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£20,000 to help with the East Africa crisis

Very poor rainfall in the Horn of Africa (which includes Somalia, Kenya, Djibouti, Ethiopia and Uganda) has led to the driest period in 60 years for some areas, causing severe drought which is threatening the lives of over **10 million people** according to the United Nations humanitarian agency (OCHA).

Drought conditions have led to food insecurity and water scarcity, in turn exacerbating high malnutrition rates. With no rains in sight there are strong fears that the situation will rapidly unfold. According to OCHA, an estimated 250,000 children under five are suffering from moderate acute malnutrition and 40,000 are suffering from severe acute malnutrition within the region - high impact nutrition interventions are a priority.

The daily decline in health and sanitation, combined with the separation of families due to migration, is increasing the impact of food insecurity, malnutrition and risk of mortality.

In response to this situation the President of the Grand Charity has approved an emergency grant of £20,000 to the British Red Cross, to provide emergency relief across the region.

If you have any questions about this grant please contact Katrina Baker at the Grand Charity on 020 7395 9314

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