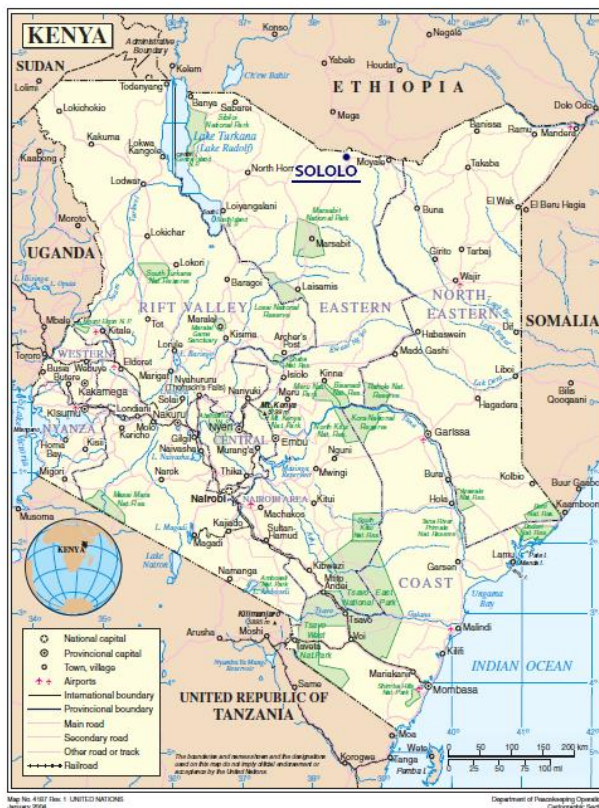


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DROUGHT APPEAL – SOLOLO DISTRICT (NORTH KENYA)

We are an Italian organization operating in the distribution of water, food and medical care in the district of Sololo (north Kenya, Eastern Province).



The area is critically involved in the drought that is currently affecting the Horn of Africa.

Our ordinary duty in the area is to run the “Obbitu Children” project; a privately financed project oriented to 400 Orphans and Vulnerable children in the district of Sololo

but

Due to the fact that no other national (Kenyan) or international agencies specialized in emergencies management were (or are today) promoting interventions on the field, when the signs of the predicted drought were fully understandable (January 2011) **we have designed, managed and**

financed the following actions:

- The construction of a 200.000 liter capacity stock of water in the township of Sololo (constantly refilled by water-bowzers from the well of Waldaa – 27 km far from Sololo township)
- The distribution of 100 liter’s tanks to 900 families in Sololo District
- The distribution of 8000 liters capacity tanks in the most remote sublocations in the district, supplied then by water-bowzers
- The distribution of 20 liter’s jerrycans to 3000 families in Sololo District

- The daily distribution of 20 liters of clean water to each of the families that already benefited of the jerrycans (respecting the priority to support at first the most needful families)
- Every 15 days (up to May 2011): the distribution of food rations and medical treatment to not less than 150 families

By now our stock is by far the biggest area where to stock clean water in the whole district; this building is in our local partner's property in Sololo and it can be use for the dintribution of clean water to the community in this period of crisis.

We are contacting your Agency in order to:

- **Let you know that Sololo District**, through our local partner CIPAD, **have a logistic system that is ready to supply water** to potentially 25.000 beneficiaries (all of the members of the local community). The system is already on the field, ready to work, together with 3 already trained professional human resource from CIPAD (who's salary is already covered by our organization).
- **Let you know that ALONE we don't have the power to keep on running this water supply up to the next small rains** (expected to be in November 2011). Although it coasts to us 1 euro to guarantee 3 liters of water to each member of the community for 30 days, we don't have the budget's independency to do guarantee it until the end of the drought
- The results obtained in the past months demonstrate that **the system of distribution we are using and promoting is the easiest, cheapest and most successful way to guarantee to the community of the Sololo District an immediate and functional support** up to the next rains
- Let you consider the already existing resources of the area before duplicate the intervention or while projecting your drought response in the mentioned area
- **Consider us as (through our local partner CIPAD) as partners for an intervention in the district of Sololo.** In the possibility of a partnership, we can offer:
 - logistic support (eventually housing, two cars, 200.000 liters capacity stock in Sololo)
 - already trained and salaried professional human resources on the field (logist, health officers and an expatriated doctor, watchmen, other)
 - volunteers on the field
 - our private donors channel in order to finance part of the costs for the distribution of water, food and medical treatment

What we are asking you is:

- to recognize our experience on the field in Sololo District. We have experienced droughts in the area in 2001, 2006 and we are experiencing now: together with the local community, we can't stand it alone.
- that we are strongly committed to the local community since we CONSTANTLY operate in the area since 1999 in the field of health as well as in the field of children's rights.
- to understand that we are not specialized in emergencies, although an emergency is affecting now our beneficiaries and we can't stand and just observe it
- to tight a partnership with us in order to respond together to the current need of water from the community
- at least to cover the district of Sololo by bringing your own actions, considering that all needed to distribute water to all of the members of the community is already existing; the only thing we are missing are:
 - *our own water-bowzer*
 - *the monay to pay water and transport from the well of Waldaa to all of the locations and sub-location in the district of Sololo (this amount is around 25.000 € per month in the worst scenery of a total lack of water for every single member of the local community)*

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