SOMALIA
RESPONDING TO FOOD INSECURITY

Food insecurity has reached crisis and emergency levels across Somalia. Years of consecutively poor rainfall has left 6.2 million people in need of emergency food and livelihood support – this is well over half of the population. The situation is expected to deteriorate further as we enter the dry season. Levels of acute food insecurity and malnutrition will remain high in Somalia through to the end of the year, including 388,000 children under five who are acutely malnourished.

The Somali Red Crescent Society is present throughout the country, supporting communities to respond to the many and growing challenges they are facing. With IFRC’s support, the Somali Red Crescent will help 353,000 of the most vulnerable people in Somaliland and Puntland.

With the upsurge of cholera/acute watery diarrhoea cases in late 2016, the Red Crescent has taken a leading role in the response efforts, including deploying a cholera treatment centre and mobilizing volunteers community education campaigns. Somalia has since seen a sharp decline in the number of cases.

Urgent actions

Health
Mobile and fixed clinics in rural areas.

Water, sanitation and hygiene
Rehabilitation and monitoring of water points; distribution of water purification tablets, jerrycans and ceramic water filters; and hygiene promotion.

Nutrition
Nutritional screening and supplementary feeding for children under five.

Cash for plowing
Providing farmers means to plow their farmland.

Unconditional cash grants

Shelter
Tarps, mats, blankets, kitchen sets and hygiene kits
Thanks to the generous support of the global community through the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, we are reaching some of the most isolated, vulnerable and hard-to-reach communities with life-saving services. The IFRC Emergency Appeal is working with the Somali Red Crescent to ensure their short and longer-term efforts continue to meet the urgent needs of people now and their resiliency to future droughts.

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