

TIME

Minutes of the 39th Technical Information Management Exchange (TIME) Forum Meeting June 2, 2005, 10:00hrs

DPPC Conference Room

Chairperson: Ato Getachew Tesfaye and Ato Zewdu

Agenda

- Food Aid Task Force, Ato Mesfin Shferaw
- Ministry of Health, Ato Abdu Selam
- Report on Agriculture, Early Warning Department (DPPC)
- Food Aid Pipeline, Deborah Hicks (WFP)
- EFSRA Stock Status, Ato Getachew Tesfaye
- AOB

Food Aid Task Force

Ato Mesfin Shiferaw

1. April allocation and dispatch status:

Region	Allocated (mt)	Dispatch Status (%)	Remark
Amhara			No request from the Region
Dire Dawa			No request from the Region
Gambella	842	95	
Oromia	9,223	88	
SNNPR	6,717	90	
Somali			Transportation problem
Tigray	7,213	30	

- Mesfin reported that the main reason for the delay in dispatch is due to inaccessible roads in some places and as a result of heavy rain. In some cases collapsed bridges.
- Preposition for Akobo woreda of Gambella Region has been dispatched completely, 374 MT of grain, oil and blended food.
- After 62% delivery to Somali Region of February allocation, the operation came to a halt as May allocation begun moving.

2. May Allocation and Dispatch Status (DPPC)

Region	Allocated (mt)	Dispatch Status (%)	Remark
Amhara			
Dire Dawa			
Gambella	842		
Oromia	11,240		
Harari	113	42	
SNNPR	7,907	42	
Somali	16,951	5	
Tigray	12,607		

- Delivery of relief food has started to all accessible areas in Somali Region without escort starting 1 June, 2005. However due to the poor conditions of roads in many places transportation has been affected.

- Delays of transportation in West Emie woreada of Somali Region has been caused because of the high number of distribution sites in the woreada that is reducing the amount of food distributed to a single site however truckers demand full payment claiming that they will travel the distance full or under their trucks capacity
- Mesfin reported that preposition is planned to be delivered to Boke woreada of West Hararaghe zone of Oromia Region for the up coming months of June, July and September. Mesfin reported that Oromia is the only Region that has requested for preposition so far.

Conflict Victims

Relief assistance to conflict victims of Yabello, Bolehora, and Arero woreada of Borena zone estimated to be 2,270 IDPs was made, the assistance included blankets, P.S, plates, jerry can and grain.

Fire Accident

Grain, Supplementary food, oil, pulse, blanket, P.S, plates, cup, jerry can has been delivered to 96 victims of fire accident in Abeshege wereda of Guraghe zone. And for 400 victims of fire accident of Pawi woreada of Benshangul Region Grain, S.F, blanket, P.S, plates has been delivered.

Flood Victims

6,984 jerry cans and 19,916 bars of soap is planned to be delivered to flood victims in Gode zone. For 3,500 flood victims in Dire Dawa grain, sugar, tea, blanket, p.s, plate, cups, jerry cans and cooking pots have been delivered.

3. May Allocation and Dispatch Status (NGO)

Region	Allocated (mt)	Dispatch Status (%)	Remark
Oromia	762		Report next month
Somali	6570		Report next month
Total	7332		

- SC-UK/USA and MfM are involved in May allocation and dispatch of food.
- CRS partners proposed to distribute relief food to Dire Dawa, and Oromia (Gorogutu and Kersa woredas) starting from May. However they have not yet secured the food.

4. Food Delivery Status for Safety Net Program in April:

Region	Grain	Oil	S.F	Pulses	Total	Delivery Status%
Tigray	2180	71			2251	100
Oromia	3762	68	82	27	3940	83
SNNP	2988	96			3083	56'
Amhara	2677	89			2766	100
Total	11606	325	82	27	12040	

- 938 MT of CSB has been allocated to Oromia and SNNP Safety net woredas where signs of malnutrition were reported however as the figures used by Oromia Region were not in line with the study report, adjustment has been made in the allocation.
- A total of 17,699 MT has been prepositioned to Amhara, Oromia, SNNP and Tigray Regions for the months of July, August and September.

