

# MetaMeta Virtual Practitioners Conference on Desert Locust Management 2020



## Regional Desert Locust Alliance (RDLA)

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# What is the RDLA?

Founded in February 2020 by ACTED, Concern, NRC, Oxfam and the Johanniter

60+ member LNGOs and INGOs operating in nine countries in the greater Horn of Africa: Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Uganda and Tanzania

Developed in response to the increased desert locust threat to food security and livelihoods

## **Three strategic pillars:**

1. Carry out joint advocacy
2. Contribute to a well-coordinated and appropriate locust response
3. Support each other in a harmonized and technically sound programming approach

## What Have We Achieved?

4 advocacy statements (available of Reliefweb)

4 mapping exercise to improve coordination and avoid overlaps

1 guidance note being drafted for an harmonized and technically sound programming approach

60+ NGOs working together in coordination with UN agencies and government authorities

Ongoing discussions to contribute to researches on the impact of desert locusts across the region

# Joint Advocacy Statements

The RDLA periodically releases advocacy statements about key issues related to the desert locust crisis:

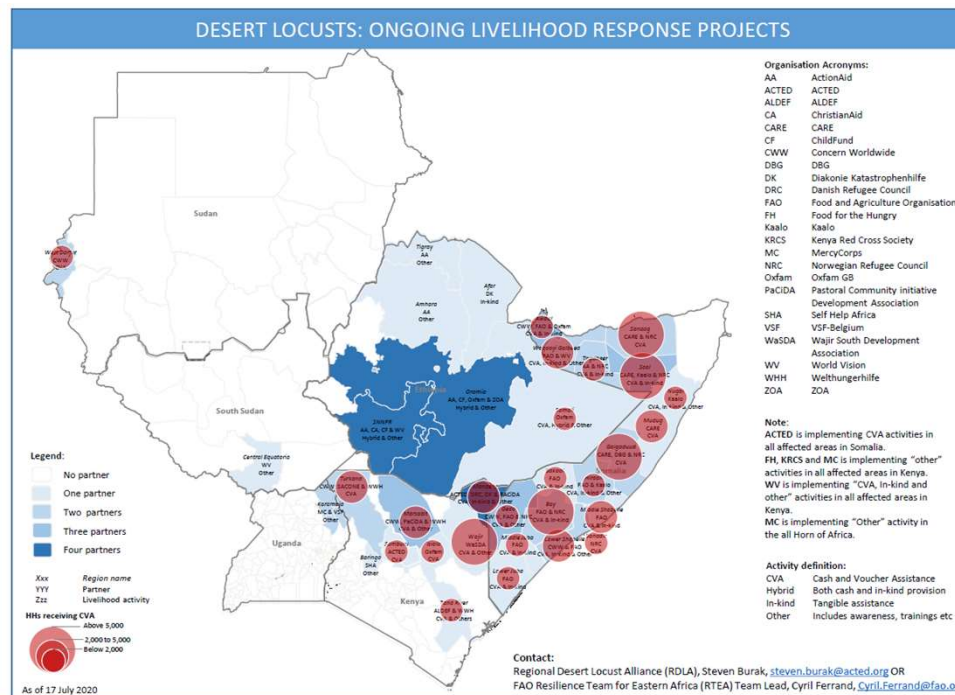
- Urgent support needed for pastoralists and agro-pastoralists households impacted by the desert locust crisis during the COVID-19 Pandemic, *July 2020* (<https://reliefweb.int/report/somalia/urgent-support-needed-pastoralist-and-agro-pastoralist-households-impacted-desert>)
- Addressing the double-crisis of locusts and COVID-19 in the greater Horn of Africa, *April 2020* (<https://reliefweb.int/report/somalia/addressing-double-crisis-locusts-and-covid-19-greater-horn-Africa>)
- Community-led action critical for locust livelihood response in the greater Horn of Africa, *March 2020* (<https://reliefweb.int/report/somalia/community-led-action-critical-locust-livelihood-response-greater-horn-Africa>)
- The Regional Desert Locust Alliance calls for urgent livelihood support in the greater Horn of Africa as the locust crisis deepens, *February 2020* (<https://reliefweb.int/report/ethiopia/regional-desert-locust-alliance-calls-urgent-livelihood-support-greater-horn-Africa>)

# Monthly Mapping Exercise

The RDLA conducts a monthly mapping exercise which captures the food security and livelihood activities of RDLA members in the greater Horn of Africa

The RDLA shares the report with partners and the wider humanitarian community to coordinate the response

The RDLA and FAO then develop a joint map on a monthly basis to highlight the work of both the RDLA and FAO



# Technical Guidance Note

The RDLA is developing one of the first technical guidance documents on food security and livelihoods responses for the desert locust crisis

The guidance document is built upon the expertise and experience of partners responding to the crisis

