

KENYA

DROUGHT RESPONSE 2022

MAY-NOVEMBER 2022



According to the Kenyan authorities, over 4.35 million people living mostly in Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASAL) face severe food insecurity. Below average rainfall has protracted across four consecutive rain seasons, and weather forecast indicates the October–November–December 2022 rains would also underperform in these already severely affected parts of the country.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has targeted its drought response to the coastal and north-eastern counties (Lamu, Garissa, Wajir, Mandera), where impact of the drought is compounded by insecurity and challenging access to the communities.

To ground its response at the community level, the ICRC works in partnership with the **Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS)**, which has presence in the communities, and engages with affected people and coordinates with local authorities.

Two organizations working together have been implementing resilience-building programs along

the border with Somalia and share an ambition for a stronger joint impact in the future considering the scale and complexity of humanitarian needs in this part of the country.

Since the beginning of the implementation of the drought response activities, the ICRC and KRCS have reached over 85,000 people with different types of assistance, as the activities continue.

In addition, the ICRC support was directed at strengthening capacities of the local branches of the KRCS and of their volunteers who are essential for reaching remote communities with emergency response and other Red Cross activities.

FOOD ASSISTANCE

- **2,000** households received two rounds of food assistance; each round consisting of **50kgs** rice, **25kgs** beans, **10litres** vegetable oil, **6kgs** sugar, **1kg** salt and **1kg** tea leaves.
- In total, this food assistance reached **12,000** people in the remote communities that are facing challenges to access local markets and supply channels, such as the Aweer community living along the Boni Forest in Lamu county, and residents of Ijaara sub-county in Garissa county.

LIVESTOCK SUPPORT

- **5,154** households each received **250kgs** of range cubes for their animals
- **1,000** households in Lamu and **1,821** households in Garissa received one round of range cubes, while **1,500** households in Mandera and Wajir each received three rounds of this animal feed. In total, **31,000** people benefitted from this support.
- The beneficiaries were trained by county livestock officers on how to maximize nutrition effects of the range cubes

LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT AND ACCESS TO WATER

- **2,000** Households across Lamu (**300**), Garissa (**500**), Wajir (**600**) and Mandera (**600**) received multipurpose cash, water filters and cash for water to meet their livelihood needs and ensure access to safe drinking water. In total, **15,000** people benefitted from this support.

REHABILITATION OF WATER POINTS

- Assessments were carried out by KRCS technical teams in Wajir, Mandera and Garissa towards the rehabilitation of **12** community water points for the benefit of people and their livestock.
- Rehabilitation of **2** water points targeting **1,400** households, or **8,400** people, was completed in Wajir.
- Rehabilitation of **1** water point targeting **700** households, or **4,200** people, in Wajir, and **1** water point targeting **87** households, or **520** people, and **1** school in Mandera is ongoing.
- Rehabilitation of **9** total water facilities targeting **41,600** individuals.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- **11** information sessions were held with affected communities, community and religious leaders in Lamu, Garissa, Wajir and Mandera on drought related issues and role of the Red Cross.

PARTNERSHIP WITH RED CROSS

- **90** KRCS volunteers in Wajir, Garissa and Mandera received training on Safer Access Framework (SAF), focusing on actions and measures to equip Red Cross to operate in sensitive and insecure contexts safely and effectively.
- **3** infrastructural projects focusing on the KRCS branches in Mandera, Wajir and Garissa are ongoing, with objective to increase organizational capacity of the Red Cross and improve humanitarian services for the affected population.



