

TIME

Minutes of the 43rd Technical Information Management Exchange (TIME) Forum Meeting
October 27, 2005, 10:00 hrs

DPPC Conference Room
Chairperson: Ato Wegayehu Belew

Agenda

- Food Aid Task Force, Ato Mesfin Sheferaw
- Situation Report, Early Warning Department (DPPC)
- Food Aid Pipeline Report, World Food Programme (WFP)
- EFSRA Stock Status Report, Ato Wegayehu Belew
- AOB

Food Aid Task Force:

Ato Mesfin Sheferaw

I. September Allocation and Dispatch Status by DPPC

Region	Allocation	Dispatch (%)
Afar	4,453.2	100
Amhara	1,903.7	100
Gambella	731.1	80
Oromia	12,823.6	100
Harari	No beneficiaries	
SNNP	Utilization report not submitted	
Somali	Utilization report not submitted	
Tigray	4,520.3	90
Total	24,431.9	

Due to late allocation to Tigray and Gambella Regions, dispatch for the month of September has not been completed.

Meeting participants stated that withholding food aid allocation because of lack of utilization reports would be tantamount to punishing the needy. Therefore it was suggested that giving technical support to the concerned Regions on preparing utilization reports can be a solution.

However the Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Agency (DPPA), taking note of the suggestion, assured concerned that for hot spot areas food aid is distributed with or out without utilization report.

II. September Allocation and Dispatch Status by NGOs

Region	Allocation
Oromia	8,033.82
Somali	1,263.00
SNN	951.7
DireDawa	596.04
Amhara	328.41
Afar	364.5
Tigray	6,690.76
Total	18,228.23

- FHI/ORDA has completed dispatch (Grain and Oil)
- SC/UK has not transported the allocation to Dahana and Ziquala woreda in Amhara Region because woreda officials did not submit the beneficiary figure, which has decreased significantly from the previous months.
- WV has distributed allocation for the six woredas it has been operational in, Sodo Zuria, Humbo, M/Abaya, Boreda, Boricha and Awasa Zuria
- SC/UK could not deliver food to Fik Zone.
- CRS lifted 97.34%
- CARE and REST dispatched 95.86 and 95.94% respectively

III. Safety Net Areas Allocation and Dispatch Status

Region	Allocation	Dispatch Status(%)
Amhara	928.9	100
Tigray	4,980.00	100
Total	5,908.9	

IV. October Allocation and Dispatch Status by DPPC

Region	Allocation	Dispatch (%)
Afar	4,528.5	46
SNNP	785.7	Late allocation
Somali	3,558.9	Late allocation
Total	8,873.1	

Other Notes:

- Allocation for SNNP and Somali Regions is only made for hot spot areas including Kedida Gamela, Angacha, Dale woreda in SNNPR and Gashamo, East Emie, Gerbo, Selehad, Hudet, Maoyale and West Emie woredas in Somali Region.
- Relief food aid and non-food items have been sent to victims of volcano eruption in Teru woreda, Afar Region.
- Experts are planned to be assigned to Somali Region in the first week of November to provide technical support on emergency operation and Early Warning reporting system.

V. October Allocation and Dispatch status by NGOs

<i>Region</i>	<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Dispatch (%)</i>
Oromia	3,709.12	
Somali	3,303.08	
SNNP	1,048.41	
Amhara	223.68	
Afar	795.69	
Tigray	6,916.71	
Total	15,996.69	

Notes:

- REST has dispatched 2.91% as of 24 October 2005
- SC/UK said so far dispatch to Fik Zone has not started due to security reasons.
- WV has completed the dispatch to its operational areas.
- Supplementary food has been sent to resettlement woredas in Amhara.

Situation Report:

Ato Zewdu Aberra, Early Warning Department

DPPA's Early Warning Department reported that crop performance is good this year. Ato Zewdu reported that more information will be gathered in the Pre-harvest Meher Assessment of cropping areas which will take place in November for a period of three weeks. For Pastoral area he said assessment will be conducted in December. Zewdu underscored that partnering agencies are welcome to join the assessment team and to extend logistical support as usual.

Scurvy was observed in Quara and Metema woreda of Bale and Gondar zone of Amhara Region. Studies are underway by the MoH to identify the causes that lead to scurvy, a disease caused by a deficiency of vitamin C.

Food Aid Pipeline

WFP

WFP reported that there will be substantial carry-over for next year. WFP also reported that there is shortage of CSB therefore WFP is prioritizing CSB for the EOS programme and School Feeding. Local purchase of CSB is also considered to fill the gap.

Stock status of EFSRA

As at October 26, 2005

Stock at hand	274,589.98
Outstanding Loans	71,820.85
Under withdrawal	58,594.00

Any Other Business (AOB)

Meeting participants also discussed the looming threat of bird flu which could spread in Ethiopia through migratory birds. It was reported that these birds have already taken the disease from northern Europe to Turkey. The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development noted that it has started preparations to prevent the pandemic anticipated to spread with the arrival of millions of migratory birds in Africa in December.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

The next TIME meeting will be held on 24 November 2005 at the DPPC meeting hall at 10:00 AM.