

# TIME

## Minutes of the 51<sup>th</sup> Technical Information Management Exchange (TIME) Forum Meeting August 31, 2006, 10:00 hrs

Venue: DPPA conference Hall  
Chairperson: Ato Wegayehu Belew

### Agenda

- Food Task Force
- Situation Report
- Water Task Force
- Agriculture Task Force
- Health & Nutrition Task force
- Stock status

### Food Task Force

*Ato Tsegaye Kelkilie*

Ato Tsegaye said that the following including household utensils, plastic sheets, tents, blankets, mattresses and plastic bags were sent to the following regions:

### Food Dispatch (MT)

Region	Qty
Oromia	53.3
Dire Dawa	65.6
SNNPR	119.87
Amhara	299.7
Gambella	27.8
Afar	240.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>80657</b>

Ato Wegayehu said all regions are affected by flood except Benshangul Gumuz and Harari and added that there is fear the heavy rain will continue. Then he asked if there were any questions.

Ato Tsegaye referring to the flash appeal, said 8,000 people in Oromia, 10,000 in Dire Dawa, 6,000 in SNNPR and 13,825 in Amhara have been affected so far.

With regard to questions related to fluctuation of affected population figures, Ato Zewdu answered that DPPA would be responsible for the final figures that were made official and communications have already been made.

Some suggested that there had to be a joint assessment when such disasters occur. On the other hand it was indicated that priority was given to life saving endeavors.

## **Situation Report**

*Ato Zewdu*

The number of people affected by the flood is on the increase, Ato Zewdu said. Gambella Zuria, Itang and Jicao are now affected. In Afar the number of affected people has reached 23,000. More areas are being flooded by Awash. Teams have been sent to these areas, he added. Humbo in Welayta, Shebedino, Siltie and Guraghe - Sodo are affected in SNNPR, he said. West Shewa, Amhara, Tigray are also affected.

Ato Zewdu said that the Early Warning Department has a working relationship with National Meteorological Agency and other sectoral offices to help them do their work in an integrated and coordinated manner.

## **Water Task Force**

*Representative:*

MoWR has sent materials like pipes & fittings worth Birr 500,000 to Dire Dawa flood victims, the representative said. Birr 1.6 million has been sent for water purification; he added. The MoWR has undertaken a 24 hour supervision of the Awash basin. It has assigned two teams for the purpose, he said.

## **Agricultural Task Force**

*Dr. Dagninet*

Dr. Dagninet said that they had been given a green light from ICRC concerning seeds. The seeds are under going a germination test, he added.

Surveillance is under way concerning Rift valley fever, he said. And there are vaccines for list A diseases, he added. He also announced there will be an Agricultural task force meeting tomorrow on September 1, 2006 at 9 O'clock.

## **Issues raised**

The time requires life-saving endeavors. So activities like desegregation of beneficiaries on the basis of sex, age etc require more time, but the system is in place. For example, in South Omo such things are difficult to do while they could be easier in Dire Dawa. The best we can do is make estimates on the basis of population composition.

## **Health & Nutrition Task Force**

*Dr. Abduselam*

He said that Birr 3.3 million worth of drugs has been sent to the areas affected by floods. AWD causes 50% fatality rate but with the proper intervention this can be reduced to 1%. A National Advisory Committee has been organized to tackle the problem of Acute Water-borne Diarrhea. The displaced are settled in 7 temporary resettlement sites. The most critical health problem was the very poor status of sanitation and hygiene. Health workers have been assigned in all the resettlement sites in Dire Dawa. Every day, data is analyzed. So far there has not been any outbreak of diseases or any death, including South Omo. In one camp a temporary clinic has been set up.

The MoH provides all it can on the basis of request from health bureaux.

Ato Fikre said that UNICEF has made donations worth USD 575,000 so far toward flood victims.

## **Stock Status of the EFSRA.**

*Ato Wgayehu Belew*

<b>Stock at hand</b>	<b>110,811 MT</b>
<b>Under withdrawal</b>	<b>93,377 MT</b>
<b>Outstanding loans</b>	<b>200,815 MT</b>

He said borrowed food is not being returned. Although borrowers are obliged to repay in 6 months time, they are advised to consider the prevailing situation in the country, and make all possible efforts to repay before due time.

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Team of evaluators who exercise real time evaluation and who will be here for two weeks, until September 13, 2006 have attended the meeting. The Team has already scheduled to meet with relevant departments of the DPPA, donors, UN agencies and NGOs.

### **Note**

**Next TIME meeting will take place on September 28, 2006 at 10 a.m.**