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Alert of Drought!

In the Horn of Africa's arid and semi-arid regions (Ethiopia, Somalia, and Kenya), there is an imminent drought that puts millions of people and their animals in extreme danger. The past rainy season was short, and now, in the past few weeks, the dry season has begun and may last until April/May. Animals, particularly goats, sheep, and cattle, are already perishing. Camels are next. These animals are the means of livelihood for the population.

Due to this drought, the affected inhabitants are without sufficient food.

It is urgent that food, water, and fodder reach the people and their animals as soon as possible. The situation in all the affected areas is dire.

We are particularly aware of the town of Yuub and its surrounding settlements. It is located in the Doolo District in the Somali Region of Southeast Ethiopia. There is no river in the area. The one well in Yuub is the only water source for eight (8) settlements—the furthest being 31 kilometers and the nearest 13 kilometers from Yuub.

We urgently appeal and call to action the local administration, the Ethiopian Government, international relief agencies, and charities to mobilize assistance to save lives. In these regions, scarcity of resources is prevalent.

Needed are:

1. Water: Transport water from the well and pour it into a dug pit/pond that is covered with HDPE (High-Density Polyethylene) sheets for long-term water storage and use.
2. Food for the population and fodder for the livestock:
Fodder can be transported from neighboring regions or can be grown easily through hydroponic methods within an average of eight (8) days.
3. Digging more wells in the settlements.
4. Introduction of a new and different system of rearing livestock to be presented and advocated to avert the consequences of these ever-recurring drought problems in these regions.
5. Establishment of schools and vocational training sites as an alternative to their current lifestyle, which would enable the people to earn their livelihoods.

We again appeal to all those with the ability and means to answer this call to action.

Sincerely,

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