

**Minutes of the 27th Technical Information Management Exchange Forum (TIME)
Meeting November 6, 2003 10:00 hrs.
DPPC conference room**

Chairperson: Ato Sisay

Agenda

- Food aid task force, Ato Mesfin
- AOB

Food Aid task Force

DPPC noted that significant numbers of NGOs are not reporting on their food aid allocations and distributions status to the DPPC consistently. Moreover it was noted that some NGOs reports are below standards. Therefore DPPC stress that NGOs should report to the DPPC on their activity ahead of time and they should improve the quality of their reports.

Early Warning Systems

Early Warning Department reported that 21 teams have been dispatched to all over the country to assess the post harvest conditions. The teams are expected to return by mid November and report on their findings.

Concern reported in some areas.

UNICEF indicated that reports from Somali region have stated that due to a month delay of the Kirmet rains there is a major concern in the area. Early Warning Department in response has stated that there are no reports from the area yet. However the department has promised to report on the situation as soon as information from the area is received.

Moreover, CARE reported that according to a field assessment carried out recently there is so far 80% crop failure in Kuni and Measo woredas of West Hararghe due to low rainfall. However CARE has confirmed that most of the mid land of West Hararge has been receiving good rains. CARE also reported that the six weeks short rainfall in Borena region has so far failed. It was stated that if the rain failed completely, humanitarian interventions in the area will be necessary.

OCHA

Dechase Lemessa, OCHA field officer reported that there is shortage of rain in Eastern Wollega. He stated that currently a month has passed since the rain stopped. The rains were expected to at least continue till mid October. Consequently crops, reported to be at flowering stage, are at an alarming situation.

UNICEF

UNICEF reporting on its activity stated that its vaccination activities being carried out in different parts of the country are going on as planned.

Number of TFC has reduced from 44 to 36 as children are being transferred to the nearest Health Centers.

Malaria reported still worrying

UNICEF indicated that malaria is still worrying in Amhara, SNNP, Oromiya and Afar regions. It was stated that anti Malaria drugs are available locally however woreda, zone and higher officials need to work closely to make it accessible.

More participation to the TIME meeting requested

In reaction to the low participation witnessed at the TIME meeting, Ato Sisay meeting chairman urged for more participation from particularly the Ministries' Task Forces.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

Next TIME meeting will take place on November 20, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

Attendance by more participants is expected.