DESSERT LOCUST INVASION

Responding to a crisis within a crisis

The Emergency Locust Response Program
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Crisis within a Crisis
A new world norm

Cost of The Locust Outbreak

Actions on the Ground

World Bank’s Response
To Assist Governments & UN Partners
The WBG has mobilized the Contingency Emergency Response Component (CERC) within its existing portfolio for rapid response to the locust outbreak.

Towards Zero Stunting in Djibouti Project (P164164)

US$0.6 million

Response includes:

i. Purchasing equipment, logistic, and pesticides for immediate desert locust control;

ii. Initiating preliminary capacity building activities to develop early warning system; and

iii. Assisting affected farmers and agropastoral households in restoring their livelihoods.

Kenya National Climate Smart Agriculture Project (P154784)

US$13.77 million

Response includes setting up six base stations and deploying surveillance aircraft to coordinate locust surveillance efforts across affected countries.

CERC activated financing amounts are modest relative to the needs and are only used to address the most immediate issues.
A US$500 million multiphase programmatic approach (MPA) project was created to provide immediate and longer-term support across the region.

1. MONITOR AND CONTROL
   1.1 Continuous surveillance
   1.2 Control measures
   1.3 Risk reduction and management

2. PROTECT AND RESTORE
   2.1 Safeguarding food security and protecting human capital
   2.2 Restoring and rehabilitating livelihoods
   2.3 Assessing impacts

3. COORDINATE AND PREPARE
   3.1 Strengthening early warning systems
   3.2 Improving institutional coordination at sub-national, national, and regional levels
   3.3 Supporting development of critical supply chains

Four “first mover” countries:
- Djibouti
- Ethiopia
- Kenya
- Uganda

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The WBG’s Ag Observatory – Daily Weather @ 9kmx9km

Hyperlocal observed weather to provide daily, weekly & monthly intelligence in support of tracking vegetation, crop, and locust dynamics.