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BACKGROUND

- Over US\$2.4 billion is needed to help people affected by the food crisis in the Horn of Africa. Less than half of that has been received so far. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon has made a global appeal for everyone to urgently bridge the gap and reduce the loss of life.
- 12.4 million people need urgent humanitarian assistance in Djibouti, Kenya, Somalia and Ethiopia.
- Refugees from Somalia are fleeing into Kenya and Ethiopia, with about 2,000 people arriving daily.
- Famine has been declared in five regions of South Central Somalia and the UN has begun food airlifts into Mogadishu, to try to reach the almost 2.8 million people that have yet to receive aid.

	Local Population	Somali Refugees	Other Refugees	TOTAL
Djibouti	146,600	17,154	1,510	165,264
Kenya	3,200,000	476,808	77,777	3,754,585
Somalia	3,700,000			3,700,000
Ethiopia	4,567,256	157,923	80,500	4,805,679
TOTAL	11,613,856	651,885	159,787	12,425,528

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please make cash contributions rather than in-kind donations. With a cash donation to an organization that is included in the Flash Appeal you will support our efforts to provide the most effective response, helping more people who need it most. Coordinating our response is critical.

I. Cash Contributions

To donate cash through the United Nations, please consider the following options:

1. Support the Appeal for the Horn of Africa

The humanitarian appeal for the crisis is linked on OCHA's website:

<http://www.unocha.org/crisis/horn-africa-crisis>.

The current requirements, as at 29 July, are as follows:

Appeal	Revised US\$ Requirements	US\$ Committed/ Contributed	% Funded	Unmet Requirements
Djibouti Drought Appeal	33 million	14 million	42%	19 million
Kenya EHRP+	741 million	357 million	48%	383 million
Somalia CAP	1,063 million	408 million	38%	654 million
Ethiopia Humanitarian Requirements Documents	398 million	146 million	37%	253 million
Ethiopia refugee-related requirements	246 million	22 million	9%	224 million
Total	2,481 million	1,034 million	42%	1,447 million

2. Give to the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF)

Emergency Relief Coordinator Valerie Amos has allocated US\$59.7 million from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) to provide urgent, life-saving assistance to people in the Horn of Africa. This funding will enable the delivery of over 40,000 metric tons of food and support to projects. Humanitarian agencies in Ethiopia received \$14.6 million, \$27.9 million went to Somalia, \$14.1 million to projects in Kenya and an additional \$3.1 million went to support refugees.

CERF is an emergency fund which helps UN organizations to provide immediate relief. Your contribution will ensure that CERF can continue to provide that immediate relief. OCHA can receive tax-deductible donations a 501 (c) for CERF from US and UK taxpayers. For more information, visit cerf.un.org. Help us help in time!

- **United Nations Member States** should contact the CERF secretariat at cerf@un.org or fax: +1 212 963 1312 to make a pledge or contribution.
- **Private organizations or individuals** can donate online: rapiddisasterrelief.org or via SMS (USA only) by texting CERF to 90999 to give US\$5 to the CERF. The donation will appear on your cell phone bill. To make a contribution by check or wire transfer, please contact the CERF Secretariat at cerf@un.org or fax: +1 212 963 1312 for bank details.

3. Give to the Pooled Funds in Somalia, Kenya and Ethiopia

The Common Humanitarian Fund (CHF) for Somalia, Emergency Response Fund (ERF) for Kenya and the Humanitarian Response Fund (HRF) for Ethiopia are 'pooled' funds that can be accessed by UN Agencies and NGOs to fund collectively to critical needs in our response. Decisions and allocations on priority sectors and geographical areas within the response are taken locally in each country.

- For **bank transfer** details for the CHF/ERF/HRF please e-mail rodriguez14@un.org and unas@un.org. Reports on the CHF/ERF/HRF expenditure are posted by the Financial Tracking Service (<http://fts.unocha.org>) for public accountability.

4. Give to OCHA's response to the Horn of Africa Crisis

If you wish to support OCHA's response to the Horn, please contact donateOCHA@un.org or send a check payable to "United Nations" indicating in the bottom left-hand corner that it is for "OCHA Horn of Africa". Mail to: UN OCHA Donor Relations Section, Palais des Nations, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland

II. In-kind Donations

The United Nations urges donors to make cash rather than in-kind donations. However, if you can only offer in-kind contributions, please consult the "OCHA Guide to Humanitarian Giving" on the OCHA website: [http://ochanet.unocha.org/p/Documents/OCHA-Guide to Humanitarian Giving \(Jan 2011\).pdf](http://ochanet.unocha.org/p/Documents/OCHA-Guide%20to%20Humanitarian%20Giving%20(Jan%202011).pdf)

III. Reporting on your donations

The Financial Tracking Service (FTS) is a global database, managed by OCHA, that records all humanitarian contributions (cash and in-kind) to emergencies is available online at fts.unocha.org

To help ensure comprehensive coverage on FTS and give visibility to all international humanitarian efforts, please report your contributions to fts.unocha.org with at least the following information:

- Donor name (country/organization)
- Name of recipient organization (or mark "bilateral aid" for all assistance directed to the Government of the affected country)
- Contribution description
- Amount in US\$ or original currency

For in-kind support, please provide a brief description of the goods or services, and an estimated value in US\$ or original currency where possible.