

TIME

Minutes of the 48th Technical Information Management Exchange (TIME) Forum Meeting May 25,2006, 10:00 hrs

DPPC Conference Room

Chairperson: Ato Getachew Tesfaye

Agenda

- Food aid allocation/distribution (Ato Tesgaye) and Transportation (Ato Taddess)
- Health and Nutrition, Abdulselem (MoH)
- Overview of current situation, Beletu Tefera (EWD)
- Food aid pipeline, Lisetta Trebbi (WFP)
- ENCU, Gugsu Abate (DPPA, ENCU)
- EFSRA Stock Status, Getachew Tesfaye (DPPA)

Food Aid

Tsegaye Kelkile,

March 2006

Requirement was 47,836 MT and total allocation: 46,985.82MT (DPPA 43,467 MT and by NGOs 3,518.82MT).

Dispatch Status for the hot spot areas: Afar 873 out of 873.5= 100%.

Transferred from the month of April, Borena 2397.5 out of 2500.9= 96%.

2. April

Requirement was 49112 MT. Allocation by DPPA 45,975 MT (out of which 2,722.1 MT is allocated to Borena zone) and by NGO 1,392.3 MT; total: 43,367.3MT.

Dispatch status Amhara- 95%, Gambella-100%, Oromia-70%, SNNPR- 95%, Somali-14%.
Average dispatch for all regions 37%.

Dispatch status for hot spot areas: Somale-14%, Oromia (Borena zone) -57% and Afar -15%

3. May

Requirement is 49,698 MT. Allocation (total: 25,217.3) by DPPA 17282.3 MT (Afar, Oromia, Amhara and Gambella) and by NGO 7,935 MT. Dispatch status for Somali 185.1 out of 185.2 = 100% MT Raso in W/ Emy.

Following the report Lisetta asked Food Aid Task Force (Tesgaye) on response made so far for flood victims in the country including the Mustahil flood victims..In response Tesgaye said he has tried to contact the region and that there are plans to respond according to the needs.

Lisetta also noted that dispatch to Somali region is lower than pervious months. DPPA Logistic and Transportation department head, Ato Tadesse acknowledging the problem said his office is working with truckers and National Transportation Cooperation Committee to avert the problem. He said for the month of April dispatch has started for Afder and Leben zones and will start for the rest of the zones soon. He said due to the rains roads have become inaccessible in Afder and Liben zones leaving trucks stranded.

Health and Nutrition

Dr. Abduselam

MoH reported that CONCERN has secured funding for nutritional intervention in W. Imi and has recruited staff, identified sites and is in the process of communicating with NGOs. CONCERN was forced to look for and identify local NGO due to security issues.

Malaria

PSI gave 74,000 Insecticide Treated Net (ITN) to be distributed by partners. Of the 74,000 ITN, 24,000 are given to CHF to be distributed to 4 woredas in Gode and Afder zone, 10,000 to Merlin to be distributed in W.Imi woreda Afder zone, 10,000 to Goal to be distributed to 9 woredas in Dikhabour and Korahé zones, 30,000 to IRC to be distributed to the Gode zone. Moreover 10,000 ITN to be given to IMC are pending due to fund release.

Dr. Abduselam said IMC since April has started doing Outreach Therapeutic Feeding (OTP) in Moyale and Dire zone. 80 children in Moyale and 18 in Dire have been benefiting from the programme. IMC is also planning to open additional OTP in Borena zone and Somali region however it has not made progress report.

Islamic Relief is planning to open OTP in Hargele and Elkere woredas and said have made good progress.

Goal is also working on OTP but has not reported on its progress so far. SC-UK is also reportedly working in Fike zone in 4 woredas but is not reporting on its progress.

Nutrition status

In Somali region needs assessment shows improvement. MSF-B feeding site admission has fallen to nil therefore they are closing in some of the sites and are planning to move to other affected areas.

