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CHEPs DROUGHT & FAMINE RELIEF 2017

Food distribution

Kong village, Baringo County, Kenya

Donor: The World Federation of KSIMC

Background

Over 2.6 million Kenyans are suffering from extreme thirst and hunger due to the protracted drought, which has been declared a national disaster. Having lost their source of food and water with the drying of their crops, and water sources, masses of people risk losing their lives if no intervention is put in place.

Surveys conducted by our team in various parts of the country have revealed a desperate situation. We sampled villages in Garissa, Wajir, Kilifi, Marsabit and Lamu, and came across thousands of households that are in desperate need of immediate relief.

Children and women are seen on the roadside begging for food and water hand-outs from commuters. Schools are recording poor attendance, as children travel far with their families in search of these precious commodities. Victims are forced to share the little available contaminated water with animals, leading to water-borne diseases. The elderly and weak are left behind at the mercy of well-wishers and occasional government relief food. Scattered animal carcasses and malnourished people are a common scene. With a few mortalities having been reported, urgent measures must be put in place to mitigate further loss of lives.

Food distribution in Kong Village, Baringo County

Baringo County is located in the former Rift Valley Province of Kenya, Baringo County, Kenya about 270km north-west of Nairobi. It covers an area of 11,015.32 sq km.

It borders seven counties; Samburu and Laikipia to the east, Turkana to the north and north east, Nakuru to the south, Elgeyo Marakwet to the west, West Pokot to to the north west and Kericho and Uasin Gishu to the south west.

The county is occupied by the Tugen, Pokot and Njemps. A sizeable population of Nubians is found in Eldama-Ravine. Christianity is the most practiced religion in the county. Baringo County has many tribes including Tugens, Njemps, Pokots, Turkanas, Kikuyus, Numbians and Kisiis.

From husein: Tugens don't want food to be delivered to pokot so it's tricky and dangerous. Over 180 km interior big boulders dry driver clutches steep embankment. No phone, no boda boda. Villagers stay far apart. We had 3 tyre burst on our lorry. We still try to sort them out.

Only Red Cross reach these area safely a lot of tension with government forces. It's still a volatile area. Red cross are delivering food. Ratio have to be monthly because of logistics. No roads, tribal conflicts. Red cross also does medical outreach but not enough, eye team are needed. There is an American couple from Catholic mission who are their only outside link.

In order to avert potential loss of lives, CHEPs in collaboration with WF distributed **5 tones** of food to **149 households** in Kong village.

Food distribution in Kong Village





Acknowledgment:

The CHEPs team wishes to thank The World Federation of KSIM for sponsoring this food distribution. The support has been timely in alleviating suffering among the communities, and was highly deserved. A lot however still needs to be done, and we look forward to more collaboration in the near future.