

OPERATIONS UPDATE



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ETHIOPIA: FLOODS

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APPEAL EXTENSION

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In Brief

Appeal No. 05EA013; Operations Update no. 2; Period covered: 1 August to 16 December 2005; Appeal coverage: 78.6%; [Click here to go directly to the attached Contributions List](#) or [here for the one on the website](#).

Appeal history:

- Launched on 24 June 2005 for CHF 735,000 (USD 576,796 or EUR 477,164) for 6 months, ending 24 December 2005, to assist 14,000 beneficiaries- http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?05/05EA013.pdf
- Operations Update no. 1 reduced the number of beneficiary households from 8,645 to 2,257 (14,217 beneficiaries). Please refer to http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?05/05EA01301.pdf
- This Operations Update extends the operation's period by five months, ending 24 May 2006, to enable the finalization of the water and sanitation (WatSan) systems rehabilitation, as there have been delays in implementation caused by the rainy season and security concerns.
- Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF) allocated: CHF 200,000.

Outstanding needs: CHF 157,500 (USD 122,520 or EUR 101,322).

Related Emergency or Annual Appeals: Horn of Africa sub-regional programmes; Appeal 2006-2007 (Appeal no. MAA64004). Refer to http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual06/MAA64004.pdf

Operational Summary: During the reporting period, the Ethiopian Red Cross Society carried out a thorough assessment of the operation's water and sanitation (WatSan) activities. Following the assessment, some changes were made to the planned WatSan interventions and subsequently, a revised plan of action with corresponding financial implications was prepared. Implementation is starting in most parts of the operational areas of Sidama, Wolayita and Arbaminch zones. However, due to political disturbances in Ethiopia at the beginning of November 2005, which spread to other parts of the country, an assessment could not take place in Dale woreda, Sidama zone, as planned. In addition, the rainy season has not allowed for the start of water point rehabilitation; thus an additional five months is needed for completion of the WatSan activities. Some health activities are still ongoing and their progress will be reported on in the next update.

Distribution of basic non-food items was completed in nine villages within the flood-affected areas in July 2005. Part of the contingency stock was used in Afar zone, Teru woreda, as relief for earthquake victims. The villages of Debabo, Boyna and partly Dedega were affected by an earthquake in mid-September 2005. About 6,384 people were displaced and the national society provided them with emergency assistance in mid-September up to the first week of October 2005.

At the end of November 2005, contributions amounting to CHF 496,858 had been pledged by the national Red Cross and Red Crescent societies of Turkey, Sweden, Finland, Japan, Hong Kong, Monaco, Norway and Iceland as their response towards this Appeal.

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Background

The heavy rains that hit the eastern and southern parts of Ethiopia in April 2005, led to severe flooding which left 156 people dead and thousands others homeless. Reports indicated that up to 235,418 people were affected, while tens of thousands of livestock were killed and substantial damage to crops suffered.

In response to the unfolding emergency situation, the Ethiopian Red Crescent Society and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) jointly distributed non-food items for 541 households (2,700 persons) at Jijiga in Somali region in the eastern part of Ethiopia from April to May 2005. The national society began its planned interventions in June 2005 with the distribution of basic non-food items and insecticide treated nets (ITN) being carried out in the Humbo, Arbaminch and Dale woredas in July 2005.

Operational developments

Water and sanitation assessment

A team consisting of water and sanitation (WatSan) engineers from the Ethiopian Red Cross Society headquarters and disaster preparedness and response personnel from the national society's Wolayita and Arbaminch branches as well as rural development officers from the local government's woreda offices was deployed to the affected area after the rainy season in October 2005. Following the assessment, some changes were made to the planned WatSan interventions and subsequently, a revised plan of action- with corresponding financial implications- was prepared.

The plan now covers 20 locations of which 12 are situated in Arbaminch zone and eight in Wolayita zone. The interventions in ten villages of the Arbaminch zone are as follows: one shallow drilled well, six hand-dug wells, spring development and spring maintenance in two villages as well as one shallow drilled well in Goffa woreda. The villages identified for intervention are Wozeka, Kolla Shelel, Genta Bonke, Zigity Baqole, Shelle Mele, Genta Kenchama, Elgo, Genta Meiche, Genta Ochole and Goffa.

In Wolayita zone, the magnitude of the water supply damage is much bigger and a larger intervention, beyond the Red Cross capacity, is recommended. The Ethiopian Red Cross Society team came up with a plan to intervene in two villages in Humbo woreda, with one spring development as well as constructing six hand-dug wells and one shallow drilled well. The locations involved are Abaya Chekore and Abaya Gorecho.

The production and distribution of sanitary platforms (SanPlat) slabs, 100 per site, will be carried out in the twenty locations where the water schemes are to be constructed. The plan also covers the establishment of water committees and training of spring caretakers and hand pump attendants. The training will be integrated with the hardware for water supply and hygiene education will be conducted for the communities in all 20 locations using the participatory hygiene and sanitation transformation (PHAST) methodology.

