

## **USAID Announces Nearly \$ 128 Million in Additional Humanitarian Aid to Ethiopia**

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia - May 13, 2016- The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) announced today nearly \$128 Million in additional Humanitarian assistance help the Ethiopia face the impacts of the worst drought in fifty years.

Triggered by El Nino, The drought follows successive poor rainy seasons and now exceeds many people's ability to cope. Today's announcement will provide vital humanitarian aid including relief food assistance, safe drinking water, Nutrition services, and mobile health teams to help address the need stemming from the drought. In addition it will also help people by providing Seeds for production during the upcoming rains.

Acting Assistant Administrator for the Bureau of Democracy, Conflict, And Humanitarian Affairs Thomas H. Staal announced the new finding in Ethiopia alongside Commissioner Mitiku Kassa - a tireless partner from Ethiopia's National Disaster Risk Management Commission. In his remarks, Mr. Staal said. "This new funding underscores the United States' Commitment to working with Ethiopia to prevent this drought from becoming a humanitarian catastrophe"

With the announcement, the United States has provided nearly \$705 Million in humanitarian assistance since October 2014, and continues to be the largest humanitarian donor of Ethiopia The U.S. Commends the other donors who have contributed generously to the drought response, and encourages other to join this international effort to address the drought's impacts and also protect hard - earned development Gains.