The guidance document is scheduled for release in *August 2020*





# Desert Locust Update on the greater Horn of Africa



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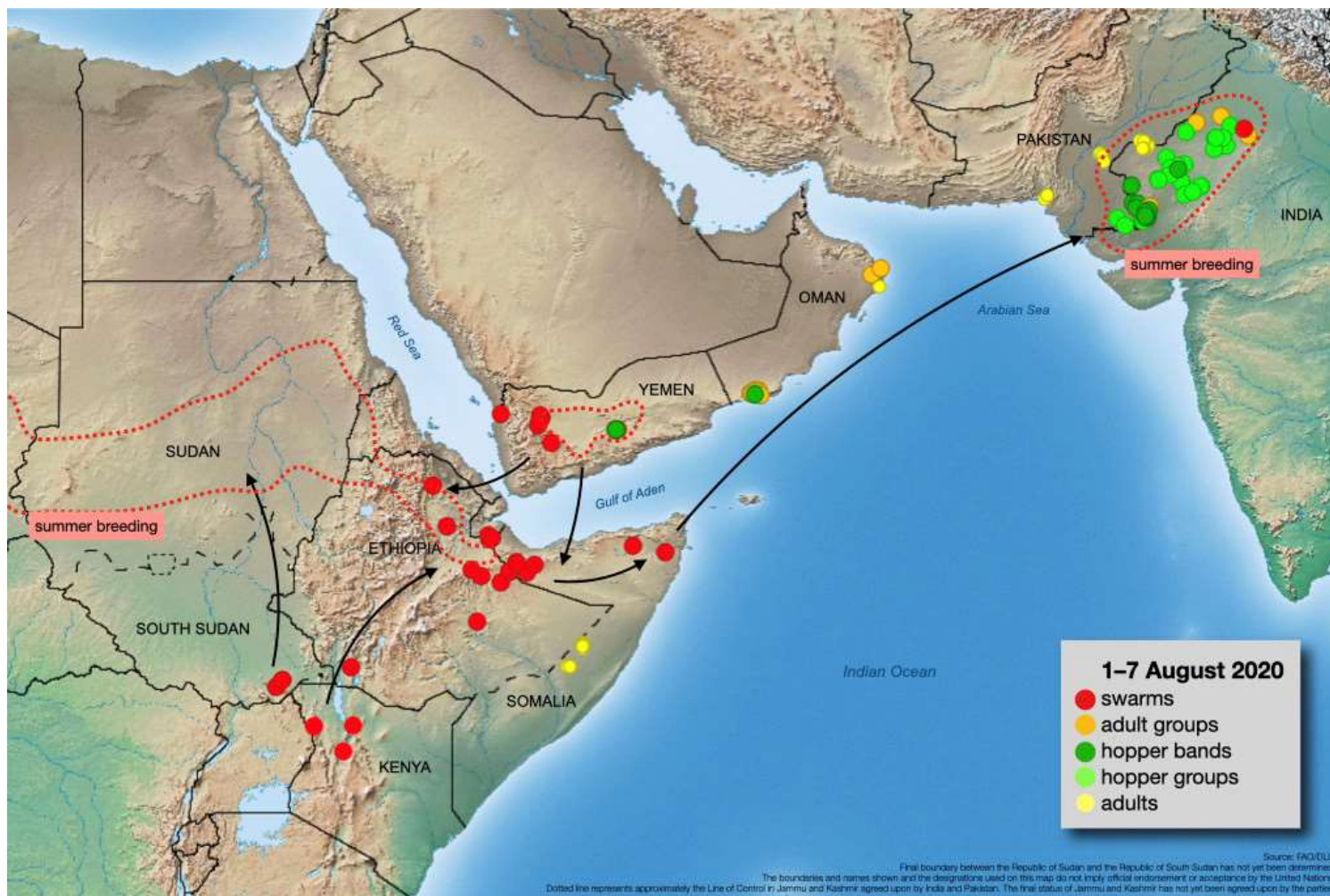
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# Desert Locust Update

The East Africa region is facing an unprecedented triple food security threat caused by the combined effects of recent severe floods, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the upsurge of desert locusts



Source:  
<http://www.fao.org/ag/locusts/common/ecg/75/en/200807DLupdate.jpg>

# Desert Locust Planned and Ongoing Response

As of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020, 30 organisations across 6 countries in the greater HoA reported ongoing and planned food security and livelihood responses

## **Ethiopia:**

- 90 planned and ongoing FSL responses in 7 regions of Ethiopia
- Responses target 143,016 pastoralists, agro-pastoralists and sedentary farmers
- 753,753 people targeted through trainings and awareness raising activities
- Responses are funded through internal resources, OCHA, USAID, FAO, Irish Aid, the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Scottish government among others

## **Somalia/Somaliland:**

- 12 organisations planning or implementing FSL responses in 15 regions across Somalia/Somaliland
- 226,628 pastoralists and agro-pastoralist targeted through cash, in-kind and voucher responses
- 66,830 people targeted through trainings and awareness raising activities
- Donors include the German Foreign Office (AA), internal resources, ECHO, DFID, FFP, OCHA, SIDA and WFP

# Desert Locust Planned and Ongoing Response

## **Kenya:**

- 19 organisations planning or implementing FSL responses in all 16 counties affected by the DL
- Responses target 183,380 pastoralists, agro-pastoralists and sedentary farmers
- 7,276,803 people targeted through trainings and awareness raising activities
- Mercy Corps is implementing a first loss insurance cover for 300,000 farmers affected by locusts.
- Responses are funded through internal resources, USAID, WFP, ECHO, ELMA Foundation, FAO, SIDA, DERF, AgriFin Digital Farmer Gates Foundation, Skoll Foundation among others

## **Uganda:**

- 4 organisations planning or implementing FSL responses targeting primarily agro-pastoralist
- 146,503 people targeted through trainings and awareness raising activities
- Donors include among others the Belgian government, FAO and USAID

## **South Sudan:**

- World Vision reported ongoing and planned training and awareness raising activities targeting 159052 agro-pastoralist across two states through internal resources

## **Sudan:**

- CWW reported ongoing and planned FSL responses targeting 25,990 agro-pastoralists, refugees and IDPs funded by Irish Aid, ECHO, OFDA and OCHA funding



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