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Yukon contributes to humanitarian efforts in the Horn of Africa

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is contributing \$25,000 to Canadian Red Cross relief efforts in the Horn of Africa.

"A series of devastating droughts has created a humanitarian crisis in east Africa which is affecting an estimated 11 million people," Premier Darrell Pasloski said. "Our deepest sympathies go out to the millions of people affected by this massive crisis."

Ethiopia, Djibouti, Kenya and Somalia are facing severe food shortages and are experiencing alarming levels of malnutrition and related deaths. The United Nations has declared a state of famine in two areas of southern Somalia, the worst affected country.

"Yukon recognizes the urgent need for humanitarian assistance in the Horn of Africa and is making a financial contribution to support the efforts of the Canadian Red Cross and their international partners in the region," Pasloski added. "On behalf of all Yukoners, I want to express appreciation for the work of the Canadian Red Cross and of countless others who are answering the call for assistance in Africa."

Yukon contributed to relief efforts through the Canadian Red Cross following the wildfires in Alberta earlier this year and after a massive earthquake struck northeastern Japan in March.

The Government of Canada will match donations made by individual Canadians until September 16.

Yukoners wishing to make a personal donation may contact the Canadian Red Cross toll-free at 1-800-418-1111 or visit www.redcross.ca for more information.

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