

## RESPONDING TO FOOD INSECURITY ACROSS AFRICA

With the help of the Nigerian Red Cross and IFRC, Hawa has received enough money to invest back into her livelihood. She has bought seven goats, fertilizer for her farm and food to sustain her until her crops grow. She has also been able to renovate the foundations of her home where her children reside.

**“Smiling alone cannot express how happy I am, because I have never received any help like this in my life,” says Hawa.**



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Nigeria



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Somaliland

The Red Crescent mobile clinic arrives at the remote village of Lamadhahder in central Somaliland. Like many villages in this area, drought has driven food insecurity to crisis levels: most – if not all – livestock that villagers depend on have died. Malnutrition rates, particularly among children is pervasive.

One of the first patients in the clinic is three-year-old Amal. Unfortunately the Red Crescent nurse finds her to be severely malnourished. Amal is given a high-nutritional, ready-to-eat peanut paste, called Plumpy’Nut, used to treat severe acute malnutrition for children six months of age and above. Amal’s mother, Fadumo Abdi Muhammed, is given a four-week supply of Plumpy’Nut until the mobile clinic comes back to the village, providing some relief to the family who is now relying on just one meal a day.





## Ethiopia

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## South Sudan

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The Donor Advisory Group visited Ethiopia this month to build an understanding of the processes of coordination within the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement as well as with external partners in the context of the drought response.

The IFRC team inspects household kit items in preparation for a distribution that will reach 5,000 families in rural South Sudan in November.



## Kenya

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An innovative, mobile phone-driven cash programme has helped prevent nearly 250,000 people from slipping into severe food insecurity in drought-ravaged Kenya. The Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) has given monthly grants of 3,000 Kenya shillings (28 Swiss francs) to more than 41,000 drought-affected families spread across 13 counties over the past three months.

“This programme is transforming the way we respond to emergencies in Kenya,” said Dr Abbas Gullet, KRCS Secretary General.

The Red Cross is supporting the most affected communities with health care, water, sanitation and hygiene, nutrition and food security support, mainly through cash transfers.

*Thanks to the generous support of the global community through the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, we are responding to a food crisis that has swept across East, Central and West Africa. More than 15 million people are now severely food insecure in the horn of Africa. The IFRC is working with Red Cross and Red Crescent national societies to support some of the most isolated, vulnerable and hard-to-reach communities and ensure their short and longer-term efforts continue to meet the urgent needs of people now and their resiliency to future food insecurity.*

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