

Acted Somalia: El Niño Response

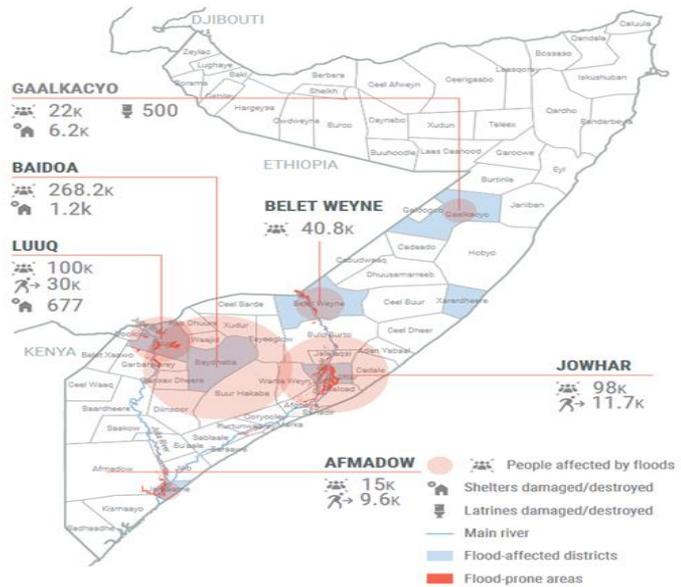
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Situational Overview: During the past Deyr season (Oct. Nov. 2023), heavy rains associated with El Niño and a positive Indian Ocean Dipole have caused widespread flooding across several districts in Somalia. While rain has brought some relief from the 2023 crisis situation and a 17% reduction of total people in need between 2023 and 2024, the Deyr floods affected some 2,480,000 people (OCHA Somalia Situation Report, Dec. 2023). As a direct consequence of the floods – but also because of drought, insecurity, and conflict – Somalia’s internal displacement figures are staggering. UNHCR reported 2,859,606 new internal displacements in 2023, of which 1,600,000 connected to floodings. Additionally, accessibility challenges to affected regions due to damages to infrastructures, and fatalities have been registered. As rains have declined, returns to places of origin have been observed, along with notable increase in cholera cases (OCHA Somalia Monthly Humanitarian Update, Jan. 24)

FLOOD SITUATION MAP



2,480,000
Affected population



118
Fatalities



1,600,000
Displaced population



980
Cholera cases

ACTED'S RESPONSE OVERVIEW:

A multi-sectoral response to address cross-cutting needs: El Niño floodings intensified Somalia's multifaceted crisis. To address diverse community needs, Acted adopted a multi-sector approach, providing support in WASH, Food Security, Cash Assistance, CCCM and targeting an estimated number of **65,641 HHs (393,846 individuals)**. Acted's response targeted **15 affected districts** across Southwest, Jubaland states, including 156 IDP sites. Vulnerable groups have been prioritized, including women, disabled persons, sick people, children, the elderly, pregnant and lactating women, large-size households, minority or marginalized groups, and new IDPs. To this end, 10% of disability-friendly latrines have been constructed and a mobile money transfer service has been assisted to ensure a secure and dignified cash distribution. Additionally, considering access challenges and logistical constraints, Acted employed a combination of in-kind distribution and cash assistance.

Coordinate with WASH and CCCM Clusters, Cash Working Group (CWG), and Government Authorities to Ensure Effective Targeting and Coordination: Throughout the emergency period, Acted actively participated in cluster meetings (CCCM, WASH, FSL) and the Cash Working Group (CWG) at national and site levels, ensuring a coordinated response. Acted coordinated with local authorities, attending meetings with the respective Ministries of Humanitarian Affairs and Disasters of both Jubaland and Southwest to discuss about the flooding situation.

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Estimated Target Beneficiaries with Acted Response

156



Number of targeted IDP Sites

15



Districts

\$ 3 M



Estimated Cost For the Response

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Preparedness and Anticipatory Action

Step 1: Preparedness and Anticipatory Action: early planning played a critical role in ensuring communities were equipped with necessary tools to limit the impact of El Niño flooding on lives, livelihoods, and property.



