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# ETHIOPIA

## RESPONDING TO DROUGHT

Ethiopia faces a serious food crisis after consecutive rain failures in 2015, combined with erratic El Niño weather conditions. Lack of rain has impacted access to water and adequate grazing land, resulting in death of livestock; abnormal migration; severe food and milk shortages and rising malnutrition, especially among children under five and pregnant and lactating mothers. Drought has further exacerbated vulnerabilities to disease outbreaks, including acute watery diarrhoea/ cholera.

Through IFRC's Emergency Appeal, the Ethiopian Red Cross will respond to the critical needs of over 318,000 vulnerable and hard-to-reach people impacted by the current crisis, while also ensuring that their resilience is strengthened against future droughts and disasters.



**8.5 million**

people in need of food assistance



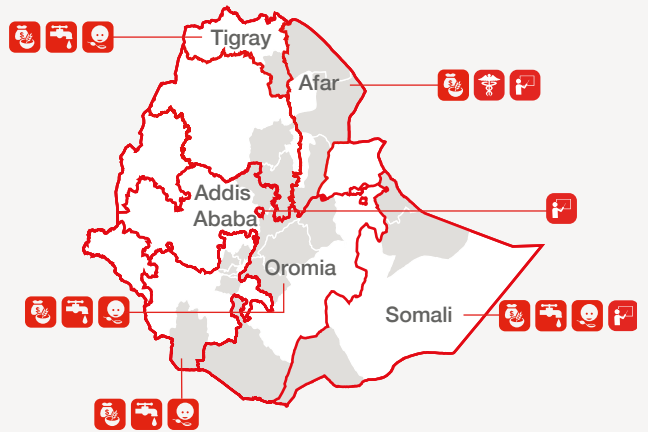
**1.9 million**

people require livestock support

(OCHA 2017)

### Red Cross urgent actions

-  **Food security and livelihoods**  
*Restocking livestock and provision of feed*
-  **Water, sanitation and hygiene**  
*Trucking in emergency water and rehabilitating and monitoring of water points and hygiene promotion*
-  **Nutrition**  
*Supplementary feeding for children under five with acute malnutrition and pregnant/lactating women*
-  **Health**  
*Community-based health promotion/awareness*
-  **National society capacity building**



Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples (SNNP)



# RED CROSS IN ACTION



**5,000**

goats have been distributed to 1,000 families



**91,400**

children, pregnant and breast-feeding mothers have been provided with supplementary food



**25,800**

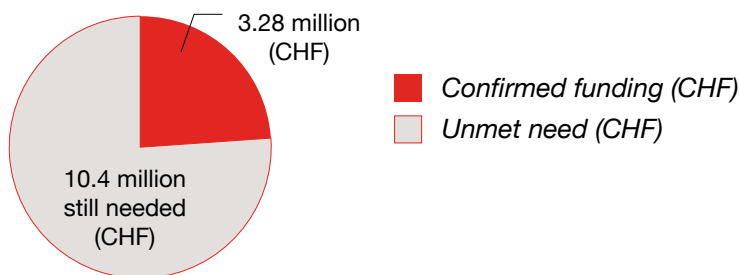
people received portable clean drinking water



**2,400**

children under five registered as severe or mild acutely malnourished

## Funding



In order to respond to the urgent needs of people now, IFRC is supporting the Ethiopian Red Cross through an Emergency Appeal that seeks **10,408,171 Swiss francs** to help o is still needed to support to help 318,000 vulnerable people devastated by drought.



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**“I didn’t have milk for my children until I received five goats from the Red Cross.”**

- Fatma Ali from Bidu, Ethiopia

*This year, the Ethiopian Red Cross, with the support of the IFRC, provided thousands of goats to people, like Fatma, impacted by the unrelenting drought in Bidu region of Ethiopia. Each family receives one male and four female goats along with food for the livestock.*

*Goats are not only a core source of income, but its milk also becomes a major nutritional source for children to grow healthy and strong.*

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 Ethiopian Red Cross 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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