

Co-operation for Health and Education Programmes (CHEPs): Famine Relief Programme for Kenya, 2011

We wish to thank the well wishers for their intention to get aid to the poor and needy human beings suffering from starvation in the drought/famine affected regions of Kenya. Upto 5m men, women and children are going hungry in Kenya alone. Over the past seven weeks, the CHEPs team of volunteers distributed food to Coast, Eastern, Rift and mainly Northeastern province- the most hard hit by the drought. We wish to thank you for sponsoring food aid to them. The food items were distributed by us personally among the most needy. We managed to reach over 11,666 households (89,929 individuals) in 37 villages and refugee camps. Currently many organisations and individuals are sending food aid to Northeastern province of Kenya for the refugees from Somalia and, to a much lesser extent, Kenyans living in areas bordering Somalia. These people are also of the same Somali race, same culture, all Muslims, and suffering from extreme lack of food and water. The population of the area were mainly dependent upon their livestock-goats, cows, camels. Due to the drought, most of these animals died leaving the people completely destitute. Moreover, the area is grossly under-developed and most people are extremely poor leading to weak coping mechanisms. There's very little support for them to stand on their own feet and come out of the current disaster. CHEPs is planning a long term programme of development projects in the region include water and sanitation, education, agriculture, business diversification with women's empowerment. We hope you'll continue to support this cause.



A malnourished refugee child from Somalia



Crowd of needy starving people waiting for food assistance



Malnourished and sick children waiting for assistance



Women waiting their turn to be given food handouts.



Dead animal (camel, goat, cow) carcasses litter the landscape. Most of the people's livestock have died leaving them with no other means of support.



Few remaining animals have no fodder to feed on and are on verge of death



In the middle of the very dry, barren land, food, fruits and vegetables can be grown just by improving water supply through wells and simple irrigation



Traditional well in Wajir district



Immediate assistance by our team improved the same well making it safer, cleaner and easier to draw more water for use by the family and for farming



680 children in the village of Bea'd, Wajir district, have only 2 classrooms in their school. Most children have lessons in the open under the hot sun



Most of the people's time is taken up searching for water or waiting for a water tanker to come from town, never sure it'll be delivered that week!

Summary report on CHEPs food distribution July-August 2011

Province	District	Village	Date	No. households given food	No. individuals reached	Amount food distributed (kg)
Coast	Kwale/Samburu	Ngonzini	16 July	610	3660	4000
		Mwaruphesa		623	3738	
Eastern	Makueni-Kitise	Mwanea	23 July	278	1668	1316
		Kwanzulu		210	1260	
Rift Valley	Baringo	Keptoim	30 July	347	2082	1200
		Orphanage				
Northeast	Lagdera	Alikune	6 August	240	1920	18000
		Boransis		150	1200	
		Kumahumato		168	1344	
		Shanta-Abaq		408	3264	
	Wajir	Garse	13 August	800	6400	22000
		Giriftu		200	1600	
		Bulla Jogoo		1200	4000	22000
	Dadaab-Garissa	Dagahaley refugee camp	17 August	1000	8000	10000
	Wajir	Dadajibulla	17 August	1200	9600	18000
		Wagalla	18 August	700	5600	17900
		Dera		250	2000	
		Bulla Forest		250	2000	
		Hagar		250	2000	
		Bo'aad		250	2000	
		Mau Mau		100	800	
	Lagdera	Afwein	27 August	180	1440	8251
		Levisumat		50	400	
		Lanviat		60	480	
		Maalimeen		243	1944	
		Togdup		70	560	
		Tinas		40	320	
Wayamejibril		30		240		
Dadaab-Garissa	Dagahaley refugee camp	28 August	1000	8000	14575	
Garissa	Orphanage			700	1200	
Mbalambala	Saka	27 August	583	4664	13668	
	Hatley		200	1600		
	Qabobei		120	960		
	Bulla junction		156	1248		
	Roadside village		30	240		
	Jilarba		40	320		
	Sigale		30	240		
	Dadaab	Gurfa		150	1200	2000
		Baraki		150	1200	2000
TOTAL			37	11666	89929	140410