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Emergency appeal Kenya: Drought

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Emergency Appeal
n°: MDRKE030

649,175 people to be assisted

CHF 8,512,016

Appeal timeframe: 9 months

Launched: 29 August 2014

End date: 29 May 2015

This Emergency Appeal will enable the IFRC to support the Kenya Red Cross Society to assist 649,175 beneficiaries for 9 months, and will be completed by the June 2015. As a result of poor performance of the long rains March – May 2014 the North Western, Northern, North Eastern, South Eastern and parts of the Coast in Kenya households' food availability as well as livestock productivity has been affected. The situation has been worsened by increasing food prices (which continually erode household purchasing power) driven by increase in costs of fuel, and general inflation.

The Kenya Red Cross Society will work with the national and county governments and in partnership with humanitarian agencies involved in drought relief, in scaling up humanitarian interventions to the communities affected by the drought. The interventions will focus on improving access to safe water (for both human consumption and for livestock), essential health and nutrition services, support to school feeding programmes as well as support to livelihood activities such as distribution of seeds in marginal agricultural areas to maximise on potential for early planting in the coming long rainy season and procurement of replanting kits for farmers in previously implemented integrated food security and livelihood projects.

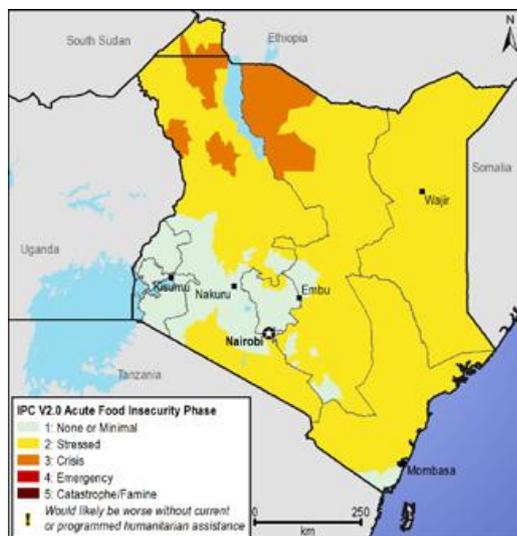


Fig 1: Projected food security outcomes, June 2014
(Source: FEWSNET)

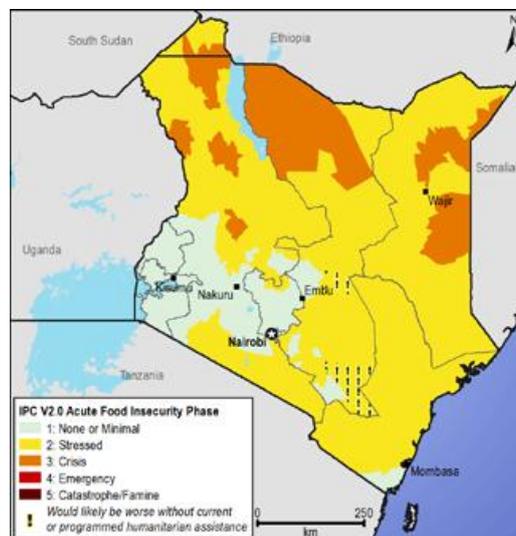


Fig 2: Projected food security outcomes, July to September 2014

The response reflects the current situation and information available at this point of the evolving operation, and will be adjusted based on further developments and more detailed assessments.

Details are available in the Emergency Plan of Action (EPoA) [<click here>](#)

The disaster

- **January 2014** the Government of Kenya declared an impending drought with an estimated 1.6 million people affected
- **March – May 2014:** Poor performance of the long rains
- **Ongoing:** Increasing food prices and general
- **June - July 2014:** According to SMART survey results from the Nutrition Information Working Group (NIWG) the nutritional status in the target counties has deteriorated as compared to June 2013
- **29 August 2014:** IFRC launches Emergency Appeal

The operational strategy

The operational strategy is to contribute to the reduction of high rates of acute Malnutrition through provision of humanitarian assistance to the affected population in the priority counties in Kenya.

Needs assessment and beneficiary selection

- Support to the school meals programme, targeting primary school children and Early Childhood Development Centres.
- Support to pregnant and lactating women (to be expanded to include persons with chronic diseases and the elderly)
- Support to essential health and nutrition services through integrated outreach service packages.
- Support Ministry of Health in health promotion and surveillance activities for diseases with outbreak potential
- Reduce malnutrition levels amongst under five children in the counties with highest Global Acute Malnutrition levels by directly targeting households with malnourished children with cash or supplementary food.
- Rehabilitate key community watering points, household water treatment options, conduct hygiene awareness campaigns in the community and schools
- Continue to support peace building initiatives in targeted counties which have experienced conflict in the past.

