

# END HUNGER



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## **Canadian Foodgrains Bank Responds to East Africa Food Crisis**

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- 12 million people do not have access to adequate food due to drought, high food prices, and insecurity. Parts of Somalia have been defined as a famine, a term which is reserved for the most extreme cases of humanitarian catastrophe.
- Canadian Foodgrains Bank has committed \$8.8 million dollars to reach over 270,000 people in need in Somalia, Ethiopia, and Kenya.
- Funds are being channelled through Foodgrains Bank member agencies Christian Reformed World Relief Committee, Canadian Lutheran World Relief, and Mennonite Central Committee, for projects in Somalia, Kenya, and Ethiopia.
- Some of the money is being used to provide food to vulnerable households in rural Kenya and Ethiopia, where rains have failed and crops have been damaged. The aid includes maize, beans, and oil, and famix— a supplementary food for children under five, and pregnant and nursing mothers.
- Some of the money will also be used for a food-for-work program in Kenya, where Foodgrains Bank member agency Mennonite Central Committee Canada (MCC) supports sand dam projects that help communities capture rain water that is usually lost in flash floods. This water can then be used for irrigation.
- Some of the food is also going to pastoralist communities, who rely on livestock for their living, and who have been particularly hard hit by the crisis.
- To date, over \$700,000 has been donated to the Foodgrains Bank for east Africa. The donations will be matched by a grant from CIDA.

*Canadian Foodgrains Bank is a partnership of 15 churches and church agencies working together to end global hunger. Together with matching support from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the Foodgrains Bank has provided over one million tonnes of food assistance to people who are hungry since 1983. Donations can be made by visiting [www.foodgrainsbank.ca](http://www.foodgrainsbank.ca), calling 1-800-665-0377, or sending a cheque to Box 767, Winnipeg, MB R3C 2L4.*