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# Emergency appeal operations update

## Somalia: Drought

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**Emergency appeal n° MDRSO001**  
**GLIDE n° DR-2011-000029-SOM**  
**Operation update n°3**  
**30 January 2012**

**Period covered by this Ops Update: 30 October to 20 January 2012.**

**Appeal target (current): CHF4,158,791**

**Appeal coverage: 89%;** [<click here to go directly to the updated donor response report, or here to link to contact details >](#)

#### Appeal history:

- This [Emergency Appeal](#) was initially launched on 23 September 2011 for CHF 4,158,791 for 12 months to assist 150,000 beneficiaries.
- **Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF):** No DREF was required since IFRC operational support to the Somalia drought has been ongoing since January, 2011 through the scaled-up Somalia Annual Country Plan.
- Operational updates no [1](#) and [2](#) were put on the IFRC website on October 20 and 31 2011, respectively.



SRCS Galkayo branch volunteers distributing NFIs to IDPs, photo by SRCS

**Summary:** The six branches of Somaliland have received the consignment of the NFIs dispatched by the Regional Logistic Unit in Dubai and distributed the items to 1,650 households in the IDP settlements in Hargeisa, Berbera, Burao, Erigavo, Las Anod and Borama. The consignment for Puntland arrived in Bosaso port on 10 December, 2011. The distribution for the IDP settlements in the three regions of Bari, Mudug and Nugal is expected to be completed by end of December. The five Land Cruiser vehicles for use by the mobile health teams have arrived in Berbera port in Somaliland on 6 December and will replace the current rented vehicles. Delivery to the SRCS branches is expected to be completed by 13 December.

The SRCS branches in Puntland (Galkayo, Bosaso and Garowe) received 1,000 ceramic water filters to be distributed to the IDP households. The SRCS branches in Somaliland and Puntland procured and delivered food rations for 9 schools in Somaliland and 5 in Puntland.

The mobile health teams continued to deliver services to the IDPs and nomadic communities in remote areas. During the month of November, the 14 mobile teams reached 22,510 beneficiaries. These included 11,672 outpatient consultations, 2,251 antenatal consultations and 1,170 postnatal consultations. Additionally, 4,191 children were screened for growth monitoring, 972 children vaccinated, and 2,254 women received Tetanus Toxoid vaccine.

## The situation

Due to concerted efforts by the humanitarian agencies to scale up activities in southern Somalia three regions, Bay, Bakool and Lower Shabelle have been downgraded from famine situation to humanitarian emergency. However, there are 250,000 people still at risk of starvation. Access in the southern regions continued to be constrained by the on-going military operations hampering the relief supplies to many people in critical need. Most of the regions of Somalia received average to above average rains with good coverage and distribution, replenishing water points and improving pasture for livestock.

## Coordination and partnerships

The SRCS continued to chair the weekly Movement coordination meeting in Mogadishu where information on humanitarian activities is shared between the Movement partners. The SRCS supported by the ICRC and the Federation is working on a memorandum of understanding to be signed by the movement partners to improve coordination and harmonization of activities. The SRCS and IFRC are working closely with the UN agencies and other humanitarian actors through the relevant clusters such as health and WASH under the umbrella of Somalia Support Secretariat (SSS) and OCHA.

### National Society Capacity Building:

The IFRC Somalia Representation completed the procurement of 10 desk top computers, printers and accessories which will be delivered to the SRCS Coordination office in Mogadishu during the month of December. The equipment will be used to train the SRCS staff youth and volunteers to improve their computer skills.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

The SRCS branches in Somaliland completed the distribution of non-food items to 1,650 households in IDPs settlements of the six regions of Somaliland. The consignment for Puntland which was shipped from Sharja Creek in UAE arrived Bosaso port on 10 December. The SRCS branch in Bosaso is working on the clearance of the consignment. The SRCS branches in Bosaso, Garowe and Galkayo prepared the plans to distribute the items as soon as they are cleared and transported to the respective destinations. The rehabilitation of water points is on-going. The SRCS branches in Garowe and Bosaso are working with the local communities to improve the water storage facilities and protection of the earth dams known locally as "Berkerts". The SRCS branches in Bosaso, Galkayo and Somaliland six regions procured food rations for 14 schools. Food rations received from WFP for targeted groups was distributed to pregnant and lactating women and children up to 2 years of age through the SRCS fixed clinics network in all the regions of Somaliland and Puntland.

