

Drought Relief Project: Togdheer region, Central Somaliland

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Situation

The most recent drought in the Horn of Africa has become prominent in the news in recent weeks. In normal years, Somaliland and Somalia experience two rainy seasons, around the months of May and September. The September 2016 rainy season completely failed in most regions of the Horn of Africa, and this was the third season in a row of poor or no rains. The crisis is therefore expected to reach its peak in March-May 2017 before - hopefully - the rains will come again in May.

Estimates are that about 50% of the population of the Horn are nomadic or semi-nomadic and heavily reliant on livestock. There have been some reports of human deaths in the region. Moreover, local reports indicate that malnutrition is an increasing issue, especially for people in the countryside. The most severe aspects of the drought, however, are the lack of drinking water and the loss of livestock. According to local informants, the majority of livestock (sheep, goats, camels) owned by nomads in the countryside have either perished or had to be sold in order to buy water for families. A large number of people in the countryside have lost their livelihoods.

The most severely affected areas in Somaliland are the regions of Sanaag, Sool and Togdheer. Burao is the capital of Togdheer region in central Somaliland (see red area in the map below).



Profile: University of Burao

The University of Burao is the only public tertiary education provider and the largest university in Togdheer. It was established in 2004 by a group of Somali elders from both major local clans in the region. In Somaliland society, local institutions, both public and private, initiate relief projects as part of their social responsibility. These programs are usually labelled 'outreach programs'.

Proposal

The University of Burao proposes to buy and distribute basic necessary items with the help of student and staff volunteers into the most needy village of Togdheer region. The project will be supervised by senior staff of the University. Foreign nationals from Australia, the USA, Canada and Germany, employed by the university as lecturers, will also be involved in the implementation and reporting of the project as well as facilitating donations from outside Somaliland.

Interested donors are invited to contact one of the following employees of the University for more information:

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We propose to provide support in two phases, which may be handled as two separate projects.

Phase 1: Relief (March-May 2017)

The most urgent need is for clean water and dry foods, simply to ensure nutrition. To feed one household (approximately seven people) for one month, ten barrels of water, three bags of rice, one bag of flour, three can of milk powder and one bottle of vegetable oil are needed.

Phase 2: Restoration (from May 2017)

Once the rains arrive in May, the emphasis will shift towards restoring livelihoods by providing families with a small number of sheep and goats.

Budget (Phase 1 only)

Supplies per household per month - 'Adopt a family'

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| 10 barrels of water (1/4 water truck) | 50\$ |
| 3 bags of rice, 25kg each | 3 x 13\$ = 39,- |
| 1 bag of flour, 25kg each | 13\$ |
| 3 cans of milk powder (1/2 box) | 3 x 10\$ = 30,- |
| 1 bottle of vegetable oil (5 litres) | 6\$ |
| 1 bag of sugar | 17\$ |
| 1 tin of dates | 14\$ |
| Sub-total (including transport) | USD 169\$ |

For organisations or larger groups who want to 'adopt a village', the following sample budget may be helpful.

Supplies for 50 households for the two critical months April-May - 'Adopt a village'

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| 25 water trucks, each carrying 40 barrels of water | 25 x 200\$ = 5000,- |
| 300 bags of rice, 25kg each | 300 x 13\$ = 3900,- |
| 100 bags of flour, 25kg each | 100 x 13\$ = 1300,- |
| 50 boxes of milk powder, six cans each | 50 x 60\$ = 3000,- |
| 100 bottles of vegetable oil | 100 x 6\$ = 600,- |
| 100 bags of sugar | 100 x 17\$ = 1700,- |
| Sub-total | USD 16,900\$ |

Please note that there are a lot of villages in the countryside, and hundreds of households are in need of this kind of support. Any support is only a drop in the ocean compared to the vast need across the region.

However, **we can guarantee that every dollar donated will go directly to those most in need.**

Adopt a family and make a difference.

Please donate to the following person who will forward the entire sum of your donation directly to the University of Burao:

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