

#### **READY Humanitarian Program Portfolio**

#### **READY NGO Overview**

- READY is an international humanitarian relief and development non-government organization (NGO) working in rapid-onset disasters and conflict settings, ongoing complex humanitarian crises and long-term development contexts in 14 countries
- Programmatic focus areas include health and nutrition, food security and livelihoods (FSL), cash and voucher assistance (CVA), and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH).
- Community engagement and protection are mainstreamed throughout programs.
- READY's annual global budget is \$182 million USD with 3,500 staff worldwide.

## Thisland Country Office Profile

- · READY's country office in Thisland is located in the capital of Myro.
  - · Program areas: long-term economic development and recovery activities, including vocational training and small business loans targeting young adults.
  - · Myro office: Twelve staff including the Country Director and development program staff (see organizational chart in file explorer).
- As a result of the election conflict and the influx of internally displaced persons (IDPs) from the Western to the Eastern Province, READY established a suboffice in the city of Murelle to engage in humanitarian response programming.
  - Murelle office: Thirty-five staff, including a Team Lead and operational and programmatic staff (see organizational chart in file explorer).
  - · Program areas: health and nutrition, FSL, and WASH sectors with funding from major international government donors and private foundations.
  - $\cdot$  Cross-cutting areas: protection and communication and community engagement.
- The annual country budget is \$20 million USD, with \$17.5 million allocated for the humanitarian response programs.

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- READY humanitarian programs operate in three informal IDP settlements north of Murelle (populations 16,000, 15,000, and 12,000) and within the urban area, where approximately 60,000 IDPs are displaced.
- In total, READY's current humanitarian programs target 9,000 IDP households and 3,600 households from the host community.

#### Health and Nutrition

Total program participants: 12,600 households/63,000 individuals

**Goal:** prevent mortality and morbidity (including disability) in affected populations (IDP and host communities) while contributing to the overall wellbeing of the community.

- READY supports four Ministry of Health (MoH) primary health care (PHC) facilities: one in the urban area of Murelle which serves 20,000 people from both the IDP and host community populations and three in informal IDP settlements that serve a total population of 43,000 IDPs.
  - The MoH provides the clinic buildings and oversees the collection and management of data on health service utilization.
  - •READY provides the budgetary support to cover the salaries of the PHC staff.
- PHC facilities services include:
  - Antenatal and postnatal care, deliveries, basic emergency obstetric care, and pediatric care; five-bed capacity for delivery services;
  - Health promotion, community engagement, and preventive services through community health workers (CHWs); the CHWs are managed through READY's national NGO partner, Thisland Relief;
  - Integrated management of neonatal and childhood illnesses, sexual and reproductive health, mental health and psycho-social support (MHPSS), and general communicable and non-communicable diseases;
  - Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) programs;
  - Detection and out-patient treatment of acute malnutrition and anemia for children 6-59 months and pregnant and lactating women;
  - Referral for complicated malnourished cases to in-patient clinic;
  - •Limited testing capacity for measles, dengue, and priority sexually transmitted infections.
- READY has a signed agreement with the district hospital to ensure continuum of care for emergency cases. A referral pathway has been established.
- READY is a core member of the national and sub-national Health Coordination

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Group under the leadership of the MoH.

- With NGO partners and national authorities, READY has contributed to the district's multi-sectoral integrated action plan for better health outcomes. READY's health and nutrition program manager is a core member of this working group.
- Community engagement is integrated into READY's response planning, capacity building, and standard operating procedures and guidelines. This not only ensures the communities are consistently informed and motivated to take preventative actions, but also increases community acceptance of the response, builds trust, and addresses the community's questions, concerns, needs, and feedback. This is critical for contact tracing/surveillance activities, activities related to isolation/quarantine and treatment centers, case management, and other sector-specific responses such as WASH, child protection, nutrition, and FSL.

## Food Security and Livelihoods

Total program participants: 9,130 households/45,650 individuals

**Goal:** Deliver life-saving assistance to IDPs through the provision of unconditional food assistance targeting IDPs and Cash for Work (CfW) targeting IDPs and host community

- Unconditional food assistance using cash-based modality:
  - Utilizes established financial service providers (mobile money agents, banks, or vendors):
  - Enables families to access the minimum nutritional requirement while also reducing exposure to further risks;
  - Targets 6,000 female or child-headed households.
- · Cash for Work program:
  - Projects include digging hand-dug wells, latrine upkeep and maintenance, and serving as water point attendants, contributing to improved hygiene and sanitation:
  - Supports 3,000 households, 30% of which are in the host community;
  - Implementation managed in collaboration with Thisland Relief, a national NGO partner.
- READY is piloting a livelihoods project targeting 130 IDPs and vulnerable households in the host community. Households are provided with goats and livestock rearing training.

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# Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Total program participants: 2,000 households/10,000 individuals

**Goal:** Reduce water related illness through the provision of adequate water supply, sanitation, and the promotion of safe hygiene practices. As water quality at the household level is essential for health and nutrition outcomes in emergencies, activities are designed with a nutrition related outcome focus utilizing a market-based approach.

- Prioritizes the IDPs and host communities in three informal IDP settlements and Murelle.
- Focus on access to safe drinking water through increasing the number of hand-dug wells and the rehabilitation of six existing deep boreholes. Household water storage and treatment products are being incentivized with Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA).
- Community mobilizers conduct hygiene campaigns and control the water quality at the point of use.