

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 (HHs), 18,000 beneficiaries

Beneficiaries Reached: Samaritan's Purse (SP) has distributed 216 kits and had 3 days of NFI fairs, reaching 1,744 households. In total, 1,960 households have benefited.

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: 3,000 HHs have been selected for participation in agricultural training groups (ATGs), of whom 2,007 HHs are internally displaced persons (IDPs). A total of 40 nutrition demonstration gardens (NDGs) have been established, with a 56% attendance rate each month at trainings for the 1,750 targeted HHs. For the livestock subsector, 225 HHs have been selected and all are receiving animal-husbandry training.

Accomplishments:

Sector 1: Logistics Support and Relief Commodities

Samaritan's Purse has purchased and received all items necessary for the NFI kits except the flexible jerry cans. This quarter the Samaritan's Purse blankets and tarps purchased outside of DRC arrived in Bunia. All 1,500 kits have been prepared and 216 have been distributed. Coordination with the NFI cluster is on-going to assist with determining gaps in locations within the scope of this project. Once the gaps are determined, Samaritan's Purse will identify beneficiaries and distribute the remaining 1,284 kits.

Though it was reported in the last quarterly report that 2,750 displaced households had been identified by the cluster for NFI kit distribution, some IDPs in the targeted zone of Komanda returned to their home villages as security improved in many outlying villages in South Irumu. Despite the return of a number of targeted households, Samaritan's Purse was able to identify 1,744 vulnerable, displaced households to receive vouchers for our NFI fairs. With each voucher representing \$57, beneficiaries were able to choose their preferred items from 31 selected vendors at the NFI fairs. The fair continued for three days, following NFI cluster standards of an average of 500 households per day.

Sector 2: Agriculture and Food Security

Samaritan's Purse has selected another 10 nutrition demonstration gardens (NDGs) this quarter and trained all beneficiaries in each NDG. Monthly trainings also continued for the 150 ATGs, focusing on germination bed care and transplantation. Germination beds are continually being used and transplantation of vegetables to the main gardens is well underway. Seventeen tool distributions were completed to both ATGs and NDGs. More tools will be purchased next quarter to complete this objective and allow for beneficiaries to have the necessary tools for preparing additional land for the staple crops.

No seed fairs have taken place to date, as the main planting season will be during the rainy season next quarter. In the targeted regions, seed fairs are most effective for staple crops because local vendors have improved seeds available, despite the stock being limited. However, for vegetable seeds, local seed vendors often completely lack these seeds and therefore Samaritan's Purse must purchase and distribute this seed directly to beneficiaries to ensure a sufficient quantity of quality seeds are given to beneficiaries. Samaritan's Purse has distributed 10.3 tons of seeds to 1,912 households. The remaining households who have not received seeds are continuing to work on preparing their land, as it is necessary to finalize land preparation before receiving seed.

The 225 goat-beneficiary households have been selected and 17 trainings were completed to teach beneficiaries about the importance of raising animals and to provide instruction in goat-shelter construction. Many households have completed the construction of their goat shelters and are ready to receive their goats. One small goat fair took place where 26 goats were purchased; all were vaccinated, and then distributed to 8 beneficiaries.

Issues and Concerns:

Sector 1: Logistics Support and Relief Commodities

Although Samaritan's Purse distributed 216 NFI kits during this quarter, the kits did not include the ten liter flexible jerry cans that were ordered over six months ago.

Unfortunately, ten liter flexible jerry cans are not available locally, though they are the preferred jerry can because they are able to perform multiple functions. Though the vendor has assured Samaritan's Purse that the ten liter jerry cans are in transit, Samaritan's Purse was required to purchase 216 twenty-liter jerry cans locally to distribute the complete NFI kits during this quarter.

Sector 2: Agriculture and Food Security

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.

The purchase of goats in Mambasa territory has been delayed because goat vendors are demanding an above-market price for the sale of goats. This is due to the fact that the vendors know the buyer is an NGO. Goat vendors have been consulted and have refused to lower the price to a fair market value. Since the price offered by Mambasa Territory vendors is above market value as well as budgeted amount per goat for the project, the required goats will be purchased in a neighboring territory. By purchasing goats in a neighboring territory, Samaritan's Purse will ensure that all goat beneficiaries will receive the designated number of healthy goats.

Plan for Next Quarter:

Sector 1: Logistics Support and Relief Commodities

Samaritan's Purse expects to receive the flexible jerry cans that will be distributed with the remaining NFI kits. Given recent displacements in Orientale Province and direction from the NFI cluster, Samaritan's Purse also expects to distribute the remaining 1,284 kits in the next quarter and therefore complete the objectives of the NFI Sector.

Sector 2: Agriculture and Food Security

Trainings are on-going and will take place for ATGs, NDGs, and goat beneficiaries. More tools will be distributed to NDG beneficiaries. All goat houses are expected to be construction and the purchase of all goats is expected to be complete by the end of March. Various harvests are expected from the seeds that were able to be planted during the dry season. Seed distributions and seed fairs will take place in February and March in preparation for the first planting season of 2014. 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

Indicator	Projected Total	4th Quarter 2013
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, and Household Kits: 1,500	1,960 Tarps: \$94,243.33 1,960 Nylon Cords: \$980 5880 Blankets: \$18,639.60 216 NFI Kits: \$15,482.88
Total number and per item USD value of cash/vouchers distributed for NFIs, by type	Cash/vouchers distributed for NFIs value: 57 USD per beneficiary X 1,500 beneficiaries = \$85,500 USD	1,744 Vouchers \$99,373.50
Total number of people receiving NFIs, by sex	Total: 18,000 -Female: 15,300 -Male: 2,700	Total: 11,760 Female: 10,764 Male: 996
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: \$26,712.68 -Overland: \$8606.68 Ocean freight: \$5,595 -Cross-border land transport: \$12,511
Total number of flights/trips provided, by type	International USD-DRC trips: 7 International EBB-DRC trips: 19.8 Domestic Flight trips: 24	3 trips 2 trips 11 trips
Number of people transported, by transport type	International USD-DRC people: 7 International EBB-DRC people: 19.8 Domestic Flight people: Estimated 132	3 staff 2 staff 37 staff
Total kilograms of commodities transported, by transport type	NFI kgs transported Domestically: 25,000 kg	21,364 kg

Sector 2: Agriculture and Food Security

Indicator	Projected Total	4th Quarter 2013
Projected increase in number of months of food self-sufficiency due to seed-system activities/agricultural inputs for beneficiary households.	Increase of 5 months food self-sufficiency	2.6 total months of food self-sufficiency (Baseline Survey)
Number of people benefiting from seed-systems/agricultural input activities.	18,000	18,552
Number of people benefiting from training on agricultural techniques and basic nutrition.	28,500	27,756
Number of animals benefiting from, or affected by, livestock activities.	640 goats	26 goats
Number of people benefiting from livestock activities, also shown by sex.	1,000 (600 female/400 male)	Total: 8 HH Female: 7 Male: 1
Number of veterinary interventions (e.g., treatments, vaccinations, etc.).	640 vaccinations	26 vaccinations
Number of animals treated.	640 goats	26 goats