

Who is my neighbour?

SomReP Crisis Modifier
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Summary

Who is my neighbour? Today the world is much smaller, and because of this we are better connected to our fellow humans around the world. As such, someone a world apart is still in fact my neighbour, and their wellbeing should concern me. Somalia is currently experiencing the worst drought in over 40 years, and in 2022, it killed at least 43,000 people. The drought has put significant strain on people's ability to support themselves. With this campaign, we hope that we can come together through the spirit of our collective concern and generosity to support our global neighbours overcome these challenges.

Challenge

Somalia has seen its fair share of challenges over the past few decades, but over the last couple years, it has experienced 5 failed rain seasons, and a 6th failed rain is predicted. This has put unimaginable stress on people, families and communities. People have had to make very difficult decisions, from sell off their income earning assets (like livestock) which inhibits their ability to make an income in the long term, skipping meals for themselves and their kids, pulling kids from schools, to even leaving their homes in the hopes to get support elsewhere.

Professional humanitarians and large institutional donors are trying to respond to the need and dig deep into the data (how many people are affected; how many people are displaced; access to resources), but there are limitations in getting the needed resources to respond to the scale of the needs, especially with other global humanitarian challenges.

Therefore, we want to appeal to our global neighbourhood, to humanize the people impacted by drought in Somalia and to appeal to our collective concern and generosity to support our global neighbours.

Solution

The Somali Resilience Program (SomReP) is a consortium of 8 NGOs (Action Against Hunger; ADRA; CARE; COOPI; DRC; Oxfam; Shaqodoon; World Vision) that was formed after the 2011 famine in Somalia, to help bring together the strengths of each organization to better support the communities we work in, so that they can overcome challenges like droughts and floods in the short term, as they work to move out of poverty in the long term.

One tool in this larger mission is the SomReP's **Crisis Modifier Contingency Fund**. This pool fund allows households access short term, 3-month, funding that helps the overcome the acute challenges that follow a disaster (like a failed rain).

For more info on how the Crisis Modifier Contingency Fund works, check out this short explainer video: <https://youtu.be/XfiPWAmAiOA>

Long-Term Impact

The SomReP has been using the Crisis Modifier since 2014 as a proven intervention to help households overcome the shocks of disasters like droughts and floods.

In 2022 alone, the SomReP supported 3,142 households in the worst hit areas with cash transfers as part of the Crisis Modifier. This provided much needed resources to help families meet their immediate need and allowed them to stay in their homes.

Additional Document

(photos from SomReP's projects will be uploaded)

Resources

1. SomReP's Crisis Modifier - Explainer Video: <https://youtu.be/XfiPWAmAiOA>
2. SomReP's Website: <https://somrep.org/>