SOMALIA EMERGENCY: SECOURS ISLAMIQUE FRANCE
MOBILIZATION IN RESPONSE TO FAMINE

In the face of a devastating drought which is affecting more than 10 million people across the Eastern Horn of Africa, and more specifically Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya, Secours Islamique France (SIF) has decided to act: assessment, field intervention and call for a general mobilization!

With two successive failed rainy seasons, causing the inflation of grain prices and the premature death of cattle, the Horn of Africa has been living its driest year for about sixty years. Internal conflicts and difficulties for the humanitarian workers to reach some geographical areas are to be added to the current situation. One unavoidable consequence is that the region is facing an unprecedented food crisis.

In Somalia, where the needs keep up growing, almost 3 million people are affected. Without water nor food in their own country, they can only run away to neighboring countries in search of an efficient help. So, in the camp of Dadaab, east of Kenya – the world’s biggest refugee camp – 1 800 new arrivals are listed everyday. Originally planned to welcome 90 000 persons, it is now overcrowded and shelters more than 370 000 persons, among whom, women, children of less than 5 and elderly people - the most vulnerable ones.

After an assessment of the situation and a coordination with the on-site humanitarian actors, SIF has decided to intervene on the Dadaab camp and to focus specifically on the children and women who suffer from acute malnutrition. The first step will be to respond to their food needs and then to make an assessment of the others priorities to overcome.

To face this crisis and to prevent the situation from getting worse, mobilization of all is crucial!

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