

# Samaritan's Purse

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## Project Overview

The goal of this project is to respond rapidly to needs of conflict-affected households by increasing the effectiveness of the humanitarian response. This project will quickly distribute Non-Food Item (NFI) kits in emergency situations to help war-affected populations cope with displacement and loss. The kits will include standard NFIs to assist households trying to recover from material loss. The project activities will also increase food security by improving livelihood capacity through increased and diversified agricultural production and limited livestock distribution.

## Project Summary

### **Sector 1: Logistics Support and Relief Commodities**

**Objective:** To efficiently and rapidly respond to the needs of conflict-affected populations in Eastern Congo by strategically prepositioning NFI kits for distribution.

**Number of beneficiaries targeted:** 3,000 households (HH), 18,000 beneficiaries

**Beneficiaries reached:** Samaritan's Purse (SP) has not yet reached beneficiaries during the first quarter of the project, but is purchasing and transporting NFI kit items to the strategic stock.

## **Sector 2: Agriculture and Food Security**

**Objective:** To improve livelihood capacity through increased and diversified agricultural production.

**Number of beneficiaries targeted:** 4,950 households, 29,700 beneficiaries

**Beneficiaries reached:** As of September 2013, 3,000 HHs have been selected for participation in Agricultural Training Groups (ATGs), of whom 2,007 HHs are Internally Displaced Persons (IDP). A total of 36 Nutrition Demonstration Gardens (NDGs) have been established, but training has not yet begun for the 1,750 targeted HHs. For the livestock subsector, 170 HHs have been selected and have received initial animal husbandry training.

### **Accomplishments:**

#### *Sector 1: Logistics Support and Relief Commodities*

Upon receipt of the award, SP began purchasing necessary items for the NFI strategic stock, and all items have been procured. Kitchen, hygiene and household kits were purchased locally and were received and assembled in the SP warehouse, located in Bunia. The warehouse was rented to store the strategic stock of NFIs. The warehouse security and management were hired and a monitoring system is in place to guard the stock. Plastic tarps, blankets and jerry cans are still in transit to Bunia. Samaritan's Purse established the monitoring and evaluation plan for this sector and because another NFI project funded by OCHA ended in June, experienced NFI staff were hired to implement this project.

With recent displacements in Irumu Territory due to renewed conflict, SP, an active member of the NFI cluster, was asked by UNICEF and Solidarites (RRMP) to support the emergency response. The SP staff coordinated with UNICEF and Solidarites to assemble and prepare 2,000 NFI kits, furnished from UNICEF's emergency stock, for distribution in October. The SP staff also supported the beneficiary identification of 2,750 displaced households for the October distribution.

#### *Sector 2: Agriculture and Food Security*

Samaritan's Purse hired qualified agronomists to staff the project, and provided training to build capacity, to establish project goals, and to communicate the monitoring and evaluation plan for the year-long project. Upon employing staff in the field locations of Faradje and Mambasa, SP sensitized village leaders and government officials regarding project objectives. As SP staff collaborated with local authorities, beneficiary identification began using the WFP Vulnerability Survey. Once beneficiaries for the ATGs were selected, SP staff secured land for the beneficiaries to cultivate by collaborating with local officials. In preparation of the next phase of the project, logistics staff have also begun purchasing the tools for all agriculture beneficiaries.

Initial trainings took place during September for both ATG and goat beneficiaries. The ATGs were trained on vegetable gardening and installation of germination beds. Goat beneficiaries were trained on the importance of raising animals and goat shelter construction. For the Nutrition Demonstration Gardens (NDGs), 36 sites were selected, including schools and health centers, site staff were sensitized and beneficiaries are being selected. To date, 1000 beneficiaries have registered to participate in the NDGs.

## **Issues and Concerns:**

### *Sector 1: Logistics Support and Relief Commodities*

Due to recent displacements in Irumu Territory, the strategic stock of NFIs became immediately useful. However, due to insecurity in the zone occupied by rebel forces, many of the most vulnerable households are unreachable therefore making it challenging to identify beneficiaries and distribute the NFI kits. It also became apparent that the number of NFI kits was insufficient to fill the humanitarian gap. Samaritan's Purse is working to access additional funding to provide an efficient and adequate response to the humanitarian emergency in Irumu. Tarps, blankets and jerry cans are still in transit and therefore the NFI kits in the strategic stock are not ready to be distributed.

