



**Kenya**  
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# Operations Update

## **KENYA: FLOODS, LANDSLIDES & CONFLICTS**

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The Operations Update No. 4/2008 reflects the information available at this time:

- Kenya Red Cross launched a Preliminary Appeal No. 3/2008 targeting Ksh.585, 839,514 (CHF 6,657,407, USD 7,510,763) that will assist 300,000 beneficiaries for 3 months.

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### **Operational Summary**

The Government has provided 1,057.5MT of relief food under the ongoing floods interventions in 11 districts. Kenya Red Cross has been appointed to co-ordinate the distribution of food to the affected people.

The Society has commenced relief and health response to victims of floods, landslides and conflict in the country. Floods have subsided in most provinces. However, there have been sporadic ethnic clashes in some districts. The inter-clan conflicts in Tharaka/Tigania and Mandera districts were not reported this week.

Kenya Red Cross has been monitoring the flood situation countrywide. A multi-sectoral team comprising Kenya Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross/Crescent staff, will be dispatched late this week to Tana River, Wajir, Garissa and Mandera, among other areas, to undertake a detailed assessment of the situation. The assessment will look into sectoral needs and come up with guidelines for future interventions.

## Situation

### North Eastern

In Wajir, at least 530 people have been displaced by conflict and most of them are living with host families after fleeing skirmishes in Mandera District. The situation is now calm, but tension is high between the hosts and victims in Wajir East.

### North Rift

At least 13 people were killed in Turkana Central District following an attack by raiders from a neighbouring district. Kenya Red Cross is working with the Government to assess and respond to humanitarian needs of close to 200 people affected by the raid. The affected community lost over 2,000 livestock during the raid.

### Eastern

People displaced following border clashes between two clans in Tharaka and Tigania have returned home. Kenya Red Cross Branch facilitated distribution of non-food items and the return of some families. The situation is calm along the border, but there is need for more relief aid since most houses were destroyed during the conflict.

### Coast

Floods have subsided in most parts of Coast Province, but the humanitarian assistance to affected people is required. Kenya Red Cross team is on the ground monitoring the situation and distributing relief aid.



*Floods in Pokot Central*

## Red Cross Action – Objectives and Progress

### Objective 1: To provide food and non-food items to flood, conflict and drought affected communities totalling 300,000 persons and enhance early recovery.

The Government has provided 1,057.5 MT of relief food to be distributed by the Kenya Red Cross during the ongoing floods interventions in 11 districts.

Already, food has been delivered to Mandera District targeting 120,000 people for three months. Kenya Red Cross has distributed family kits and 1,800 buckets to 934 families in Mandera. Distribution of food to other districts is in the pipeline. Relief food is expected at the district headquarters any moment.

#### **Food Donated by GoK**

No	District	Rice	Maize	Beans
1	Garissa	60	0	22.5
2	Fafi	60	0	22.5
3	Lagdera	60	0	22.5
4	Mandera Central	90	0	22.5
5	Mandera East	90	0	22.5
6	Mandera West	90	0	22.5
7	Wajir East	60	0	22.5
8	Wajir West	60	0	22.5
9	Wajir South	60	0	22.5
10	Wajir North	60	0	22.5
11	Moyale	30	90	22.5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>247.5</b>

In Tharaka/Tigania, where border clashes claimed at least four lives, more humanitarian aid is required.

### Objective 2: To contribute to reduction mortalities and morbidities caused by conflict floods and landslides by provision of preventive community health and basic clinical care to the flood affected population.

Kenya Red Cross has set up three medical mobile teams in Wajir and Mandera with 21 health workers. Medical outreaches in Mandera – El Wak and Tabaka, have reached out to 7,952 people in the past seven weeks. At least 54 patients were referred to Mandera District Hospital.

A medical outreach team has been stationed in the district and has been operating for two weeks now. This week, the team is undertaking medical outreaches in Bula - Isiolo, although there is need for more drugs. In Wajir a medical outreach team has treated 3,744 patients. The surveillance systems in the two districts are supported by weekly field visits. Kenya Red Cross in liaison with the Ministry of Health has supplied IV fluids and surgical equipment to both Mandera District and Elwak district Hospitals. Drugs and sprayers have been dispatched to Wajir District.

In Meru, a medical camp has been operational since the clashes broke out in mid November. More than 321 people have been treated in the camp of typhoid, malaria and other illnesses. Displacement reported has resulted to upsurge of diarrhoeal diseases and the KRC team have been undertaking intensive health education and surveillance to detect and report outbreak of diseases in the camp.

### **Objective 3: To provide access to safe water for domestic use, sanitation facilities and hygiene promotion**

In Wajir, a water treatment plant has been installed. Over 632,000 liters of water was treated and distributed to more than 50,000 people. Distribution of 74,000 Aqua tabs is in progress. Kenya Red Cross has set aside six vehicles to assist in coordination and distribution of relief food provided by the Government. Local commercial transporters have been sub-contracted to assist in the distribution. In addition, about 20 communal latrines were constructed.

### **Objective 04: To enhance communication and awareness.**

The media continues to highlight the impact of floods in various parts of the country, as well as the humanitarian interventions. Kenya Red Cross has been updating the media and website with the latest information on floods, landslides and conflicts.

### **Partnership and Coordination**

The National Society's Branches in the affected districts have conducted assessments together with the local authorities under the District Steering Group. The National Society's Secretary General has been in touch with the concerned ministries in Government and the local administration in the flooded areas to facilitate easy assistance to the people who have been affected. Food dispatches to inaccessible and marooned areas are now ongoing with the involvement of the military helicopters and other logistical support.

The Kenya Red Cross is a member of Kenya Food Security Meeting, which is the main organ for coordination of food security matters. The National Society is also the lead agency in emergency operations in affected areas. In fulfilling its mandate of alleviating human suffering, the National Society works closely with the Government, World Food Programme (WFP) and other humanitarian organizations in all food security matters. At the district level, the Kenya Red Cross Branches are members of the District Steering Group (DSG) and are involved in carrying rapid assessments.

The Society co-chairs the Rapid-Onset Disaster Committee with the Office of the President. The Committee is a body that also comprises international NGOs, UN agencies and government ministries. The government has food stocks that will be mobilized to assist people in the affected areas, while the Kenya Red Cross may seek local donor support to meet the needs of the displaced and affected people.

Kenya Red Cross has built up its preparedness and response capacity from challenges and experiences of past disaster operations. All mitigation programmes are designed with sufficient consultation at community level, using and enhancing community structures where possible, and ensuring an equal representation of men and women at decision-making bodies.

Other partnering organizations and the Government have also responded in Budalangi by giving 1000 bags of maize 600 bags of rice, 100 bags of beans, 60 cartons and 60 cartons of cooking oil has also responded to the disaster by giving 60 bags of maize.