Overall objective: Kenya Red Cross Society has prioritized 6 out of 17 counties that require emergency assistance to mitigate the effects of the current food insecurity and drought situation. These include Mandera, Turkana, Baringo, Samburu, Wajir and Marsabit, counties. Within these counties, the attention will be concentrated on the sub-counties that are most severely affected and those that are hard to reach (based on poor road network and insecurity which limits participation of other humanitarian actors). Wajir and Mandera have had recurrent ethnic conflicts coupled with intermittent terror attacks, border towns of Wajir and Moyale (Marsabit) also poses threat of abduction of humanitarian workers due to its proximity to the border with Somalia; the threat of abduction led to withdrawal by humanitarian agencies in the county in 2011 and 2012). Moyale (in Marsabit County) has been in a state of inter-ethnic conflict and Kenya Red Cross Society has taken the front line in mediating peace talks between the warring ethnic groups. Samburu, West Pokot and Turkana continue to experience clan conflicts as a result of cattle rustling between the neighbouring communities.

The specific locations where Kenya Red Cross Society interventions will be carried out will be finalized at the county stakeholder sector specific coordination committees and forums. The primary beneficiaries will be the most vulnerable groups including children under the age of five years, pregnant and lactating women, the elderly, and children of school going age, especially those in Early Childhood Development Centres and lower primary schools. Other priority beneficiaries shall be the displaced populations away from their normal settlements either in displaced camps or integrated as internally displaced persons within the host population. The cash transfer programming will target the most vulnerable children identified during the Health and Nutrition outreach in the counties with the highest Global Acute Malnutrition rates.

Proposed sector of intervention: water, sanitation and hygiene promotion

Outcome 1: Immediate reduction in risk of waterborne and water related diseases in targeted communities

Output 1.1: Daily access to safe water which meets Sphere and WHO standards in terms of quantity and quality is provided to target population

Activities planned

- Identify water points for rehabilitation with Ministry of Water
- Procure stocks of Point of Use Water Treatment chemicals for 60,000 beneficiaries for household water treatment
- Train volunteers and beneficiaries on use of water treatment chemicals during distributions
- Conduct household level monitoring visits to ensure proper use
- Rehabilitate and upgrade 18 water supply schemes that have boreholes to reduce the load on current system
- Reconstitute and capacity build water management committees to manage the constructed/rehabilitated water facilities

Output 1.2: Adequate sanitation which meets Sphere standards in terms of quantity and quality is provided to target population

Activities planned

- Construct 36 latrines in areas of watering points

Output 1.3: Hygiene promotion activities which meet Sphere standards in terms of the identification and use of hygiene items provided to target population

Activities planned

- Train 120 trainers on applicable hygiene promotion techniques
- Conduct hygiene promotion campaigns targeting institutions, communal areas, in the target / migration areas
- Adapt and produce information, education and communication materials on hygiene promotion
- Disseminate information, education and communication materials

Proposed sector of intervention: food insecurity, nutrition and livelihoods

Outcome 1: Reduced food insecurity among affected households

Output 1.1: Productive assets/inputs for primary production provided in accordance with the seasonal calendar, via in-kind distribution, cash grants or vouchers

Activities planned

- Procure and distribute seeds and fruits for fast maturing crops
- Procure and distribute fodder seeds
- Procure and distribute replanting kits for farmers with greenhouses and nettings

Output 1.2: Critical nutritional status of the targeted community is improved

Activities planned

- Participate in sector coordination and technical forums for nutrition at county and national levels
- Identify vulnerable beneficiaries to be included in the cash transfer programing
- Train community health workers and volunteers on health education and promotion messages
- Conduct health education sensitization sessions with focus water related infections, early case detection and treatment
- Conduct regular outreach services in partnership with the Ministry of Health
- Identify, adapt, produce and distribute information, education materials on nutrition
- Provide linkages and referral service for children requiring nutrition stabilization (in-patient therapeutic feeding)