Due to conflicts in Wolayita and Sidama zones and the general political insecurity within the country, the team was unable to start its visit to Dale woreda in Sidama zone until the end of November 2005. The final report from the assessment conducted in Sidama zone is still pending. The activities will include water supply, sanitation, health education and water committee training as presented in the Emergency Appeal. The branches will perform these activities with the woreda water desk offices. Due to the nature of the tasks and the limited experience and capacity at branch level, the well construction work will need to be contracted out. However, the majority of tasks will be accomplished by the branches.

Distribution of basic non-food items to earthquake victims

Part of the contingency stock of non-food items (NFI) was used in Afar zone, Teru woreda, as relief for earthquake victims. The villages of Debabo, Boyna and partly Dedega were affected by an earthquake in mid-September 2005. About 6,384 people were displaced and the national society provided them with emergency assistance in mid-September up to the first week of October 2005. The used, distributed and the remaining stocks are outlined in table 1 below.

Table 1: Distribution of the Contingency (Remaining) Stock of NFI

Type of NFI	Purchased	Used	Consistency stock	Used in Afar	New contingency stock
Blankets	8,000	4,240	3,760	1,000	2,760
Cooking dishes	4,000	2,257	1,743	1,000	743
Tea pots	4,000	2,257	1,743	1,000	743
Bowls	4,000	2,257	1,743		1,743
Plastic plates	16,000	9,028	6,972	4,000	2,972
Plastic cups	16,000	9,028	6,972	4,000	2,972
Jerry cans	4,000	2,257	1,743	1,000	743
Water jugs	4,000	2,257	1,743	1,000	743

Red Cross and Red Crescent action

Emergency relief (basic non-food items)

Objective: To distribute emergency non-food items to 2,257 displaced families.

This objective was amended taking into account the developments since the launch of this appeal on 24 June 2005. Consequently, the number of households requiring immediate relief assistance in this operation dropped from the initial figure of 8,645 as stated in the emergency appeal to 2,257.

Achievements

In July 2005, a total of 4,240 blankets, 2,257 cooking dishes, 2,257 teapots, 2,257 bowls, 9,028 plastic plates, 9,028 plastic cups, 2,257 water jerry cans and 2,257 water jugs were distributed in nine villages in the flood-affected areas.

Health

Objective 1: Improve access to health services and secure a healthy environment.

Achievements

A total of 8,000 insecticide-treated nets (ITN) were procured and 4,240 were dispatched to nine villages in the affected areas in July 2005. The remaining contingency stock of 3,760 ITN was distributed to people in Dale woreda who were not affected by the floods but who were in need of mosquito nets.

In July 2005, 39 youth volunteers were trained in a two-day workshop on hygiene, malaria control and management as well as the use of ITN. The training was given by the Ethiopian Red Cross Society and woreda health offices in Arbaminch, Wolayita and Dale. The trained youth also distributed the ITN to the target population, and reached over 13,000 people, to sensitise them on hygiene, malaria control and the use of the ITN.

Federation Coordination

The Ethiopian Red Cross Society continues to play a leading role in the implementation of the proposed interventions. Its branches in Arbaminch and Wolayita were involved in the WatSan assessment. The branches will contract additional staff according to needs to monitor the implementation of the activities.

The Federation Horn of Africa sub-regional office and the regional delegation in Nairobi are coordinating the responses to the emergency situation including financial and in-kind contributions and pledges from partner national societies (PNS).

Discussions with UN agencies and Ethiopia's Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Agency (DPPA), which is the focal organization for coordinating the emergency operation, are held as appropriate. The national society's sub-branches in the affected areas are also working closely with the DPPA field offices.

The local government authorities, through the woreda water, agriculture and rural development officers, participated in the recent field assessment. They will also be involved in training community water committees.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement – Principles and initiatives

The issue of promoting the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement within the target area has been addressed during the assessments. It will be further strengthened when the programme is fully operational. It will be addressed alongside the capacity building endeavour, including provision of training to the volunteers as well as conducting awareness sessions for the affected communities.

National Society Capacity Building

The proposed national society capacity building including the purchase of computer and telecom equipment is on course. Workshops and trainings related to WatSan will be undertaken in the future.

Communications – Advocacy and public information

The progress made in the implementation of this operation was communicated through the first operations update which was posted on the Federation's website on page http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?05/05EA01301.pdf.

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ANNEX 1

APPEAL No. 05EA013

PLEDGES RECEIVED

07/02/2006

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->					TOTAL COVERAGE	
					735,000	78.6%
FINNISH - RC		50,000	EUR	77,400	05.07.05	
CHINA - HONG KONG - RC BRANCH		11,442	HKD	1,895	08.08.05	
FINNISH - RC		50,000	EUR	77,275	25.10.05	
ICELANDIC - RC		250,000	ISK	4,900	26.08.05	
JAPANESE - RC		19,000	USD	23,668	04.07.05	
MONACO - RC		10,000	EUR	15,605	10.08.05	
SWEDISH - GOVT		1,000,000	SEK	168,300	01.07.05	
TURKISH - RC		10,000	USD	12,457	24.06.05	
NORWAY - RC		1,000,000	NOK	196,000	23.08.05	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				577,500	CHF	78.6%

KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				0	CHF	0.0%

ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	