The IFRC Global fleet Base in Dubai dispatched five Toyota Hard Top Land-cruiser vehicles to replace the rented vehicles used as mobile clinics. The consignment arrived Berbera port on, 6 December, 2011.

## Progress towards outcomes

Relief distributions (food and basic non-food items)	
<b>Outcome: Basic non-food items and replacement of productive assets have been provided to the drought affected population in Somaliland and Puntland to meet immediate needs and restore and protect livelihoods.</b>	
Outputs (expected results)	Activities planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Livelihoods of 300 fishing communities in coastal areas of Puntland has improved through fishing gear support<sup>1</sup>.</li> <li>5,000 IDPs households' immediate needs are met through provision of basic non-food items.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Procure and distribute:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>300 sets of fishing gear for 300 fishing families in coastal areas of Puntland and Somaliland.</li> <li>10,000 pcs tarpaulin, 5,000 foldable 20lt jerry cans, 10,000 blankets, 5,000 kitchen sets, 5,000 buckets</li> <li>2,000 First Aid kits for volunteers, 2,000 aprons, 2,000 Red Cross jackets, manuals and training materials for 19 branches.</li> <li>5,000 hygiene parcels (Body soap, laundry soap, sanitary pads, toilet paper, toothpaste, tooth brush, chlorine tablets, razor disposable, shampoo, washable diaper),</li> <li>Livelihoods groups of drought affected communities are asse</li> </ul> </li> <li>ongoing programming.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> The one-time distribution of NFIs will be carried according to selection criteria that identify the vulnerable groups.

**Progress:**

- 3,300 pieces of tarpaulin, 1,650 jerry cans, 1650 buckets, 1650 kitchen sets, 1,650 hygiene kit, 10,000 mosquito nets, and 3,300 blankets for Somaliland arrived Berbera port on 25 October, 2011 and has been cleared by SRCS Coordination office in Somaliland. The distribution in the six regions was completed by 15 November, 2011. The shipment for Puntland arrived Bosaso port on 10 December, 2011.
- The bids for the fishing gear have been opened and the IFRC East Africa logistic unit and Somalia Country Representation are assessing the offers and checking the samples.
- The procurement of 2,000 FA kits in underway and expected to be delivered by end of January 2012.
- 2,000 aprons for volunteers have been delivered and dispatched to the branches in Somaliland and Puntland.
- The procurement process for 2,000 jackets with SRCS logo commenced in November 2011. They are expected to be delivered by end January 2012. Cargo space to deliver the jackets on ECHO and ICRC flights has already been confirmed.

**Emergency health**

<b>Outcome 1: The health risks of the drought affected population and host communities in Somaliland and Puntland are reduced through the provision of preventive, curative and health promotion services by scaling up outreach services through mobile clinics and distribution of basic food rations to pregnant and lactating women and children under the age of five and food for school children.</b>	
<b>Outputs (expected results)</b>	<b>Activities planned</b>
Scaled up integrated health services and nutrition have built up the resilience of the affected communities through better access to health and nutrition services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue and extend the services of the 14 mobile health teams (6 in Puntland and 8 in Somaliland)</li> <li>• Supporting the NS with adequate transportation.</li> <li>• Procure and deliver 54 medical OPD kits, 6 Cholera kits and equipment on quarterly basis.</li> <li>• Continue to financially support 36 new health staff and 14 community mobilizers to provide the services to the affected population through the mobile health units</li> <li>• Through the network of the fixed clinics (18 in Puntland and 14 in Somaliland) in addition to the mobile health units, provide food rations to lactating and pregnant women and children under five.</li> <li>• Procure basic dry food rations locally and deliver to 18 schools and orphanages, to keep the children in school and to mitigate malnutrition among school children.</li> </ul>
The resilience of the community is improved through increased health awareness, knowledge and health behavioural change.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carry out health promotion campaigns within the affected population focusing on Health promotion using Community Based Health and First Aid (CBHFA), Epidemic Control for Volunteers (ECV) and PHAST tools.</li> <li>• Distribute 10,000 insecticide treated bed nets to pregnant and lactating mothers through the SRCS fixed clinics network</li> </ul>

**Progress:**

- The procurement of 54 OPD kits has been completed and the consignment is in transit in Nairobi awaiting dispatch to Somaliland and Puntland.
- Food rations for 9 schools in Somaliland and 5 schools in Puntland have been procured and delivered to the schools.
- The 14 mobile clinics have reached 22,510 beneficiaries during the month of November 2011.

