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Subject: **Participate in the joint SOLIDAR Horn of Africa Solidarity Fund**

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Secretary General SOLIDAR

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Dear friends,

As severe hunger is spreading across the Horn of Africa, SOLIDAR calls upon you to join forces in fighting the most severe food security emergency in the world today.

On 20 July 2011, the United Nations declared a state of famine in southern Bakool and Lower Shabelle regions of southern Somalia that is likely to spread in the coming two months. While millions of Somali families are fleeing their land in search of help, **an estimated 11.6 million people are at risk of starvation.**

While the international community is rallying to feed the Horn of Africa, the SOLIDAR network is gearing up to jointly support the efforts. To that end, in cooperation with our German member [Arbeiter Samariter Bund](#) (ASB), we set up the joint **SOLIDAR Horn of Africa Solidarity Fund** that will support our joint relief actions in the region.

ASB is at the moment setting up a relief intervention in Ethiopia, Uganda, and Kenya **to provide food, water and healthcare assistance** to affected families and refugees. We are awaiting the assessment from the first team sent to the field this week in order to keep you updated about their evaluation of the situation.

SOLIDAR is a European network of 56 NGOs active in over 90 countries working to advance social justice in Europe and worldwide. SOLIDAR voices the concerns of its member organisations to the EU and international institutions across the policy sectors social affairs, international cooperation and lifelong learning. For more info www.solidar.org

In the meantime, **we invite you to join our collective solidarity effort by channeling funds through the ASB managed Horn of Africa Solidarity Fund** that will allow us to develop an effective relief initiative for the millions of people in need.

In case you have any questions or remarks do not hesitate to contact Julie Crespin (Julie.Crespin@solidar.org) and Maurice Claassens (Maurice@solidar.org) at the SOLIDAR secretariat.

Thank you for your continuous work and we count on your support to the millions who unfairly suffer from the world's worst disasters.

Together, stronger!



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Secretary General

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