Gaps

Meeting participants suggested that Task Forces report on gaps and also on focus areas. Following MoH noted that operating NGOs need to report on their activities and progress to know where the gaps are. (SC-UK and Goal are said not to have been reporting)

MoH also reported that there are critical gaps in feeding programs to which donors are not responding adequately. Abduselam said there is an 80% gap of non-food needs compared to the appeal. In addition, Ato Getachew said responding only for food needs will not solve the emergency situation unless equal attention is given to the non-food needs.

Participants suggested that reports on gaps should not just be against the appeal but on needs gap on the ground, on hotspot areas.

Ministry of Water Resource

Tamene Hailu (MoWR)

Tamene said he does not have information to give as he only attended the meeting to carry all the necessary information to concerned people at the MoWR.

Overview of Current Situation

Beletu (EWD)

Somali Region

Re-assessment was conducted in Afder, Liben and Gode zones of Somali Region from around the end of March up to first half of April 2006. The re-assessment report was compiled in early

April but did not incorporate the significant improvements noted particularly in water availability and pasture (browses) regeneration following the good and/or heavy rains in most areas of Afder, Liben and Gode zones.

Updates after the re-assessment report:

Afder Zone

Water availability has improved owing to good rains; pasture also regenerated to some extent for browsers and grazers however it is still not adequate.

Flood was reported in Sogosgta locality of Hargele wereda and Bare wereda. In Bare 50 houses were reportedly destroyed and inhabitants were displaced.

Water tankering has ceased in all areas of the Zone due to improved water availability.

Liban Zone

Due to good rainfall water tankering has ceased in most parts of the Zone. Many ponds in Filtu contained enough water for human and livestock consumption.

Pasture (browses) has improved in most areas however the physical condition of livestock is yet to improve.

Gode Zone

Water availability has improved in most parts of the Zone. In April heavy rains were received in some areas of Gode, Danan, Ferfer and East Imi woredas. Beletu said water tankering has already ceased in most areas. However physical condition of livestock is still weak.

Other zones

- Jijiga and Shinile reported to have received good rains.
- Good rains have significantly improved the water availability in the Berkad dependent areas Degahabur Zone including Gashamo, Aware and Gunagado weredas,
- The situation in Warder Zone also reported to have improved significantly.
- April rains in Fik and Korhgae zones however reported to be erratic, therefore close monitoring is required.
- The rains in the first half of May were reported to be good in southern zones and most areas of Somali Region.
- The rains in Korehe zone on the other hand were reported to be below average.

Afar Region

Except for zone 2, parts of zone 4 and some areas in Zone 1, most areas in Afar Region received 2-3 days of good rains in the first week of April.

Therefore water and pasture shortage is still persisting in Zone 2, parts of zone 4 and zone 1. Water rationing is underway in Berhale, Dalol and Erebiti weredas in Zone 2, Tern wereda in Zone 4 and Elidar and Dupti woredas in zone 1 with the support of UNICEF.

Since May water tankering has stopped in some areas of Zone 2 of Afar Region. In xx areas UNICEF supported water tankering is underway and plans to continue for two more months, however Beletu noted that if it stops the area might face serious problems. She said the region is holding talks with UNICEF to continue tankering if necessary.

Borena Zone (Oromia Region)

All woredas in Borena zone received rains during the month of April and the first half of May improving pastures especially browses. Due to good rain water tankering has ceased in Borena.

Flood killed animals and damaged a school in Miyo woreda, several water points also reported damaged in Miyo, Moyale and Dire woredas. In Moyale woreda, 45 houses and 2 schools were reported damaged. The rains have also damaged the road between Dire and Moyale woredas.

Oromia

Belg growing areas and Meher dependant areas of Oromia Region,

Many areas in Oromia region received good to heavy rains. Arisi, West Shewa, East and West Hararghe, Bale, Borena and Guji, Jimma zones are reported to have received somewhat good rains in April and 1st half of May.

The region received good rains in April. In some localities it was reported heavy and caused damages to crops and properties.

SNNPR

Normal to above normal rain was received during the 2nd half of April in most areas of SNNPR. Heavy rain resulting in flooding was also reported from Derash special woreda.