- Procure commodities for supplementary feeding
Output 1.3: Sufficient nutritious food accessed by children at schools
<p>Activities planned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify schools to benefit in collaboration with education boards school feeding coordinators and World Food Programme - Procure and distribute food supplements to schools - Monitor implementation to ensure compliance on recommended rations per child and adherence to hygiene practices
Output 1.4: Cash transfers are provided to households to purchase food
<p>Activities planned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct rapid market and household economic assessment - Training staff and volunteers on cash based programming - Register and enrol beneficiaries - Establish complaint and feedback mechanisms - Establish beneficiary communication systems - Implement planned cash disbursements - Carry out post distribution monitoring of the cash transfer activities
Output 1.5: Key advocacy messages and lessons learnt are shared and endorsed to improve Kenya Red Cross systems to slow onset disasters.
<p>Activities planned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop an advocacy strategy using a participatory methodology - Produce key advocacy and policy documents to share lessons learnt and best practices on early actions on building community resilience - Organise events with key stakeholders and decision makers to improve emergency operations - Support operational research and document best practice and lessons learnt - Participate and contribute to national coordination mechanisms

Coordination and Partnerships

The Kenya Red Cross Society has been working closely with the county and the central governments in monitoring the drought and food security situation in the affected counties. These include the Ministry of Special Programmes, The National Drought Management Authority, The County Governments, the County Disaster Steering Group and others. Kenya Red Cross Society also participates in County and National Coordination Forums and Technical Working Groups. These include the County and National Nutrition Technical Forum, The Water and Environmental Sanitation Coordination, and others. The organization participates in the Kenya and East Africa Cash Technical Working groups coordinated by Cash Learning Partnership in Nairobi. The Kenya Red Cross Society also works in partnership with Humanitarian Organisations supporting similar humanitarian interventions.

IFRC is part of the Inter Agency Working Group on Disaster Preparedness core group member and co-chairs the Advocacy group, leading on the 'working differently agenda'- to invest in early actions and risk management rather than late response. IFRC is also part of the Food Security and Nutrition Working group Steering Committee. The purpose of the above forums is to exchange knowledge, information and experiences with respect to disasters occurring in the region as well as discuss implications for preparedness and response. IFRC is also leading the Early Warning Early action agenda at the regional level with numbers of partners (FAO, WFP, Save the Children, OXFAM) and actively support Intergovernmental Authority on Development resilience agenda together with Kenya Red Cross Society.

Budget

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

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Reference documents



Click here for:

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

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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:



Save lives.
protect livelihoods,
and strengthen recovery
from disaster and crises.



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



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

EMERGENCY APPEAL OPERATION

29/08/2014

Kenya: Drought (MDRKE030)

Budget Group	Multilateral Response	Inter-Agency Shelter Coord.	Bilateral Response	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	818,526			818,526
Seeds & Plants	213,684			213,684
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	1,754,352			1,754,352
Medical & First Aid	991,655			991,655
Teaching Materials	5,684			5,684
Utensils & Tools	0			0
Other Supplies & Services	0			0
Emergency Response Units	0			0
Cash Disbursements	988,493			988,493
Total RELIEF ITEMS, CONSTRUCTION AND SUPPLIES	4,772,394	0	0	4,772,394
Land & Buildings	0			0
Vehicles Purchase	0			0
Computer & Telecom Equipment	4,737			4,737
Office/Household Furniture & Equipment	0			0
Medical Equipment	0			0
Other Machinery & Equipment	0			0
Total LAND, VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT	4,737	0	0	4,737
Storage, Warehousing	87,663			87,663
Distribution & Monitoring	56,421			56,421
Transport & Vehicle Costs	586,705			586,705
Logistics Services	0			0
Total LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE	730,789	0	0	730,789
International Staff	135,000			135,000
National Staff	0			0
National Society Staff	773,588			773,588
Volunteers	250,331			250,331
Total PERSONNEL	1,158,919	0	0	1,158,919
Consultants	0			0
Professional Fees	10,526			10,526
Total CONSULTANTS & PROFESSIONAL FEES	10,526	0	0	10,526
Workshops & Training	131,444			131,444
Total WORKSHOP & TRAINING	131,444	0	0	131,444
Travel	16,526			16,526
Information & Public Relations	308,383			308,383
Office Costs	47,053			47,053
Communications	65,700			65,700
Financial Charges	26,316			26,316
Other General Expenses	719,716			719,716
Shared Support Services				
Total GENERAL EXPENDITURES	1,183,694	0	0	1,183,694
Programme and Supplementary Services Recovery	519,513	0	0	519,513
Total INDIRECT COSTS	519,513	0	0	519,513
TOTAL BUDGET	8,512,016	0	0	8,512,016
Available Resources				
Multilateral Contributions				0
Bilateral Contributions				0
TOTAL AVAILABLE RESOURCES	0	0	0	0
NET EMERGENCY APPEAL NEEDS	8,512,016	0	0	8,512,016