

**Minutes of the 36th Technical Information Management Exchange (TIME) Forum Meeting
October 28, 2004, 10:00hrs**

**DPPC Conference Room
Chairperson : Ato Getachew Tesfaye**

Agenda

- Water Task Force, Tamene Gossy
- Health Task Force, Shemsedin Abdulahi
- Agriculture Task Force, Bekele Azmera
- Early Warning Department (EWD), Zewdu Abera
- Food Aid Pipeline, Deborah Hicks (WFP)
- EFSRA Stock Status, Getachew Tesfaye
- AOB

Water Task Force

Ato Tamene said because the monthly Water Task Force meeting did not take place the Ministry does not have much to report. However he forwarded emergency activity reports received from UNICEF as follows.

Emergency Activities in Somali, Afar, SNNP and Oromia Regions

Region	Zone/Woreda	Activities	Released/ Available Budget (Birr)	Implementing Agency
Afar	Elidar, Berhale & Semu Robe Woredas	Water tankering	146,922.56	DPPB
	Dubti woreda	Communal & school latrine construction and hygiene education	228,000.00	RHB
		Sub Total.	374,922.56	
Somali	Jijiga Zone/ Kebre Beyah Woreda	Water tankering and latrine construction	167,671.46	MCDO
	Jijiga Zone/Jijiga Woreda	School sanitation for Jijiga schools	139,134.84	Somali Education Bureau
	Fik, Gode & Degehabur/ Fik, Segege, Duel, Derbo, Danna and Aware Woredas	Water tankering operation	623,117.00	OWDA
	Korahe & Warder Zone/ Shilabo and Geladi Woredas	4HDW constructions and 3HDW rehabilitations	236,520.00	ARAN
	Gode Zone/ Adadile Woreda	Water tankering operation	113,428.00	MCDO
	Gode Zone/ Danan Woreda	Water tankering for Danane	45,490	OWDA
		Sub Total	1,325,361.30	

Oromia	East & West Hararge, Bale, East Shoa and Arsi Zones	Deep and shallow well drilling	6,048,000.00	RWB
		Sub Total	6,048,000.00	
SNNPR	Wolyita, Kembata and Hadiya Zones	50 shallow well drilling	717,645.60	Church of Christ
	Gamo Gofa and Wolyita Zones	Sanitation and hygiene education	1,317,651.84	Kale Hiyot Church
			2,035,297.44	

He also noted that Goal is conducting post emergency activities in Borena and rehabilitation works in West Hararghe. Food for the Hungry International in Dekhabour and ACF in Bohe and Galdi are doing water tankering.

It was reported that UNICEF has stopped water tankering in some areas of Somali Region as the rains have arrived CARE also reported that they have stopped water tankering in the Region because of the rain. CARE noted that USD 6,000 is allocated for emergency water needs that may arise, in the future.

Contingency planning

An assessment team fielded to, Afar, Somalia, Oromia, Gambella and SNNP regions had brought in a detailed data on current situations.

Ato Tamene said that the MoWR is trying to draw a line between emergency and development. He said in areas where there are critical water shortage problems, activities such as water drilling were proposed as an emergency intervention.

Health Task Force

Contingency planning

Dr. Shemsedin reported that the MoH is in the process of preparing contingency planning, according to the government procedures that stated that Regional and Woreda consensus on requirements and also Woreda break down are needed to establish total requirements.

Malaria

It was stated that although 6.8 million was covered, there is a shortfall of USD 4.9 million, as reported by UNCT for the purchase of Artemisinin Combination Treatment (ACT). To-date only USD 65,000 from WHO is allocated and 480,000 ACT has reached the country. It was reported that 2 million treatments are ordered, although due to high international demand for the drug they were not yet received.

Nutrition

It was reported that there is an alarming situation in Konso, west Welega, Hagereselam, and Gamo Goffa. Care in Gebe and West and East Hararghe and SC/UK in Somali have performed nutritional surveys and will release the findings soon.

No reports on Meningitis.

Agriculture Task Force

Bekele Azmera

Ato Bekele reported that the sector is preparing contingency plan mainly on seed and vet inputs. He promised to come prepared in the next meeting.

Early Warning Department (EWD)

Ato Zewdu Abera

EWD noted that reports from the field show that Borena, East and West Hararghe, South Omo, some parts of East and South Tigray zones and North and South Wollo remain hot spots. According to Early Warning monitoring systems, situations in most parts of Borena are improving.

Gashamo, Bure, Eladin and Gode of Somalia Region have received rain that have improved pasture availability.

According to weather prediction received from the National Metrological Authority South Easter, parts of the country are expected to receive normal to above normal rains.

Assessment

Ato Zewdu noted that an assessment team is planned to be deployed to all parts of the country, including pastoral areas - where the rainy season has started in mid October. The assessment will start on November 6 with 23 teams planned to be deployed. Ato Zewdu invited the humanitarian community to participate and to give logistics support for the assessment.

It was also stated that Gambella and Benishangul are included in the assessment. Mr Paul Herbert said that a report has been made by OCHA and UNICEF on situations in Gambella following a field visit. The results of the assessment indicate that there are humanitarian needs of IDPs in the areas. Ato Zewdu also reported that the Early Warning department is following up on the IDP Situations in the Region.

Nutrition

Signs of malnutrition are reported in some areas of East and West Hararghe.

Livestock and Pest situation

In Borena reports have noted that Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) related diseases caused death of considerable number of livestock.

Food Task force

The Task Force presented summary of dispatch report of food aid by DPPC and NGOs. Accordingly, DPPC dispatched 48,414.6 MT (62.21 percent) during September 2004 out of the total allocation of 77,812.2 MT for the month. Similarly, NGOs dispatched 36,276.82 MT of food aid out of the total allocation of 41,773.08 MT (86.84 percent) during September 2004. The food aid incorporates grain pulses, supplementary food and oil.

Besides, allocation for October by DPPC was 48,776.4 MT while allocation by NGOs was 31,816.3 MT.

In response to the briefing by Ato Mesfine's saying that CARE did not finish distribution for the month of August and September, CARE stated that there are no pending distributions for August and 93 percent allocation for September is already distributed.

Pipeline

WFP reported that there are not much changes in the pipeline. And if November distribution proceeds as planned, there will be a 21,300 MT of cereals shortfall. However, Deborah noted that Regional authorities don't like to distribute food in times of harvest so as not to negatively affect prices. Therefore, there may not be requests from the Regions for the month of November.

WFP reported that about USD 30 million is planned to be allocated for the purchase of grain from the local market. And 2,900 MT of Vegetable oil and 7,000 MT of supplementary food is in the pipeline.

In response Mesfine asked if local purchase of the 5,000 MT of oil is considered instead of importation to support the local market. Debora responded that such purchase of a huge amount might increase the price for other users. However she recommended that he checks with LP expert at WFP.

EFSR

As of October 28, 2004

Stock at hand	261,980 MT
Outstanding loan	104,561MT
Under withdrawal	38,463 MT

Contingency plan

It was asked if there are plans to have contingency plan for the appeal or if there will just be an appeal. In response it was stated that there will not be contingency planning for non-food.

AOB

Meeting Chairman Ato Getachew suggested that meeting participants come prepared with notes for the TIME meeting in order to limit the length of meeting time to an hour and to help minute takers.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 am.

The next TIME meeting will be on 25 November, 2004 at the DPPC meeting hall at 10:00 hrs.