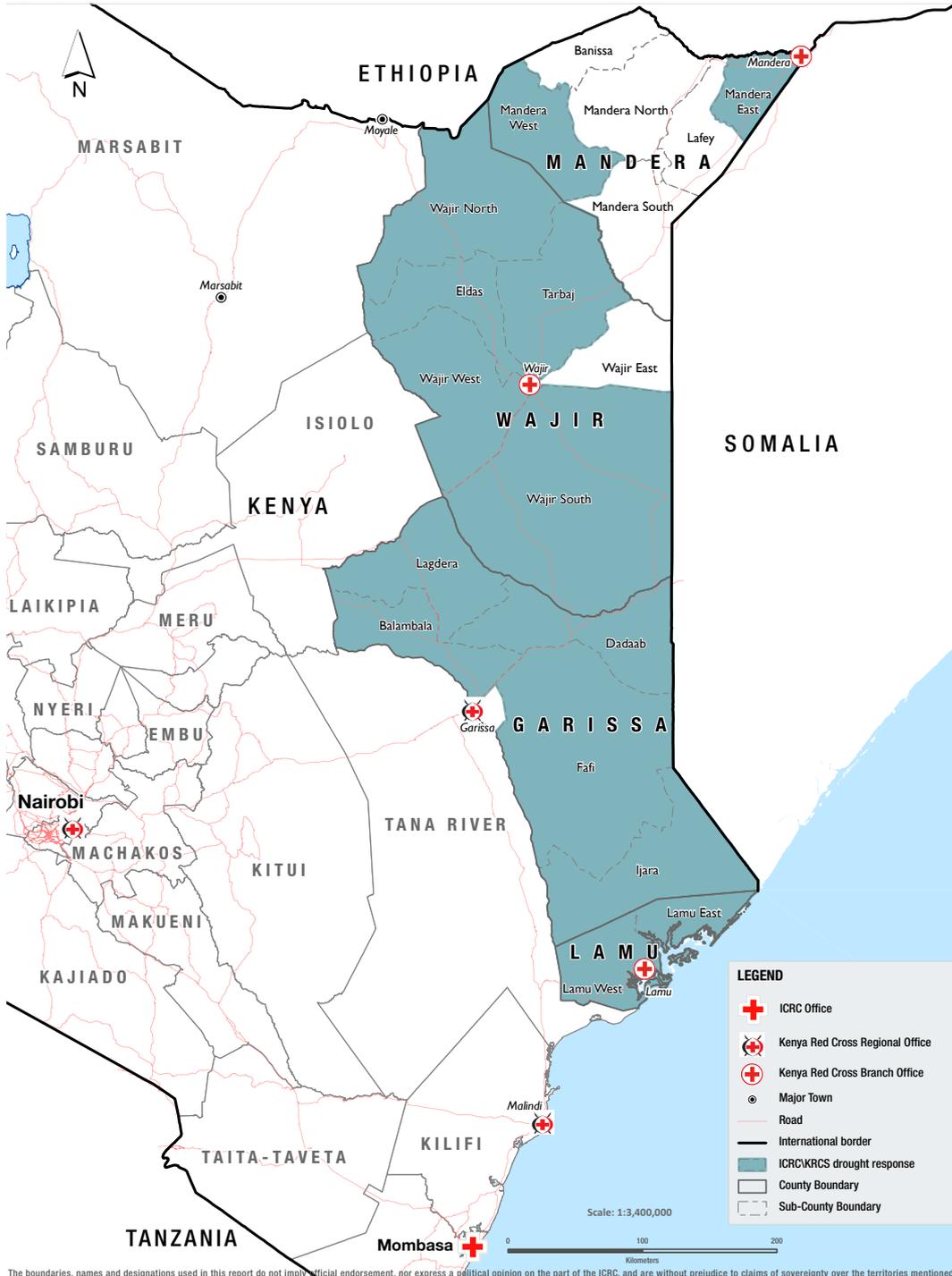
Distribution of livestock feed in Lamu county. Aid deliveries in the pastoralist areas severely hit by the drought contain high-protein range cubes to meet nutritional needs of livestock.



Information session with residents in Lamu county. Engagement with affected communities allows Red Cross teams to better understand humanitarian needs and determine potential priorities for response, but also to raise awareness about the Red Cross principles and activities.



Red Cross volunteer extends a helping hand to a beneficiary during the distribution in Mbalambala, Garissa county. All humanitarian activities taking place in the affected regions rely on the well-trained and motivated local volunteers of the KRCS.



RANGE CUBES

Range cubes are high protein supplement cubes beneficial to livestock during dry seasons when forage quantity and quality is low. The cubes were sourced from Kenyan businesses through our Logistics Centre supporting the local economy.

MULTIPURPOSE CASH

Cash is now an essential tool in humanitarian action. Cash assistance is a dignified and efficient way to support people allowing them to purchase items specific to their individual needs, while also supporting local economies.

WATER FILTERS

Ceramic water filters use natural media to filter out sediment, bacteria, viruses and protozoa from water. This helps clear the water and make it fit for human consumption. They are ideal for use as they are environmentally friendly, portable and work for remote communities. They are sourced locally as part of our contribution to the local economy.

REHABILITATING WATER POINTS

Community water points (shallow wells, communal pans) are often rehabilitated to restore them to their original condition so they can provide water for the community.

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