**Table 1: Breakdown of the beneficiaries**

<b>Type of Service</b>	<b>No of Beneficiaries</b>
Out Patient Department consultations	11,672
Children screened for growth monitoring	4,191
Ate-Natal care consultation	2,251
Post-Natal Care Consultation	1,170
Children vaccinated	972
Women vaccinated	2,254

## Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion

Outcome 1: the risk of waterborne diseases has been reduced through improved access to safe drinking water, improved sanitation and hygiene services	
Outputs (expected results)	Activities planned
<p>Access to safe water, adequate sanitation as well as hygiene promotion to 150,000 people in Somaliland and Puntland has been improved.</p> <p>Access to drinking water for livestock in pastoralist areas has improved through maintenance of water sources.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procure 6 generators and submersible pumps for 6 boreholes in Somaliland and Puntland.</li> <li>• Provide fuel to run 23 boreholes in Puntland and 10 boreholes in Somaliland.</li> <li>• Dig 10 shallow wells fitted with 10 hand pumps in the IDPs settlements in Puntland and Somaliland.</li> <li>• Chlorination of water reservoirs, shallow wells, deep wells and water containers.</li> <li>• Procure and distribute 1,000 ceramic water filters to the households in Puntland.</li> <li>• Through community mobilizers scale up campaigns to raise the awareness of the affected communities on basic hygiene practices and Household water treatment methods (boiling water, cleaning and protecting of water containers), general water hygiene.</li> <li>• ORS distribution and demonstration on preparation at household levels should be included.</li> </ul>
Sanitation in IDPS settlements have improved and risk to diseases is mitigated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procure and distribute 18 sets of sanitation tools each set containing of (shovels, wheel barrows, forks, axes) to nine branches in Somaliland and Puntland.</li> </ul>
The health status of the drought affected population is improved through health education and water hygiene promotion activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobilize the affected communities to protect water sources through regular clean up campaigns.</li> <li>• Mobilize volunteers to clean up drainage system at water sources.</li> </ul>



### Progress:

The installation of a generator set and submersible pump in Geedabeera borehole in Ghalbeed region, Somaliland has been completed. The borehole is running under test to ascertain the quantity of water pumped per hour (the yield per hour).

The SRCS branch in Galkyo distributed 326 ceramic water filters to 326 households from 10 IDPs settlements in Galkayo town whereas 12 ceramic water filters were delivered to two schools in Halabooqad and Buulo Bacley IDPs settlements.

*Left: SRCS Galkayo branch volunteers demonstrating the usage of ceramic water filters to the beneficiaries, Photo by SRCS*

## Logistics

**SRCS logistics, supported by the Regional Logistics Unit (RLU) based in Dubai, UAE, will carry out the following activities:**

- Procure 14 Hard Top Toyota land-cruisers for the mobile teams.
- Coordinate timely and cost efficient sourcing options for the items required for the operation.
- Coordinate mobilization of goods and receipt of incoming shipments.
- Ensure that local, regional and international procurement of goods and services is carried out following International Federation procurement procedures.

### Progress:

The Regional Logistic Unit in Dubai has completed the mobilization of the NFIs. The consignment for Somaliland has been received and distributed whereas the consignment for Puntland arrived Bosaso port on 10 December 2011 and the distribution is expected to be completed by end of January 2012.

The five land cruiser Hard Top vehicles procured through the IFRC Global Fleet Base in Dubai arrived in Berbera port on 6 December 2011. They have since been cleared and distributed to Buaro, Las anod, Erigavo, Galkayo and Bosaso branches.

## Communications – Advocacy and Public Information

Somalia Representation continued to contribute to the Horn of Africa Operation bio-weekly update issued by the communication department of IFRC East Africa Regional Representation to inform the donors and media about the progress of the operation.

Communication and coordination through various humanitarian forums is ongoing. The IFRC and SRCS attended Somalia Recovery Conference organized by the Humanitarian Forum and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in Nairobi.

### Challenges:

There are no major access problems in Somaliland and Puntland, however, in south and central Somalia access beyond the capital Mogadishu is restricted.

The security situation in Somalia's southern regions remain precarious adversely affecting and complicating the humanitarian operations to deliver food assistance to the affected population. The increased insecurity at Kenya/Somalia border is further aggravating the already critical humanitarian situation.

The coordination between the Movement partners in Mogadishu needs to be strengthened and improved. There are a number of sister national societies operating in Mogadishu with little coordination with the host national society.

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