

## **Around 30 million birr pledged in favor of flood victims**

Birr 30 million was pledged in the Telethon and Luncheon Programme carried out by the National fund Raising Committee on December 3, 2006 to assist and rehabilitate victims of this past rainy season and October's flooding in Somali Region.



In this Telethon and Luncheon Programme which was carried out in the presence of H.E Ato Girma Weldegiorgis, President of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and H.E Ato Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, in addition to the 70 million birr pledged by the European Union, 30 million birr was pledged by Ethiopians and friends of Ethiopia on that day alone. In his concluding speech to the Programme H.E Ato Simon Mechale, Director General of the Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Agency, said 30 million birr is an encouraging result.

In this Telethon and Luncheon Programme, the Ethiopian people, Ethiopians living abroad and friends of Ethiopia have actively participated.

It is to be recalled that the DPPA had notified the donor community earlier when it launched a joint humanitarian appeal that Birr 298.4 million was required to assist flood victims.