

East Africa Famine Response Plan

East Africa is enduring its worst famine in 60 years. According to the United Nations, an estimated 12 million people are in a “state of emergency” in Somalia, Kenya and Ethiopia. Because of political and security issues in Somalia, aid is unable to reach approximately 4 million people who are experiencing catastrophic conditions. Thus, many are seeking refuge in Kenya – where refugee camps hold approximately 500,000 people – and Ethiopia – home to 250,000 refugees living in camps. But drought and famine are also impacting these countries, with 3 million Kenyans and 5 million Ethiopians currently in need. With field personnel and reliable partners in both countries, CBF’s response will focus in northern Kenya and southern Ethiopia.

While there are significant and immediate needs in refugee camps, the majority of relief there will be done by United Nations and large organizations equipped for such work. However, CBF will support strategic but limited medical/feeding ministries that aid at-risk women and children. Within the first year of response, CBF will also fund interventions in areas that will aid the Pokot people of Kenya and the Borana people of Ethiopia.

CBF’s response includes two phases. Phase I is a one-year relief and rehabilitation ministry that lays groundwork for Phase II, which will focus on long-term transformational development.

| Phase I Funding Requested: CBF East Africa Famine Response Plan for 2011-12 | | |
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| <u>Activity</u> | <u>Implementing Group</u> | <u>Budget</u> |
| At-Risk Children (Ethiopia) | Conscience International | \$100,000 |
| Ambulatory Feeding (Kenya) | Sisters Maternity Home | \$25,000 |
| Relief/Rehab/Development among Pokot in Northern Kenya | Africa Exchange | \$100,000 |
| Relief/Rehab/Development among Borana/Guji in Ethiopia | Water is Life | \$500,000 |
| TOTAL | | \$725,000 |

Approach

In response to God’s love for the world, CBF’s ministry is a multi-year commitment to enable and empower famine victims to emerge hopeful and grateful for new opportunities that did not exist before this tragedy. As soon as possible, CBF ministries will shift from immediate relief to development, inviting famine survivors to join the ministry and create a better future themselves. CBF’s response is not a frantic or anxious one-dimensional effort. Rather, it is rooted in prayer and several concepts will help guide the approach:

1. *Definition of Poverty* – Poverty is not just a deficit of knowledge, power or material resources; it is a complex, ruptured relationship requiring reconciliation at its root causes. CBF ministries will avoid handouts and focus rather on the development necessary for a community to have a better, more sustainable future.
2. *Cultural Sensitivity* – These ministries will rely on the experience of trusted African partners and CBF field personnel, including Sam and Melody Harrell (Kenya), Jade and Shelah Acker (Uganda), Tim and Lori Myrick (Kenya), and David and Merrie Harding (Ethiopia).
3. *Leadership* – These ministries will enable and empower local leadership, creating opportunity for sustainable development.
4. *Resource Leveraging* – These ministries will involve resources from various partners that will build a web of transformational ministry that cannot be done by CBF alone.

Phase I

Project One: At-Risk Children in Ethiopia – Treat malnourished, dehydrated and at-risk children with life-saving medical and nutritional interventions.

- *Description:* CBF partner Conscience International will manage this project aimed at providing medical staff, supplies and equipment for a mobile medical clinic that stabilizes and rescues at-risk refugee children at the Dolo camp or another drought-affected region.
- *Funding Needed:* An estimated \$300,000 is needed to operate the mobile clinic for the first six months with approximately \$1 million required to operate the clinic for 18 months or more. CBF will budget \$100,000 toward costs, which include vehicle lease, staff, medical supplies, medicine and logistical support.

Project Two: Ambulatory Feeding in Kenya – Provide resources/support for an ambulatory feeding and medical program that aids malnourished children and at-risk pregnant women in North Eastern Kenya near the Somali border.

- *Description:* Healthcare professionals from Sisters Maternity Home will provide direct assistance in 9 locations near Garissa, Kenya. The project is managed by CBF partner Africa Exchange, which is led by CBF field personnel Melody and Sam Harrell.
- *Funding Needed:* \$15,000 is already being utilized for emergency feeding and mobilization. An additional \$10,000 will enable the first three-month phase.

Project Three: Relief/Rehab/Development among the Pokot people in Northern Kenya – Provide relief from extensive famine and drought, particularly among the most vulnerable – children and pregnant women.

- *Description:* Under the leadership of CBF partner Africa Exchange – led by CBF field personnel Melody and Sam Harrell – this project will provide nutrient supplements for immune-compromised persons, develop emergency water resources, and prevent infection and spread of malaria to already compromised communities.

- *Funding Needed:* \$100,000 is requested toward both phases of this plan.

Project Four: Relief/Rehab/Development among the Borana/Guji people in Ethiopia —

Provide access to safe drinking water for humans and livestock.

- *Description:* Coordinated by Water is Life International – under the leadership of David Harding, one of CBF’s field personnel – this project will construct 25 new water wells in strategic locations. With little rain, all surface water sources have dried up and many existing pumps are in disrepair. After replacing or repairing 28 pumps, training in pump maintenance, health, hygiene and sanitation will be provided. These ministries will serve approximately 32,000 people at a cost of approximately \$16 per person. Ministry will be connected with local churches.
- *Funding Needed:* An estimated \$500,000 is needed for Phase I, which provides access to safe water. Phase II will identify additional groundwater resources that will enable economic development.

Phase II

Phase II will address economic development and learning opportunities primarily among women. For example, the formation and function of simple savings and credit associations or self-help groups can bring dignity and self-esteem to the poorest of the poor. These self-organized and managed groups learn to save their own earnings and provide group members with micro-loans to grow small businesses. Phase II’s budget will be developed later, depending on realities learned during Phase I and available funding.