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Subject: Somalia flood situation and SRCS response plan

Overview

Moderate to heavy Deyr seasonal rains, which started early in many parts of Somalia, continued to be received across the country. The Ethiopian Highlands, where the Juba and Shabelle rivers originate, also received moderate to heavy rains over recent weeks, according to FAO-Managed Somalia Water and Land Information Management (SWALIM). Consequently, entire reaches of the Juba and Shabelle rivers have seen high water levels over the last few weeks resulting in flooding in Hirshabelle, Jubaland and South West states. Flash flooding was also reported in Banadir region, Jowhar in Hirshabelle and Ceel Cade and Jamame in Jubaland with some locations in South West State inundated¹.

The flooding is primarily caused by rising river water specially when combined with heavy downpours of rain water in these regions and in Ethiopian highlands leading to sharp increase of water levels in the rivers and the subsequent flooding in the riverfront towns and villages mainly

¹ OCHA Somalia flash update 28 October 2019

exacerbated by human activity. Destruction and deterioration of the river embankment due to unprofessional cultivation and poorly planned/maintained irrigation channels as well as construction of residential areas near the flood plain has made the situation worse over the years.

Flooding in towns carries high risk of sanitation and hygiene related disease as the toilets are filled with flooding water and human excreta and other waste materials pollute the environment and as a result the shallow well and other water sources are contaminated. During the last couple of weeks, the river basins inside Somalia and in the Ethiopian highlands received moderate to heavy rains which increases the risk for flooding.

Current situation

According to SRCS, the riverfront towns and villages of Hiran, Middle Shabelle and Gedo regions are already affected by floods and flooding can also affect Middle and Lower Jubbas and Lower Shabelle regions.

The flooding is still going on in Beledweyne and its waterfront areas. Many people are reported missing and the search and rescue activities are going on. The water level and speed of the water are the same as before and thousands of people still isolated in the water. The water level is unprecedentedly high to a level that is not recorded in the history and many riverfront villages became unreachable with the equipment available in the area and the information from those villages is very limited. The people in these villages are at high risk of being washed away and lack of basic needs such as food, protection from animals who also flee from the flooding and water born/related diseases. These villages include Dologal, Hodley, Baslawe, Burjada, Qura'ley, Donka, Berdhile, Warhubo, Ma'anqal, Tihey and many others.

Affected areas

The most affected area is Beledweyne in Hiran (55'000 HH) region followed by Middle Shabelle (9200HH), Gedo and Bay region (2500 HH).

Town	Region	Est no. of affected people
Beledweyne	Hiraan	55'000 HH
Berdale	Bay	2500 HH
Mahaday	Middle shabelle	9200 HH
Bardere	Gedo	2570 HH

Beledweyne/Hiran/ Jowhar/Middle Shabelle

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In Jowhar/Middle Shabelle Mahaday villages, floods have affected a large area inhabited by farming communities. In Horseed neighbourhood in Jowhar is among areas badly affected by the flood water and there is a lot of stagnant water which might be a breeding ground for mosquitoes. However, no diseases were reported from Jowhar so far.

The flooding in the villages along the river is intensifying day after day and a very large of farmland is under water. No crop harvests expected from this season because the flooding not only destroys the crops but also badly impacts on the environment and infrastructure which might take a long time to recover. Some people in villages such as Furbarako under Balad district are reported to be displaced and moving out to Mogadishu as a result of the flooding.

Bay region

SRCS Baidoa branch has reported that the Flooding water dried up in some parts of Berdale Town. SRCS Clinic is in the water side yet. Some families started coming back in the town. In some areas, the roads leading to the town have become muddy and only heavy duty vehicles can use them, sometimes with difficulty.

Gedo region

In Bardera, if heavy rains continue, river water level are likely to rise and overflow. The branch has reported that El-Ade village which is 120 km from Bardera are completely under water and residents moved out. The community is working hard to dig ditches to move the water out of the village.

Diseases such as malaria, common cold and diarrhea are reported in the town which is also felt in local pharmacies and SRCS clinic. So, it is necessary to start this hygiene promotion campaign to sensitize the community and take part in preventing or reducing the effects of the diseases.

SRCS current response

Area affected	SRCS action
Beledweyne/Hiran	SRCS team including the boat teams continued their effort to search and evacuate people and to collect dead bodies. Seven dead bodies were collected by SRCS boat teams in Beledweyne.

	Also 137 people were rescued from a critical risk like people on trees, on roofs of nearly submerged houses, and people who were washed away but luckily stick to tree branches, electric poles etc.
Jowhar/Middle Shabelle	Distribution of sandbags in Mahaday and nearby villages. According to the residents, the sandbags have already reduced the intensity of the floods in some parts of the town although the flood water are spreading in large areas of land. Hygiene promotion and awareness campaign in Jowhar and Mahadday towns.
Gedo region	SRCS is participating in a multi-agency rapid assessment in coordination with local authorities to identify the risks, gaps and needs in the region; Bardera branch will start the hygiene promotion and awareness campaign in Bardera town in which they will distribute aqua tabs in town and in IDPs.

The needs

Currently the level of response is very low compared to the needs. Only a few organizations contacted by the SRCS/ICRC have the capacity to provide some supports. With the support of the ICRC, SRCS has so far provided sands bags, hygiene promotion sessions with distribution of aquatab, NFI kits will be provided to 4000 HH in Beledweyne and 800 HH in Berdale. In Beledweyne area, a temporary clinic will be set up in Eljale with the ICRC support. The area most affected by flood so far is Beletweyne region where 53'000 families had to relocate to locations not affected by the flood.

The urgent needs (gaps) are as follows:

SN	Description of the needs	Estimated no. of beneficiaries	Total budget USD
	Access to Safe drink water (water trucking) for 9 weeks in Beletweyne	75,000 people	\$132,000
	Aqua tabs 2,000,000 tablet for a month	150,000 people	\$ 66,000
	soap bars 50,000 bars	150,000 people	\$ 50,000
	hygiene promotion	150,000 people	\$ 30,000

NFI kits - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • kitchen sets – 28.92 = 28.92 • stove - 14.90 = 14.90 • tarpaulins - 9.85 = 9.85 • mats - 1.5*2= 3.0 • mosquito nets, 1.95*2 = 2.90 • jerry cans 1.06*2 = 2.12 Total 61.69 	5,000 HHs	\$308,450
Rehabilitation of 90 Hand Dug Wells in 6 locations, after the floods	75,000 people	\$15,600
Operational costs (10%) includes logistics and volunteer support.	10%*617,050	\$60,205
TOTAL		\$662,255

The materials mentioned in the table are recommended to be sent to SRCS in-Kind through Bosasso port and from there to the flooded areas by overland transport.

Implementation and Reporting


This plan will be implemented by SRCS branches and supported by the Coordination office in Mogadishu. SRCS will take the responsibility for managing all necessary documentations and providing timely narrative and financial reports to the donor.

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