



“Emergency Desert Locust Control Needs of Ethiopia”

Project code: OSRO/ETH/003/USA

Donor: United States of America

Contribution: USD 800 000

Implementation: 01/22/2020– 08/21/2020

Target areas: 56 desert locust infested regions of Ethiopia



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Objective:	To improve the food security situation through coordinated control of desert locust invasions; reduction of egg-laying adults, prevention of hopper-bands and migration of the fledgling desert locust populations to crop fields, grazing land and forested areas.
Key partners:	Desert Locust Control Organization for Eastern Africa (DLCO-EA), Ministry of Agriculture and the Somali Bureau of Agriculture.
Beneficiaries reached:	999 government staff trained
Activities implemented:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Procured 3 000 personnel protective equipment kits, including aprons, masks, PVC and nitrile gloves, caps, overalls, boots and goggles which were used by desert locust control teams in field operations.• Procured and distributed 20 000 litres of aviation fuel for DLCO-EA, to conduct aerial operations in Dire Dawa, Komblocha and Samara areas.• Coordinated with government partners, aerial control and surveillance operations with two fixed wing aircraft and two helicopters.• Conducted ground and aerial operations in a total of five regions (Afar, Amhara, Oromia, Tigray and Somali).• Trained 999 staff from regional government departments, plant protection units, and development agents from the affected communities for two days on survey and control operations.
Results:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contributed significantly to restoring the food security and livelihoods of beneficiary households by preventing further crop damage and desert locust infestations in Dire Dawa, Komblocha and Samara areas.• Intercepted and controlled 40 desert locust swarms with 80 percent of hopper bands controlled in 24 different breeding sites.• Successfully treated over 4 700 km² of infested areas within the targeted 56 <i>woredas</i>(regions).• Strengthened the capacity of Ethiopian government to monitor and control desert locust infestations in affected regions through training.