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Famine in East Africa

Drought and Famine Threaten Over 10 Million People in East Africa. Please Join with UniversalGiving to Save Lives.

On July 20, 2011, the United Nations declared a famine in Somalia for the first time since 1992. Currently, over 10 million people in Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya and Djibouti are threatened by the drought affecting the region.

You can help them.

UniversalGiving is the leader in quality, vetted opportunities all over the world. Join our global community in donating to these projects. You can make an impact in someone's life today, and for the long-term. Below, we've put together our top opportunities, so that you can contribute to our partner organizations who are responding to this crisis.

[Feed children](#) suffering from malnutrition in the Horn of Africa by giving to the World Food Program USA. [Bring water](#) to the drought-stricken Samburu District of Kenya by supporting the International Medical Corps. Or choose from our other ways to make a difference:

Direct Drought and Famine Aid:

Help the UN Refugee Agency [provide Relief for Somalia's Malnourished Refugee Children](#)
Help International Medical Corps [provide Lifesaving Relief to Drought Victims in East Africa](#)
Help ActionAid [deliver emergency food supplies and water to East Africa](#)
Support International Humanity Foundation's [Famine Feed Programs](#)

Opportunities to Give to Ongoing Development Projects in Somalia:

[Give \\$25](#) to support a student in Somalia
[Give \\$25](#) to heal a child suffering from malnutrition
[Give \\$30](#) to sponsor an orphan in Somalia
[Give \\$50](#) to feed a child for a month
[Give \\$150](#) to feed a family for a month

A famine is declared when acute malnutrition rates among children exceed 30 percent, more than two people per 10,000 die per day, and people are not able to access food and other basic necessities. Pastoral and nomadic populations in East Africa are most at risk and have little access to government or non-profit aid.

With the worst and most ill-equipped conditions in southern Somalia, the UN and Somali government estimate more than 3.5 million Somalis may starve to death. Over 10,000 families have traveled to Mogadishu and have dispersed to several displacement camps, sometimes walking for three weeks in an attempt to reach humanitarian relief. Every day counts for the people in this famine-affected region, with over 500,000 children facing imminent threats to survival and lifelong

consequences in physical and mental development.

Take action today by donating to one of UniversalGiving's trusted, quality NGO partners.

All NGOs featured on UniversalGiving are thoroughly vetted, assuring that they all meet the highest standards of quality, transparency, and trust. 100% of donations made through UniversalGiving go directly to your chosen cause.

As more information is gathered about the needs of the victims, we will have [additional opportunities](#) for you to provide aid to the people who need it. We are working with our NGO partners who are on the ground ready to help the victims and we will keep you informed about how you can continue to help. Thank you for your commitment to helping those in need.

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