

**Minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> Technical Information Management Exchange Forum (TIME)  
Meeting October 9, 2003 10:00 hrs.  
DPPC conference room**

**Chairperson: Ato Getachew Tesfaye**

**Agenda**

- MoW, Ato Tamene Gossa
- Early Warning, Ato Teshome Erknhe
- EFSR, Ato Getachew Tesfaye
- AOB

**Water Task Force**

*Ato Tamene Gossa*

**Datasheets re-sent to agencies**

The Ministry of Water Resource (MoWR) reported that information gathered from a datasheet sent previously to donors, NGOs and the public sector were largely inadequate for the preparation of the 2004 appeal. Therefore the Ministry urged concerned agencies to re-fill the datasheet that are sent back to them. It was indicated that only some have so far responded.

**The 2004 action plan**

MoWR reported that it has called donors, NGOs and regional water bureaus for a two days workshop. The main objective of the workshop is to review the regional assessment reports that will lay the ground work for the 2004 appeal. The workshop will also review the key challenges and constraints that were faced in the 2003 responses and it will discuss on strategies on the way forward.

**Early Warning**

*Ato Teshome Erknhu*

Early Warning Department head, Ato Teshome, reported that three mid-seasons assessment teams have returned from the field. According to the findings of the teams the highland and mid-highland of Eastern Hararghe have received favorable rains that have positive effect on crop performance. However, in the lowlands of East and West Hararghe due to long dry spell in the month of July and August crop performance is reported to have been highly affected. Therefore food distribution expected to finish by the month of October is planned to continue until December. Ato Teshome added that East and West Hararghe require an additional 80,000 MT of food aid. Moreover situation in Dire Dawa is reported to be worse than last year's.

It was also reported that in general good performance of rain have been observed in Eastern parts of the country. In Somali and Afar situations are reported better than last year's. However WFP reported that in some areas of Meso, Ayisha and Shinille, milk production is very low due to the previous drought that highly affected livestock.

It was also reported that the team assessing the Western parts of the country has reported that crop performances are at their early stage and to-date there are no major problems reported.

**2003 Meher Crop and Pastoral Assessment**

Ato Teshome announced that the multi-agency DPPC led 2003 Meher crop and pastoral assessment will start with the cropping areas on October 25 and assessment on the pastoral areas will start on December 7. DPPC has invited donors UN agencies and NGO's to join the teams.

**Update on the status of food aid movement**

*Reported by Ato Mesfine*

DPPC reported that the total food allocation by DPPC and NGOs for the month of October stands at 72,000 MT; of which 85% by DPPC's and 45% by NGOs has been delivered. Ato Mesfine reported that October allocation could not be disaggregated by DPPC and NGOs as JEOP partners are waiting for confirmation from their donors. Meanwhile WFP reported on the planned disaggregated figures of September supplementary food allocation; 6,500 MT blended food, 2,150 MT vegetable oil and 7,200 MT pulses.

Ato Mesfine reported that CARE has recorded the highest performance from the JEOP NGO partners in the transportation of September allocation while SC/USA has showed the lowest (35%).

Ato Mesfine asked NGOs that are active in relief operation to provide the DPPC with regularly updated information on planned, transported and dispatched aid to drought affected areas. He noted that except for JEOP members other NGOs, including EU partnering NGOs, are not providing this information to the DPPC.

### **Transportation status;**

In the previous TIME meeting some humanitarian organizations had reported that August and September allocations were delivered behind schedule due to problems of transportation. However, Ato Tadesse, Logistic Department head, noted that there are enough trucks transporting from the vessels to central warehouse and from central warehouse to distribution site. He also stated that three vessels are discharging at the port of Djibouti, while one EU vessel is waiting to discharge.

In this connection, Ato Gethachew announced that agencies that face logistic problems should contact the Logistic Department of the DPPC.

### **EFSR**

Ato Getachew

<b>Stock at hand</b>	<b>211,373 MT</b>
<b>Outstanding loan</b>	<b>109,911 MT</b>
<b>Under withdrawal</b>	<b>76,720 MT</b>

### **AOB**

#### **WFP**

WFP reported that there are no changes in the food pledged for 2003. However WFP reported that requirements are likely to extend past October in some areas therefore adjustments on the requirements are necessary.

#### **Anti-Malaria drugs under distribution**

UNICEF reported that the Ministry of Health (MOH) and UNICEF have started distributing anti-Malaria drugs to SNNP, Oromia and Amhara regions and are planning to distribute in other regions according to the needs. It was also noted that due to inadequate requests for anti-malaria drugs shortages of the drugs are reported in some malaria prone regions. Moreover, some regions had initially requested for the supply of DDT. Because DDT is banned in most country new orders have been made for non DDT products and are anticipated to take some time to reach the affected areas.

In response to the query on why malaria is a big issue this year unlike other years, UNICEF reported that there was lack of records of malaria affected populations in the previous years. Moreover due to the increased rains the incidence of malaria has increased significantly this year.

**Measles campaign**

UNICEF reported that there are no major outbreaks of measles. However first phase of measles campaign from November to December has started. It was reported that in most areas 95% of coverage are reported. However in Zone three and Zone four of Afar region coverage is reported to be low.

**TFCs**

In efforts of clarifying misunderstanding, UNICEF reported that TFCs are not being closed completely but rather, as per the agreement with the MoH, are transferring the management of therapeutic feeding centres to the respective health centers.

**FAO commented on Agricultural Task Force (ATF)**

FAO noted its concern that the results of the 2003 Meher crop assessment, schedule to start on November 8 will not be ready before the launch of the 2004 appeal. Moreover FAO noted that in the past few months the ATF meetings have not been held regularly. Therefore FAO requested for a meeting to be organized in short period of time to discuss issues related to action plans to the appeal.

**TIME meeting to continue as is**

A participant suggested that the TIME meeting should take place once a month as the drought has subsided as opposed to every two weeks. However the rest of the participants noted that the meeting should continue as is, till the launch of the appeal with more participation from the Ministries Task Forces and other humanitarian stakeholders. Any change should be discussed afterwards.

**Meeting was adjourned at 11:00.**

**Next TIME meeting will take place on October 23, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Attendance by more participants is expected.**