Health

Ministry of Health, Dr Abdu Selam

MoH – Ministry of Health reported that emergency drug kits are already sent for flood affected people of Somali Region. The Ministry said even though there are no significant outbreaks or epidemic of any sort reported so far there is a likelihood of malaria outbreak in Somali flood affected woredas therefore the Ministry stated its plans to use the drugs that are made available by the MoH located in the Region if an outbreak should occur.

Agriculture

As reported by Early Warning Department of the DPPC

Weather and agriculture

Weather

EWD - Early Warning Department of the DPPC reported that according to NMSA rainfall deficiency in some areas have resulted in wilting of crops.

Moreover it was reported by EWD that the general erratic rains in South Tigray and East Amhara have resulted in poor performance of *Belg* crops. However Ms. Hicks stated that additional rain forecasted in some areas of south Tigray will likely improve water availability and benefit livestock.

Improved rains in March have favored Eastern Amhara, Central Oromia and southern highlands. The rains were good for land preparation in the agro pastoral areas especially in Yabello and Moyalle areas.

Forecast of Climatic outlook for the Kiremet rainy season predicts that there is an enhanced probability of getting good rains in July in western parts of the country. Heavy rain is expected in some highland areas. However some eastern parts of Ethiopia will likely face dry weather condition though out the season.

Cropper areas

EWD reported that the flood has seriously affected some parts of Somali including Gode and Jijjiga. Ato Zewdu reported that 3,500 people are so far reported to have been affected. Regional DPPB has reported property damage so far estimated at 10 million birr and 800 hectare of crop is also reported to have been damaged by the flood.

Malnutrition

EWD reported its plans to send assessment team to confirm reports of malnutrition in some woredas of East Hararghe and Arsi zone. SC-UK reported that assessment made in Hartishake woreda of Somali Region show a GAM higher than 50%.

Pastoral areas

Performance of rain is reported to be good and excessive in Somali Region. Regional reports received last week show that Bale zone, South Omo zone and Gujji have received good rains, better than last year.

In zone 4, 5 and 3 of Afar Religion rains reported to be better than last year have improved pasture and water availability. Therefore in zone 4 livestock that migrated to Amhara and Tigray Region have come back to their locality. Also in zone one except few areas good rains have improved particularly browsers land.

However in some areas of Zone 5 there are still water problems thus water tankeing activities are being executed.

Pest Situation

No serious outbreak of disease is reported.

Food Aid Pipeline (WFP)

WFP, Deborah Hicks

Ms. Hicks reported that 81% of food needs are so far covered and the food in the pipeline will cover needs till end of the year. She said of the 100,000 MT of food aid from USAID some will be used to cover EOS/CSI and PSNP needs.

Port is report to be very busy with 400,000 MT of food coming for WFP alone and other imports including fertilizers, still for constructions will keep the port very busy till September.

On the status of food in the pipeline Ms Hicks noted that there will be delays in the arrival of CSB as it is under quality check and also there are delays of shortages of pulses as a resulted of problems that occurred during local purchase.

Stock Status of EFSRA

DPPC, Ato Getachew Tesfaye

As at 2 June 2005

Stock at hand	155,146 MT
Outstanding loan	171,217 MT
Under withdrawal	78,641 MT

145,751 MT of repayment from WFP is expected in June.

Any Other Business (AOB)

Flooding

FRCS - Federal Red Crosse Society reported that Arba Minch, Humbo, Sodo Zuria and Dale woredas of SNNPR are hit hard by the flood. The team reported that in **Arba Minch** 18,500 people in 4 Kebeles are affected and 3,911 ha of land covered by annual crop and 710 ha covered by perennial crop are damaged. In **Humbo** 24, 633 people are affected, 766 people are displaced and 2,552 ha of cropped land are damaged. In **Sodo Zuria** 17,545 people are affected and 1,154 ha of cropped land is damaged. In **Dale** 2,072 House Hold are affected, 312 people are displaced, 2 people are dead, 4 injured and 250 ha of land are totally damaged.

Mesfin, DPPC said so far only Humbo woreda requested for assistance. He said the Federal DPPC only responded when needs are already addressed. Ato Zewdu however said that request has come from the areas but he said the information received needs to be verified before the figures are confirmed and assistance is provided. Ato Getachew commented that the FDPPC should follow up with the Regions persistently.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 noon.

The next TIME meeting will be held on 30 June, 2005 at the DPPC meeting hall at 10:00 AM.