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DISASTER CASE REPORT

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SOMALIA - Floods

Data

Date: November - December 1977 (FY 78)
Location: Lower Juba and Shabelli River valleys
No. Dead: Not reported
No. Affected: 40,000
Damage: Roads cut off; homes and fields flooded

The Disaster

As a result of continuous rains in the affected area plus additional rains upstream, the lower portion of both the Juba and Shabelli rivers broke their banks and flooded numerous areas up to five miles away. Residents sought higher ground or were evacuated to Kismayo.

Action Taken by the Government of the Somali Democratic Republic (GOSDR)

The Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development handled relief and evacuation activities extremely effectively. The Somali Red Crescent Society provided medical supplies and services.

Assistance Provided by the United States Government (USG)

A disaster determination was made by the U.S. Ambassador on December 22, 1977. The USG arranged for the purchase and air transport of 10 large and 30 small general purpose tents from Department of Defense stockpiles in Germany. The tents were delivered to Mogadiscio on January 7, 1978, after some delay due to difficulty in obtaining overflight clearances. Delivery was not made to the disaster area due to lack of

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fuel and start up facilities for the aircraft. Cost of the tents was \$40,687; transport from Frankfort to Mogadiscio was \$52,824; for a total of.....\$93,511

TOTAL \$93,511

Assistance Provided by U.S. Voluntary Agencies

None reported.

Assistance Provided by the International Community*

Iran - Red Lion and Sun Society airlifted 250 tents and 1,500 blankets.

U.N. Development Program (UNDP) - cash grant of \$20,000.

UNICEF - medical supplies and services.

World Food Program (WFP) - food for 20,000 of the most seriously affected victims, worth \$80,000.

A joint UNDP/WFP mission surveyed the flooded areas, accompanied by an UNDRO expert and a representative of the League of Red Cross Societies.

TOTAL \$100,000

* Please note: the listings of assistance provided by U.S. Voluntary Agencies and the International Community are compiled from reports submitted voluntarily to OFDA. It is not always possible to verify the accuracy of these reports, nor the dollar value of in-kind contributions. As a result, the total dollar values indicated in these sections should be taken as representative figures.