



Horn of Africa crisis

An estimated 12.4m people are in urgent need of assistance across the Horn of Africa as a result of the region's worst drought in more than half a century

Famine in Somalia

In July, the UN formally declared parts of Somalia to be in famine. Millions of Somalis are in desperate need, lacking basic necessities such as food, clean water, shelter, and health services. Somalia, which has suffered decades of conflict, has an estimated 2.2 million people suffering from malnutrition in its southern region, the worst-affected area. Starving Somali refugees are arriving daily at refugee camps just across the Kenyan and Ethiopian borders, having trekked for weeks to get there, often losing family members along the way.



"I've been an aid worker for the past 11 years. I have seen the loss of life, destruction and suffering caused by massive disasters such as cyclones in Burma and Bangladesh; earthquakes in Indonesia and Haiti and of course, famine and cholera outbreaks across Africa. In terms of famine and food crisis, this emergency in the Horn of Africa is one of the worst I have ever experienced."

Brian Casey – GOAL's Emergency Co-ordinator, Dolo Odo, south-east Ethiopia

GOAL's history in Ethiopia & Kenya

GOAL first began operations in Ethiopia in 1984 in response to a widespread famine. Between 1984–1986, GOAL nurses and doctors worked on health and nutrition programmes via missionary organisations and other international NGOs. Since 1987, GOAL has been delivering a range of relief, rehabilitation and development initiatives throughout the country. With more than 25 years' experience in implementing all kinds of humanitarian aid there, GOAL is now a strong and influential organisation in Ethiopia. Meanwhile, GOAL has been supporting humanitarian and development initiatives in Kenya since 1992.

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GOAL's Response to the current crisis

GOAL emergency response teams are providing aid to refugees streaming across the borders in their thousands from Somalia into Ethiopia and Kenya

- Thus far, we have provided clean water to 140,000 people, and over 90 metric tons of food to malnourished Somali refugee women and children in the Somali region of Ethiopia.



- GOAL has been responding to the crisis in the Somali region of Ethiopia since January 2011, and has treated 13,500 children for malnutrition.
- We are now operational in 20 locations across six regions of Ethiopia, supplying clean water, food aid and nutritional treatment for malnourished children.
- As a result, 33,500 children suffering from malnutrition have been treated by GOAL, while 47 million litres of water has been distributed to 500,000 beneficiaries.
- We are also dispensing large amounts of aid at the Dadaab refugee camps in Kenya, including hygiene kits and other essential items, to 10,000 newly-arrived refugees

How you can help

GOAL is on the ground but the need is great and we need your support to continue our work in the region. Please get in touch if you can:



- Make a donation by clicking [DONATE NOW](#). As little as **£5** can feed a refugee for almost a month, and remember, GOAL works on a minimum administration cost base of **less than 5 per cent**
- Organise a fundraising event, whether it is in your local area, with your company, or with friends. Contact GOAL for advice and support.
- Support one of our forthcoming events
 - Shake it for the Horn of Africa, 21st of September
 - Bags for Life, 8th of November

Visit our website for more event details www.goal-uk.org

- Nominate GOAL as your company's chosen charity, or recommend our work to your Corporate and Social Responsibility teams

For any fundraising queries, please contact Tamara at tgervasoni@uk.goal.ie

Many thanks for your continued support!

"The world has been slow to realise how serious this is. What few people seem to appreciate is that what we are witnessing now is just the beginning of this crisis. It is generally accepted that things will get much worse before they get better."

Darren Hanniffy – GOAL Senior Manager, Kenya

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