Amhara

Many areas in the region received rains in the 1st half of May. These included in Amhara Region East and West Gojjam and Awi, in Oromia region East and West Hararghe, East and West Wellega, Illubabur, Bale and Guji, in SNNPR Gamo Goffa, Konso, South Omo and Deresa.

Belg crops in most areas are reported to be in good condition. The rains favored the planting of long cycle crops (Maize and Sorghum) and created favorable condition for land preparation for Meher crops.

Infestation

Beletu reported that Armyworm infestation destroyed crops in Bale zone in 12 woredas. She said control measures are taken but are reported to be inadequate. Fewsnet also reported that armyworm has damaged crops in East and West Haraghe but no measure has so far been taken.

Beletu also reported that heavy rain accompanied by hailstorm has also damaged crops in some areas.

Pipeline

Lisetta Trebbi (WFP)

Lisetta reported that 1.1 million people in Somali region will remain under emergency until end of the year. She said following the Belg assessment (scheduled to start on 23rd June) there will likely be more beneficiaries in Somali region, estimated at 400,000. However she said cereal pipeline will break in August, with 100,000 MT shortfall maybe more following assessment and blended food will break in December. She noted that cereal and blended food are being bought locally. However blended food is not available in large quantity locally. CSB is covered for the year while the existing small shortfall of oil will likely be filled.

Safety net confirmed that 1.1 million beneficiaries in Somali region previously planned to be covered by the safety net are planned to be shifted to emergency.

Lisetta said food aid contributions are under negotiation. EC pledges are yet to be confirmed. Other donors have also pledged to contribute but not yet confirmed.

Non-food contribution

So far contribution received from donors for Agriculture is around USD 4 million, for health and nutrition USD 12.5 million (still very low as the price for emergency health items are very

expensive), water and sanitation USD 2.2 million and for coordination and capacity building USD 65,000.

EFSR

Ato Getachew Tesfaye (DPPA)

Stock at hand	202,628 MT
Outstanding loan	84, 128 MT
Under withdrawal	118,248 MT

EFSR is expecting 170,000 MT from WFP.

ENCU

Gugsa Abate

A total of nine emergency nutrition surveys were planned to be conducted in hotspot woredas in SNNPR from April to June 2006 by voluntary NGOs SC-US, GOAL, ACF, MSF-CH and FDPPA/B. The surveys were planned following the decision made by the regional Child Survival Multi-Agency Taskforce to address the early warnings of deteriorating food security and nutrition situations. The hotspot woredas planned for the survey included Silti and Sankura in Silti zone, Hulla, Boricha and Shebdino in Sidama zone and in the lowlands of Tocha & Mareka woredas in Dawuro zone and Mareko woreda in Guragie zone respectively.

AOB

Bird flu

MoH reported that H5N1 are detected in 40 countries worldwide, 10 in human. In Africa it is detected in 8 countries including neighboring Djibouti and the Sudan. MoH noted that Djibouti does not have poultry farm and imports fully from Ethiopia, indicating that H5N1 is likely to have been exported from Ethiopia. He said due to poor surveillance in Ethiopia the disease may have passed detection. The Ministry reported that they are working to intensify their surveillance but stressed that more funding is required as the current resource is limited.

Ato Getachew stressed the need to work hard in mobilizing resources to avert potential threat.

Recovery Programme

Meeting participants requested information on recovery activities that are planned and/or being performed in terms of agricultural inputs. Ato Getachew promised to contact the MoA to come with answers in the next TIME meeting. Meeting participant also suggested that information on livestock trade be covered in the TIME meetings.

Pre-positioning

Amhara region requested pre-positioning to be made as early as possible but Tesgaye noted that there is not enough resource yet to make pre-positioning. Tesgaye also said even though Oromia region has requested for pre-positioning the request was not clear therefore DPPA has asked the region to send a clear request.

Tadesse, DPPA Logistic and transportation head said most of the areas that need pre-positioning fall under the safety net programme.

Next TIME meeting will take place on June 29, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

Attendance by more participants is encouraged.