

TIME

Minutes of the 44th Technical Information Management Exchange (TIME) Forum Meeting September 29, 2005, 10:00hrs

DPPC Conference Room

Chairperson: Ato Wegayhu Belew

Agenda

- Food Aid Allocation..... Mesfin Sheferaw(DPPC)
- Information on Agriculture..... Mathewos Hunde(MoARD)
- Information on Health.... MoH .not represented
- Food Aid Pipeline.....WFP not represented
- EFSRA Stock Status..... Ato Wegayhu
- AOB

Food Task Force

Ato Mesfin Sheferaw, , Relief Coordination Team leader, Aid Programme Coordination and Monitoring Dept., DPPC .

I. August Allocation and Dispatch Status by DPPC

Region	Allocation (MT)	Dispatch (%)
Afar	5296	100
Amhara	3013	100
Gambella	715	100
Oromia	889	100
Harari	102	100
SNN	523	100
Somali	No request	
Tigray	8057	100
Total	18,595	

II. September Allocation and Dispatch Status by DPPC

Region	Allocation (MT)	Dispatch (%)
Afar	4,453.2	33
Amhara	1,903.7	37
Gambella	No request	
Oromia	13,685	Beginning
Harari	No beneficiaries	
SNNP	Utilization report not submitted	
Somali	Utilization report not submitted	
Tigrav	4,520	Beginning
Total	24,561.8	

Utilization report

Ato Zeleke said JEOP members use beneficiary figures indicated in the appeal document to make food aid allocations rather than requesting for utilization reports from the Regions every month. He said if the DPPC should use this method it can avoid delays created while waiting for the report. In response Mesfin said NGOs cover only 40 woredas while the DPPC covers over 100 woredas, he said these makes it difficult for DPPC to make follow up in all woredas .

Moreover he said unless Regions send their utilization report it is difficult for DPPC to know how much food the region has in store that can be carried over. He said in 2004 in Amhara region over 4,000 Quintals of food was stored and carried over to 2005 and DPPC did not know about it. He however said that for hot spot areas food aid is sent without a priority for utilization report

Mesfin said WFP and DPPC are in the process of training Regions on preparing utilization reports.

Seed request

Mesfin reported that upon receiving a letter from Tigray Region, requesting for seed support for 3,548 family heads affected by Hailstorm in Central zone, Werelehe woreda, DPPC forwarded the letter to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MoARD). However MoA said the letter was received too late to make purchase of the seed and transport to reach the woreda on time for planting, therefore the Ministry decided to put the woreda in its 2006 contingency plan.

Aid sent to flood affected people

Grain, supplementary food, oil and some plastic sheet have been provided for 1,886 flood affected people in Antsokia Gemza woreda in Amhara region, 2,000 people in Ougdabora woreda in Oromia and to 600 people in Alaba woreda in SNNP Regions. Moreover, grain, oil, supplementary food, pulses and BP5 biscuit have also been delivered to 15,000 flood affected people in Dubti woreda of Afar Region. It was reported that helicopter was deployed to lift the aid because the bridge to the areas has collapsed.

Grain and Oil are being delivered to 5000 people cut off by swollen river in Kuraz woreda of SNNPR.

Aid to IDPs

A three month supply of grain, oil, and pulses and non-food items including blankets, plates, cups, and jerry cans, Jugs, cooking pots, soap and mosquito nets were delivered to repatriating IDPs in Fafen and Hartishake woreda in Somali Region.

III. August Allocation and Dispatch Status by NGOs

Region	Allocation(MT)
Ororoia	7759
Somali	2582
SNNP	952
DireDawa	596
Amhara	290
Tigray	3671
Total	15850

- FHI and SC/UK have completed delivery to Amhara region.
- World Vision has completed dispatch to SNNPR.
- REST has completed delivery to Tigray Region
- CRS has completed delivered.
- CARE has dispatched 100%.
- SC/USA has delivered 19.37% (But telephone message said all has been transported and distributed.)

VI. September Allocation and Dispatch Status by NGOs

Region	Allocation(MT)
Oromia	8033.82
Somali	1263
SNNP	951.7

DireDawa	596.04
Amhara	328.41
Afar	364.5
Tigray	6690.76
Total	18228.23

- JEOP has expanded its operational areas to 9 woredas in Afar, Tigray and Oromia regions increasing the total woredas covered by JEOP members to 37 woredas. The total needy woredas of the country is 169.
- World Vision will complete delivery to Dubti woreda today while delivery to Assayita and Afambo is planned to be transported in the coming two days. Over all WV has transported 64% so far.
- CARE has lifted 84%.
- SC/USA and REST have delivered 4 and 3 percent respectively.

V. Safety Net Areas Allocation and Dispatch Status

Region	Allocation (MT) (Grain & Oil)
Amhara	928.9
Tigray	4980
Total	5908.9

JEOP

Ato Zeleke reported that JEOP members have only allocated grain and oil due to shortages of CSB in the pipeline and also because of delays created as the available CSB need to be diluted before it is distributed. He said JEOP members have communicated the shortfall to donors and the DPPC.

AFAR

UNICEF requested information on action taken in response to the request made by Afar Region for food and non-food aid for flood affected population. In response Ato Mesfin, DPPC, said the region only requested for food and plastic sheet. He said the flood affected people mentioned in the letter are already part of the registered regular beneficiaries and are receiving food aid. He said 173 quintals of food was airlifted to the area. Additionally Mesfin reported that the DPPC could not respond to the request for plastic sheet because the region has too high temperature to use plastic sheet for making shelters.

Meeting participants suggested that the DPPC look for other ways to shelter those who have lost their shelters to the flood. However Mesfin pointed out that Afar is predominantly pastoral region therefore only temporary shelters are built. He said shelters in the region are made in a very short time.

Ministry of Agriculture

Mathewos Hunde

Weather condition

Mathewos reported that in the Emergency Task Force Meeting held on September 28 NMSA's representative reported that in some pocket areas of the country dry spell had occurred in the month of August however in the first two weeks of September the rains had improved significantly. He said the rain situation until now shows that Meher season harvest will be positive in most areas although he noted that cessation should be normal to conclude.

Assessment teams have reported that the over all agricultural situations in the country are much better than last year.

Pest Infestation

No significant outbreak of disease is reported except for Quella Quella bird that was reported beginning a week ago from some areas in central Rift Valley. MoA in response to the report has sent chemical and equipment to put the outbreak under control.

Moreover although outbreak of desert locust is successfully controlled, monitoring is being carried out over some suspected areas following reports of outbreak of the locust in Yemen.

Stock Status of EFSRA

Ato Wegayhu Belew

As at 25 August 2005

Stock at hand	262,773.76 MT
Outstanding loan	74,048.07 MT
Under withdrawal	68,183 MT

Any Other Business (AOB)**ENCU**

Ato Getachew reported that ENCU is now reorganized and is holding regular meetings twice a month. He said the next ENCU meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 2 at the small conference hole at DPPC.

Volcano in Tigray

In response to reports of volcanic eruption in Tigray Region DPPC is preparing to send an assessment team to the area.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 noon.

The next TIME meeting will be held on 27 October, 2005 at the DPPC meeting hall at 10:00 AM.