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# SOMALIA

## RESPONDING TO FOOD INSECURITY

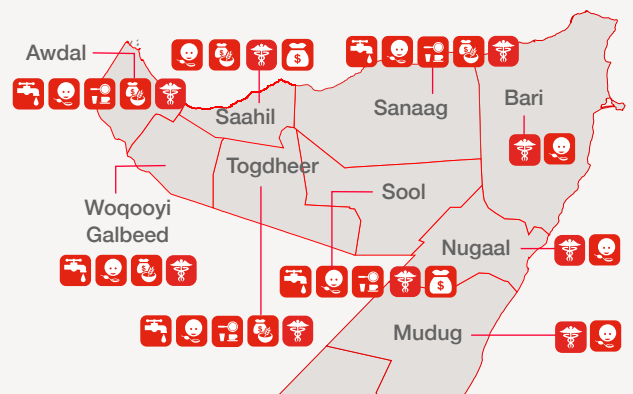
Food insecurity has reached crisis and emergency levels across Somalia. Years of consecutively poor rainfall has left 6.2 million people in need of emergency food and livelihood support – this is well over half of the population. The situation is expected to deteriorate further as we enter the dry season. Levels of acute food insecurity and malnutrition will remain high in Somalia through to the end of the year, including 388,000 children under five who are acutely malnourished.

The Somali Red Crescent Society is present throughout the country, supporting communities to respond to the many and growing challenges they are facing. With IFRC's support, the Somali Red Crescent will help 353,000 of the most vulnerable people in Somaliland and Puntland.

With the upsurge of cholera/acute watery diarrhoea cases in late 2016, the Red Crescent has taken a leading role in the response efforts, including deploying a cholera treatment centre and mobilizing volunteers community education campaigns. Somalia has since seen a sharp decline in the number of cases.

### Urgent actions

-  **Health**  
*Mobile and fixed clinics in rural areas.*
-  **Water, sanitation and hygiene**  
*Rehabilitation and monitoring of water points; distribution of water purification tablets, jerrycans and ceramic water filters; and hygiene promotion.*
-  **Nutrition**  
*Nutritional screening and supplementary feeding for children under five.*
-  **Cash for plowing**  
*Providing farmers means to plow their farmland.*
-  **Unconditional cash grants**
-  **Shelter**  
*Tarps, mats, blankets, kitchen sets and hygiene kits*



# RED CROSS IN ACTION



**133,000**

people received regular medical treatment through Somali Red Crescent clinics, supported by IFRC



**39,000**

people given nutritional treatment and supplements through Somali Red Crescent clinics



**15,000**

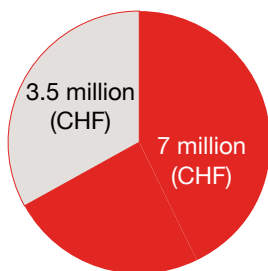
people given access to safe water through rehabilitation of water points, water treatment and storage items



**2,800**

families received emergency shelter items, such as tarps, mats, blankets and kitchen sets. Many are internally displaced people or nomads

## Funding



■ Confirmed funding (CHF)  
■ Unmet need (CHF)

IFRC is supporting the Somali Red Crescent through an Emergency Appeal that seeks **10,491,893 Swiss francs** to help 353,000 vulnerable people in Somaliland and Puntland until June 2018.



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Fadumo Abdi Muhammed stands with her two daughters, three-year-old Amal and baby, Asma near the Red Crescent mobile clinic in Lamadhahder, Somaliland. After being screened by the nurse, Amal is severely malnourished.

“The drought has affected us very much. We lost 25 camels and 150 goats and sheep,” says Fadumo. “We now have nothing. We depend on our relatives for food and other necessities.”

The Red Crescent provided Amal with 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. This will provide some relief to the family who is now relying on just one meal a day.

Thanks to the generous support of the global community through the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, we are reaching some of the most isolated, vulnerable and hard-to-reach communities with life-saving services. The IFRC Emergency Appeal is working with the Somali Red Crescent to ensure their short and longer-term efforts continue to meet the urgent needs of people now and their resiliency to future droughts.

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