

Initial Response in Horn of Africa July 25, 2011



A Somali woman prepares a meal on the outskirts of the Dadaab Refugee Camp in Kenya.
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Thousands of people fleeing Somalia for desperately overcrowded refugee camps in Dadaab, Kenya. Livestock dead. No water, the soil turned to dust. 10.7 million people affected. The numbers are staggering, and the images are horrifying. This is the reality for so many people living in the Horn of Africa as the drought in the region continues, and the UN declares a famine in Somalia.

PWRDF is responding to this emergency through the [ACT Alliance](#) and the [Canadian Foodgrains Bank](#). An initial \$75,000 has been sent from PWRDF, supporting work in Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia.

In Somalia, PWRDF is responding as part of the ACT Alliance. 3.7 million people are affected by the famine in southern Somalia- fully half the population of that nation. "We are already underway in our efforts to distribute 262 tonnes of flour and 52 tonnes of cooking oil to the hardest-hit areas of Gedo province in Somalia. This first delivery will assist over 30,000 people in four villages for around a month," said Gaim Kebreab, representing ACT in Somalia and Kenya. ACT also heavily involved in supporting relief efforts in the largest refugee camp in the world at Dadaab, Kenya, which is managed by the Lutheran World Federation, an ACT member. The camp-- built to house 90,000 people-- is currently home to over 400,000 with over a thousand new refugees arriving each day.

PWRDF is working in Kenya through the Anglican Church of Kenya and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Food is being purchased from local farmers and distributed to those in need, including refugees at the Dadaab camp. Purchasing food locally is an important part of responding to disasters, as it puts money into the local economy, and saves the time and expense of shipping food around the world.

Finally, PWRDF is responding in Ethiopia through ACT. ACT is helping over 68,000 people in Ethiopia by providing food, health care, drought preparation training for farmers, and "food for

work” projects which will help to plant trees, prevent soil erosion, and construct roads in the region.

As part of [Canadian Churches in Action](#) (CCA), PWRDF is also part of a proposal to the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) for funds to support relief work in the region. The CCA proposal will support over 580,000 people in Kenya by helping to provide access to water, sanitation and hygiene, emergency food aid, feed for animals, education, and more. The project will focus on meeting the needs of the most vulnerable: pregnant and lactating women, the elderly, female headed households, and children.

PWRDF cannot do this work without your help. Please support these life-saving projects in Africa in one of the following ways:

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