On going</b>
Output 1.4 Carry out hygiene promotion activities on priority hygiene issues (HCOWS)	<b>On going</b>
Output 1.5 Provision of Equipment for Environmental cleaning and waste disposal	<b>Ongoing</b>

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<b>Budget Group</b>	<b>Multilateral Response</b>	<b>Inter-Agency Shelter Coord.</b>	<b>Bilateral Response</b>	<b>Appeal Budget CHF</b>
Shelter - Relief	0	0		0
Shelter - Transitional	0	0		0
Construction - Housing	0	0		0
Construction - Facilities	0	0		0
Construction - Materials	0	0		0
Clothing & Textiles	12,682	0		12,682
Food	0	0		0
Seeds & Plants	0	0		0
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	7,265	0		7,265
Medical & First Aid	0	0		0
Teaching Materials	6,002	0		6,002
Ustensils & Tools	810	0		810
Other Supplies & Services	0	0		0
Emergency Response Units	0	0		0
Cash Disbursements	0	0		0
<b>Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES</b>	<b>26,759</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26,759</b>
Land & Buildings	0	0		0
Vehicles Purchase	0	0		0
Computer & Telecom Equipment	0	0		0
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	0	0		0
Medical Equipment	0	0		0
Other Machinery & Equipment	0	0		0
<b>Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Storage, Warehousing	0	0		0
Distribution & Monitoring	0	0		0
Transport & Vehicle Costs	11,410	0		11,410
Logistics Services	0	0		0
<b>Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE</b>	<b>11,410</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11,410</b>
International Staff	0	0		0
National Staff	0	0		0
National Society Staff	19,026	0		19,026
Volunteers	34,363	0		34,363
<b>Total PERSONNEL</b>	<b>53,389</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>53,389</b>
Consultants	0	0		0
Professional Fees	0	0		0
<b>Total CONSULTANTS &amp; PROFESSIONAL FEES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Workshops & Training	4,521	0		4,521
<b>Total WORKSHOP &amp; TRAINING</b>	<b>4,521</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,521</b>
Travel	8,890	0		8,890
Information & Public Relations	7,690	0		7,690
Office Costs	593	0		593
Communications	3,326	0		3,326
Financial Charges	1,000	0		1,000
Other General Expenses	0	0		0
Shared Support Services	0	0		0
<b>Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>21,499</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21,499</b>
Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery	7,643	0	0	7,643
<b>Total INDIRECT COSTS</b>	<b>7,643</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,643</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>125,220</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>125,220</b>