

CANADA ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR ACTION AGAINST HUNGER'S LIFE-SAVING PROGRAMS IN SOMALIA.

Toronto, ON– April 30, 2018: Thanks to recently announced additional support from Global Affairs Canada (GAC), Action Against Hunger will provide humanitarian support to nearly 10,000 additional people in Somalia's Bakool Region, with an expansion of operations into Wajid district, in addition to ongoing activities in Hudur district.

Action Against Hunger's programming in Somalia responds to the immediate needs of women, girls, boys and men who have been affected by the ongoing conflict and the effects of drought caused by a fourth consecutive failed rainy season. Action Against Hunger will specifically:

- Provide treatment for children with life-threatening severe acute malnutrition using out-patient services and in-patient stabilization centres;
- Provide emergency water distribution and build or repair water points and sanitation facilities to ensure access to clean water and adequate sanitation conditions;
- Provide emergency cash transfers to vulnerable populations to meet their basic needs; and
- Provide supplies and materials for local health clinics and mobile maternal and child health services.

"We are in the midst of a wide-reaching and complex humanitarian crisis that is having devastating impacts on children and families," said Paula Tenaglia, Action Against Hunger's Director of Operations. "Without the seasonal rains, families cannot meet their nutrition and water needs. And while sometimes it can be a challenge to deliver aid to the people who need it the most, we have evidence that where and when we are able to access affected populations, we save lives."

Action Against Hunger is a globally recognized international humanitarian organization with a presence in more than 50 countries. Action Against Hunger staff provide emergency relief and focus on severe malnutrition, while also tackling the underlying causes of hunger and working with local populations to transform short-term interventions into sustainable, long-term solutions.

"The ongoing situation in Somalia is a priority for Action Against Hunger" said Danny Glenwright, the organization's Executive Director. "Millions of people continue to face deplorable levels of food insecurity because of drought and conflict, and the resulting level of child undernutrition is unacceptable. We want to thank the Government of Canada for their continued commitment to humanitarian action and ending child malnutrition. Through this additional support, thousands of people will have immediate access to lifesaving nutritional treatment and safe water, and more children will be able to reach their fifth birthday."

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About Action Against Hunger

Action Against Hunger is a global humanitarian organization that takes decisive action against the causes and effects of hunger.

We save the lives of severely malnourished children while helping communities become self-sufficient. Recognized as a world leader in the fight against malnutrition, Action Against Hunger has pursued its

vision of a world without hunger for almost four decades, combating hunger in emergency situations of conflict, natural disaster, and chronic food insecurity. With more than 8,000 staff in more than 50 countries, our programs in nutrition, food security, livelihoods, water, sanitation, and hygiene, reach more than 14 million people each year.

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