



**worst
drought in 60
years**



A Request For More Hope

Borana woman carries burden no one should have to

Humanitarian Division of Power to Change

Our mission is to demonstrate the love of God, in word and deed, to hurting and needy people around the world, through relief and development projects.

“Most of my life we’ve had plenty of food and everything we needed...,” shares Adi Boro, “...but lately we have had nothing.”

At the age of 55, Adi struggles to make ends meet.

All of her animals have died and there is no food for her eight children.

Regarded as the worst drought in the last 60 years throughout the Horn of Africa, the lives of Adi and the other 2,500 Borana people in her village have been deeply affected.

With no cattle to herd, 12 clans decided to settle together in the southern Ethiopian village called Gadhamoji; many experiencing shame and a profound loss of their identity.

Categorized as a “highly affected area” by the government, the majority of this group resolved themselves to dying in this one spot.

“Humans beings have been trying to pull the plough like oxen...and even with the little we

planted in this area in the short rainy season, we don’t even know if the land will give us food,” shares Adi.

Bearing this heavy burden, Adi decided to try and sell bundles of firewood; a job which most men in her village wouldn’t even consider doing.

Finding and chopping wood as well as carrying the bundle for ten kilometers or more took up several hours of her day. Not to mention, Adi only made approximately \$1.00 US per bundle.

Combined with a 60% rise in inflation throughout the country, it was next to impossible for Adi to purchase enough food for her family of ten.

But, this is where Adi’s story changes.

In search of helping those that were struggling with the drought in Ethiopia, Global Aid Network (GAIN) and their local partners came across the Gadhamoji village.

After seeing the need, talking with the various clan leaders and witnessing the nutritionist’s results, it was apparent that GAIN could come alongside this group of Borana people in a significant way.

As a result, since the beginning of September 2011, GAIN and their local partners conducted three separate food distributions for the 2,500 people. Maize, beans, sugar, cooking oil as well as Fafa and powdered milk for the malnourished children and elderly individuals were all items included in the distributions.

“Since the time you gave assistance to us...it has been very good,” Adi shares. “When you came for the first time, we were in a very bad state. Many people were about ready to die.”

GAIN shared their desire to provide the nourishing food she and the others needed for the next six months so that no one would die from starvation.

“We are thankful for the help,” expresses Adi. “My only hope is that God can bring more hope to us through you.”