

Situation Report

Kenya – No. 01/2011

Drought Response

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ACT KENYA FORUM

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ACT Appeal: http://www.actalliance.org/resources/appeals/KEN111_FullAppeal_Corr.pdf/view

Narrative Section

ACT Emergency Response

Combined emergency response of all members - what has ACT done so far, and what is ACT currently doing

The requesting members in the KEN111 appeal include NCKK, ACK, LWF, NCA, CWS and CRWRC. The 6 ACT members enjoined in the KEN111 ACT appeal have moved with speed to consolidate response plans in the current drought (in Kenya). These 6 ACT members together with their Implementing partners are currently at different stages of responding to the needs of the most affected people within their respective areas. Each of the 6 members is assigned specific areas together with their respective implementing partners. Some members were able to respond early by pre-financing with own funds or with initial funding received from the ACT Alliance and other donors outside the appeal.

People's most pressing needs

- The pressing needs vary depending on location. Food is of course, a critical concern especially in areas that had not been initially affected at the time the appeal was launched. Food prices have gone up by more than 100% and some areas have minimal food stocks. As the new school year approaches water becomes an increasing challenge (schools lacking necessary water and households having few members able to collect water daily).

- The current drought situation, if not mitigated, may affect the efforts that have been made to reduce the impact of HIV and AIDS. Most people who are HIV Positive and are on ARVs always compliment the medication with food for nutritional back up. According to Teresia Njeri, the Chairlady of NCKK Huruma Support Group *“many people with HIV in the poor urban set-up are suffering due to nutritional deficiencies”*.
- Another pressing need for the targeted communities include water for livestock and for people, in certain areas. In those areas the remaining water points have started to dry up, hence people and animals have to walk / move long distances in search of water.
- Supplementary feeding for most vulnerable family members especially children under-5 years, the elderly and people living with HIV AIDs etc.

Constraints on the total ACT emergency response (within and outside the appeal)

The biggest challenge being experienced by most AKF members is the limited level of funding to date against the needs on the ground. Some members have not yet received funding from the ACT Appeal.

Other challenges include inadequate availability of food in the local markets, in some regions, especially in Northern parts of the country (Moyale, Isiolo, Marsabit etc). This is forcing ACT members to transport food from far distances- raising the cost of transportation. Another challenge reported by some AKF members includes; limited skilled labour at the community level, in some areas.

Future developments

The early arrival of the rains is causing significant floods in some parts of Kenya. This could lead to a quick rise in water borne diseases. Another scenario, developing is that, regions which were initially less affected are falling into serious food crisis. This includes areas in the lower Eastern province, coastal areas and the lower parts of the Rift valley.

- Some parts have received showers and water points recharged for a day or two; but the need for water remains high. Pasture has not regenerated and pastoralists (usually men) are moving with the animals further away from their homes. Children and women are being left behind with weak animals that cannot produce milk and households have to compromise their food / water needs with the animals.
- As schools reopen in September, we are likely to see an increase in school dropout as well as increase in school enrolment in areas with school feeding programmes.
- Prices of food may rise further as the country exhausts the local food reserves.
- Government may allow imports of GMO foods especially maize which is the staple food.

ACT response both within and outside the Appeal

| ACT member | Implementing partner | Sector of work | Location of work | Number of people targeted(HHs)* |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------|
| ACK | ACK Kajiado Diocese | Food Relief | Kajiado District - Torosei | 500 & 300 children |
| | UCCS | Food Relief | Kathozweni(Kakili), | 300hhs |
| | CCS - Nakuru | Food Relief | Samburu District (Baragoi & Wamba loc) | 700hhs |
| CAID | ACK | Water tankering | Isiolo/Moyale/Marsabit | 2000hh |
| CRWRC | | Food relief | Isiolo | 500 |
| CAID | | Destocking & animal feed | Isiolo | 1,000hh |
| DKH | ACK | Food vouchers | MarsabitandMoyale | 1,600hh |
| | | Animal feed | Marsabit andMoyale | 3,000hh |
| | | Water tankering | Moyale | 1,500hh |
| | | Nutrition -MUAC assessment and referral s | Marsabit and Moyale | 1,500hh |
| Anglican church of Australia | ACK | Food Relief | Mbooni (Kalawani) | 450 |
| CWS | ACK Kitui Diocese | Food relief | Mwingi | 1,000 |
| | CRI | Food relief | Kibwezi | 3660 |
| NCCK | NCCK regions | Food Relief | Kitui and Muranga | 4,000hh |
| | Methodist church of Kenya | | Tharaka , Wajir, Embu/Mbeere | 2,000 |
| | PCEA | | Mutha, Kitui south, Laikipia | 2,000 |
| CORDAID | RACIDA | Water tracking | mandera | 1,700 |
| | | Food vouchlers | mandera | 1,000 |
| | | Destocking –for meat distribution | mandera | 1,000 |
| | | Destocking-Cash from livestock sales | mandera | 1,200 |
| | | Livestock de-warming-shoats | Mandera | 30,000 shoats |
| | | De-warming -cattle | mandera | 30,000 cattle |
| NCA | RACIDA | Food relief vouchers | Mandera | 400 |
| | | water | Mandera | 2,000hh |
| | | Destocking | Mandera | 1,000 |
| | FGCK | Food relief | E-Baringo ,Kakuma | 2,000 |
| FIDA International | FGCK | Food relief | East Baringo and Kakuma (Turkana) | 1,100 |

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| LWF | LWF | Food relief | Turkana North | 4,000 |
| | ELCK | Food relief | Samburu,Kjd,Marsabit, Taveta, Kitui,Tharaka, Narok and West Pokot | 3,500 |
| | KELC | Food relief | Tana River, Kjd,Makueni, Taita Taveta, Kilifi and Kwale | 3,000 |
| Amity Foundation (Hong Kong) | KELC | Food relief | Kajiado | To be confirmed |
| CRWRC | RCEA,NCA,ACK | Food relief | Various districts in the country, e.g Narok, Kilifi , Taveta, Kajiado, Mbeere etc | 13,500 |
| | | Water tankering | South Turkana | 10,000 |

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