

# Help Somalia!

**Today in Somalia**, we face a harsh reality. Either we, as the international community, fulfil our obligations and provide life-saving aid to Somalis, or we will see the health of millions of people further threatened due, in great part, to a lack of regard for this country's humanitarian crisis. The imminent military operation in South Central Somalia will compound the already overstretched and under-resourced health system. Last year not only marked 18 years of conflict for Somalia, but also heralded the first generation of Somali children who came of age without ever having lived through a single year of peace. In 2009, the number of people in need of humanitarian aid in Somalia doubled: 3.2 million or half of Somalia's population are in need of humanitarian assistance.



## IF WE DON'T ACT NOW...

- Every day, 20 900 individuals will be **deprived** of urgently needed medical care
- Every day, 7300 children will have **no** access to health care, leading to serious complications, death and malnutrition
- 1 710 000 children under 15 will **not** be vaccinated against measles and meningitis
- 9000 women, men and children may have acute watery **diarrhoea**
- 13 680 women will **suffer from pregnancy-related complications**
- 1 in 6 Somali children under 5 will **continue to suffer from acute malnutrition**
- 1 in every 7 children will **not live to celebrate their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday**
- 1 in 700 mothers will **still die during childbirth** and 1 in 11 children will **not live to see their 1<sup>st</sup> birthday**

... And there still won't be enough doctors, nurses, medicines and health facilities to cover the medical needs of Somalis

# BUT IF WE DO ACT...

- Every day, 20 900 women, men and children will receive medical care
  - Every day, 7300 children will have access to health services
  - 1 710 000 children under 15 will be vaccinated against measles and meningitis
  - 9000 women, men and children will not suffer from severe diarrhoeal diseases
  - 13 680 women will not die from complications during childbirth
  - There will be at least:
    - 210 more doctors
    - 310 more nurses
    - 6 fully functioning hospitals
- ... And medical supplies to treat 5 846 400 cases



## The cost?

US\$46 million is required by the Health Cluster to provide critical life-saving care to Somalis until the end of 2010

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