Early Priority Identification: Flood-specific assessments evaluated risks and vulnerabilities in priority sites guiding the action. Acted conducted pre-flood assessments in October 2023. Three Acted-led post-flood assessments have been implemented in collaboration with the Somali Cash Consortium in Baardheere and Afmadow districts of Jubaland and in Afgooye district of Southwest State. Moreover, Acted's partner, REACH, conducted rapid needs assessments in November 2023, highlighting issues facing flood-affected families, including a high prevalence of indebtedness among displaced families forced to borrow money to afford basic items and food.



Early Warning Messaging: Acted implemented an inclusive early warning strategy, disseminating flood preparedness messages at site-level, through radio broadcasts, and a social media campaign.



2 radio campaigns have been conducted; one in Baidoa and Agoyee (Southwest State) and one in Baardheere and Kismayo (Jubaland), reaching an estimated audience of 200,000 people.



Key messages were developed in collaboration with Somali CEA Task Force for a social media campaign that run throughout the emergency period.



In Southwest State, trained community mobilizers and outreach workers held sensitization sessions in Baidoa and flood-prone areas from October to November 2023.



In-Kind Prepositioning, Targeting and Early Procurement: Through effective early planning and strategic procurement, Acted ensured a prompt comprehensive response. Furthermore, to enhance coverage, Acted collaborated with other organizations involved in the El Niño response. Specifically:



In Southwest State, Acted strategically prepositioned 500 emergency kits that were procured in October 2023, and subsequently distributed in early December to 500 households, across 10 IDP sites, in Baidoa.



Acted received 25,000 sandbags from FAO, strategically prepositioned in Baardheere, across various sites, contributing to a strengthened emergency response effort.



Site Preparation and Capacity-Building



Acted set up 10 flood committees in Baardheere, Jubaland, totaling 50 trained members, actively supporting flood recovery and mitigation activities. Simultaneously 10 outreach workers were trained to carry out mobilization sessions.



In CCCM locations, El Niño community-based discussions were integrated through coordination meetings and IEC materials. Mitigation measures included procuring site maintenance tools for 16 sites in Southwest and 15 in Jubaland. maintenance tools were also distributed to 67 IDP sites, and 10 drainage kits, inclusive of pumps, were procured for Baardheere and Luuq areas.



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Response Intervention

Step 2: Response interventions: Acted drew from its emergency portfolio to ensure communities were able to recover in-face of weather-related shocks.



Support and Enhance Site Response and Flood Response in Acted managed sites



Through the established Flood Committees and site level discussion, Acted ensured a two-way communication channel, providing \$10/\$7 monthly airtime package for camp leaders and/or flood committee members.



In Baardheere, Acted engaged with the humanitarian task force, coordinating with SHF partners for El Nino response.



Emergency WASH and shelter NFI Kits to Ensure immediate in-kind Support: Acted distributed **3,607** hygiene kits in Jubaland and **2,830** in Southwest State. Furthermore, **141** shelter kits were distributed in Kismayo (Jubaland) and **128** in Baidoa (Southwest State), providing immediate shelter support for affected IDP households.



Emergency WASH Activities to Reduce Risk of Water-borne Diseases: Acted implemented tailored, needs-based WASH activities in Jubaland and Southwest State.

- **2,968** individuals in Jubaland and **3,208** in Southwest State benefited from flood-resistant latrines: 10% of the latrines constructed were disability-friendly, equipped with ramps, totaling **130** units. Latrines were also gender-segregated to facilitate unrestricted access for women and girls.
- In Southwest State, Acted renovated **120** latrines across 15 IDP sites.
- **500** WASH emergency kits and **11** drainage kits were distributed in heavily affected sites in Jubaland



Water Trucking to Address Severe Water Needs: Between December and January, Acted rapidly addressed new water shortages and dysfunctional water assets by initiating water trucking in Baidoa (targeting **800 HHs**) and Kismayo (**900 HHs**). The project, lasting 30 days, involves prepositioning 10m³ plastic storage tanks across multiple IDP sites.



Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) and Food Assistance (FA) enabling Households to meet their Most Urgent Needs: Acted targeted vulnerable flood-affected communities, totaling **3,360 HHs**, with MPCA and FA addressing flood-linked cross-cutting issues including food, water, healthcare, and shelter. Specifically:

- **1425 HHs** in Baardheere received FA while
- **670 HHs** in Kismayo, **390 HHs** in Luglow, **875 HHs** in Luuq received MPCA.



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Shelter/NFI kits



6176

People benefited from renovated flood resistant latrines



1700 HHs

Targeted with water trucking



3360 HHs

Targeted with cash assistance

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