### *Sector 2: Agriculture and Food Security*

SP staff have worked closely with Faradje local authorities over the past few years and have strong, collaborative relationships with the government officials. However, in Mambasa Territory, efforts to work independently have been challenging as officials have attempted to block SP activities. Samaritan's Purse is currently working with OCHA to resolve these problems. Continued insecurity in the zones surrounding the project locations has been a challenge and is continually being monitored in order to effectively manage the agriculture portion of the project. Additionally, land access for beneficiaries use in the past has posed a problem. Therefore, SP staff has worked extensively with local chiefs to ensure accessible land for the beneficiaries, most of whom are displaced households. Due to the delay caused by government officials and the overall timing of this project, SP was unable to capitalize on the second planting season of 2013. However, where feasible, SP will provide seeds for a vegetable planting season in late 2013 to encourage dietary diversity. Despite these challenges and the resulting delays, activities are moving forward for this sector.

## **Plan for Next Quarter:**

### *Sector 1: Logistics Support and Relief Commodities*

During the next quarter, SP will continue to ensure successful coordination with humanitarian actors and a timely response to the crisis and displacement in Irumu Territory. The fourth quarter of 2013 will also see the receipt of the tarps, blankets and jerry cans and the final compilation of the NFI kits.

### *Sector 2: Agriculture and Food Security*

Additional trainings will take place for ATGs and goat beneficiaries, while tools will be distributed to ATG beneficiaries through a tool fair in Faradje and a general distribution in Mambasa. The SP staff will work with goat beneficiaries to prepare a shelter and enclosure prior to receiving animals. Trainings will begin for the NDGs while tools and seeds will be distributed to begin installing germination beds and preparing land for the vegetable gardens. To ensure security for staff and beneficiaries, SP will continue to closely monitor security situations and advise beneficiaries to travel together to work in their gardens.

## Performance Indicators:

### *Sector 1: Logistics Support and Relief Commodities*

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Projected Total</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2013</b>
Total number and per item USD cost of NFIs distributed, by type	Plastic tarps: 3,000 Nylon cord pieces: 3,000 Blankets: 9,000 Kitchen, hygiene & household kits: 1,500	0
Total number and per item USD value of cash/vouchers distributed for NFIs, by type	Cash/vouchers distributed for NFIs value in USD: 57 USD per beneficiary X 1,500 beneficiaries = \$85,500 USD	0
Total number of people receiving NFIs, by sex	Total: 18,000 -Female: 15,300 -Male: 2,700	0
Total USD cost of transport, by type	Total: \$64,500 -Overland transport – NFI distributions: \$34,000 -Ocean freight – NFI supplies: \$20,000 -Cross-border land transport – NFI supplies: \$10,500	Total: \$14,645 -Ocean freight: \$5,545 -Cross-border land transport: \$9,100
Total number of flights/trips provided, by type	Personnel trips - International: 2	2 trips
Number of people transported, by transport type	Air trip—people transported: 3 staff	7 staff
Total kilograms of commodities transported, by transport type	25,000 kg	18,825 kg

### *Sector 2: Agriculture and Food Security*

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Projected Total</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2013</b>
Projected increase in number of months of food self-sufficiency due to seed system activities/agricultural input for beneficiary households.	A 2.4 month increase to 5 months self-sufficiency	2.6 months per baseline
Number of people benefiting from seed systems/agricultural input activities.	18,000	0
Number of people benefiting from training on agricultural techniques and basic nutrition.	28,500	18,000
Number of animals benefiting from or affected by livestock activities.	640 goats	0
Number of people benefiting from livestock activities, also shown by sex.	1,000 (600 females/400 males)	0
Number of veterinary interventions (e.g., treatments, vaccinations, etc.).	640 vaccinations	0
Number of animals treated.	640 goats	0