

**Minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Technical Information Management Exchange Forum (TIME) Meeting  
September 11 10:00 hrs.  
DPPC conference room**

**Chairperson: Ato Getachew**

**Agenda**

- Health Task Force
- Water Task Force, Ato Mathiows Hunde
- Food Task Force, Ato Mesfine Merso
- EFSR, Ato Getachew
- AOB

**Water Task Force**

*Ato Tamene Gossa*

**Emergency Water Programme in Drought Affect Region**

**Water Activities in Afar region**

The Ministry of Water Resource (MoWR) reported that due to sufficient rain in many Woredas of Afar Region water tankering operations have been reduced significantly. However, tankering activities have been going on in Yalo Woreda and there are indications that there might be needs to continue tankering in Erebti Woreda. It was also reported that while new construction and rehabilitation of water points have been going on in the Region, emergency interventions, maintenance and construction have also been active in other regions.

**Emergency water assessment requirements**

According to the update of emergency water assistance requirements prepared by the MoWR together with UNICEF and NGOs an additional 14.6 Million USD is required for 1.54 million people in drought affected regions. The Ministry explained that previously water affected population was derived by taking 25% of the total drought affected population, however this year water assessment carried out in drought affected areas has brought additional number of beneficiaries in need of water.

The Ministry noted that not all drought affected areas necessarily have water shortages.

**Sub committee established**

MoWR reported that a sub committee has been set up at the water task force meeting, to edit and finalize the reassessment of regional situation. The sub-committee has agreed to prioritize intervention areas.

Moreover the Ministry reported that formats have been distributed to donors and NGOs requesting detailed information on their water emergency interventions.

**Health Task Force**

*(Sent the following note to be included in the minutes)*

**Activities done by the FMOH concerning the draught Aug 29-Sep 112003**

**Health response task force**

MoH reported that on its fortnightly health response task force meeting held at the FMOH, activities of the existing Therapeutic Feeding Centers (TFC's) and the anticipated malaria epidemic in drought affected areas were discussed. In the meeting it was reported that the 44 TFC's in the country are operating at their full capacity and smoothly. Regarding malaria it was noted that malaria prone regions have been formally informed to start preparing for the impending

malaria epidemic. Risks of malaria are especially high following the cessation of the Kiremt rainy season.

Malaria outbreaks have already been reported in pocket areas of the country.

### **Emergency Health Kits**

The Ministry noted that 20 Emergency Health Kits (EHK) bought locally by the Royal Netherlands Embassy through WHO, has been procured locally and will be distributed to the regions shortly based on to the existing needs and priority. Moreover as requested by the Regional Health Bureau (RHB) the government of Norway has donated Birr 786,895 to SNNPR RHB for drought related health and nutrition activities. According to the RHB's proposal the money will be used for indoor residual spray for malaria prevention and control, training and per diem for personnel working in Therapeutic Feeding Centers.

It was also reported that a health team assigned by the FMOH for the 4<sup>th</sup> round to Afar Region has completed its mission and has reported that the region has promised to handle the situation without any external support.

MoH disclosed that due to complaints from the regions it is planning to revise the content and amount of drugs in the Emergency Health Kits to make it best address the existing drug needs of drought hit areas.

### **Malaria activities**

The MoH reported that Global Fund has earmarked 20,183,031 USD for malaria prevention and control in Ethiopia for a period of one year effective August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2003. The activities include malaria epidemic prevention and control, case management and the purchase of insecticide treated nets (ITN's). It was also stated that 29 Woredas have been targeted for ITN's distribution and case management nationwide, while 58 Woredas are to be selected for epidemic control and case management. Concerned regions are expected to identify the Woredas as soon as possible. According to the MoH Malaria and other Vector Born Diseases Prevention and Control Team, the exact time of the release of the funds is not yet known.

Early Warning Department has also reported that there are reports of malaria outbreak in the lowland areas of SNNP and Oromiya regions. The department noted that the MoH is addressing the problem in some areas but due to shortage of drugs it is not covering all affected areas. Update on progress made towards malaria control was requested by meeting participants.

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

*Reported by Ato Mesfin Shiferaw*

DPPC reported that the total food allocation by DPPC and NGOs for the month of September stands at 182,588.59 MT, of which 84,291.4 MT is allocated by DPPC's while 99,297.19 MT by NGOs.

### **Transportation status;**

DPPC reported that the transportation of September allocation has not yet started because the tender process for transport is not yet finalized. Regarding dispatch by NGOs no information is available.

DPPC noted that August allocation by DPPC is transported. Moreover, DPPC reported that according to information received on 8 August 2003, 95% of NGOs allocation for August has been transported. Project Mercy, JEOP Partner, has not completed transportation of aid allocated to Mareko, Lanfaro and Dalocha in Guraghe and Silte Zones of SNNPR.

## **EFSR**

*Ato Getachew*

Stock status, September 10, 2003

<b>Stock at hand</b>	<b>208,427 MT</b>
<b>Outstanding loan</b>	<b>133,929 MT</b>
<b>Under withdrawal</b>	<b>62,648 MT</b>

Ato Getachew reported that the 62,648 MT of aid under withdrawal should be uplifted as soon as possible to leave space for the 136,963 MT outstanding loans that is expected to be repaid in September.

## **AOB**

### **Deportees from Djibouti,**

*Ato Mesfin Shifraw*

DPPC reported that Djibouti deportees, gathered at the gates of DPPC, holding formal letter from Djibouti will be provided with transportation back to their places of origin; however nothing is planned yet for those without formal letter.

### **Current situation in the country**

*Early Warning Department, Teshome Erkeneh*

Early Warning Head, Ato Teshome Erkeneh reported that there is good rainfall in most kiremt rain benefiting areas. However, he stated that reports of shortage of rain and heavy rainfall followed by flooding were reported from pocket areas in the country.

Ato Teshome also reported that green maize harvest was expected at this time of the year in Wollega, East Shoa and East Hararghe. However reports from the field indicate that the green harvest is delayed by one to two months, possibly resulting in the need for food aid assistance. A team has been sent to the areas to assess the situation.

Moreover due to delayed harvest additional food requirement is also reported from Arsi. A team has also been sent to the area to assess the situation.

### **Transportation status:**

DPPC Logistic Department head Ato Tadesse Bekele reported that the port of Djibouti is quiet at the present time. However massive amount of aid expected to arrive in the country in the month of September might require the use of defense trucks, as was done previously in the pick months of June and July.

### **Midseason assessment planned**

Early Warning Department noted that it has sent invitation to partners to participate on the midseason assessment that will take place from 20 or 21<sup>st</sup> of September for fifteen days. The Department also invited the meeting participants to join the assessment team.

**Meeting was adjourned at 10:40.**

**Next TIME meeting will take place on September 25, 2003 at 10:00 a.m .**

**Attendance by more partners is expected.**