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Minutes of the 53th Technical Information Management Exchange (TIME) Forum Meeting January 25, 2007, 10:00 hrs

**Venue: DPPA conference Hall
Chair-person: Ato Getachew Tesfaye**

Agenda:

- Health and Nutrition task force
- Water task force
- Agriculture task Force
- Situation Repot
- Food Task Force
- Stock status

The meeting was started with the chairperson suggesting to begin the report with Health and Nutrition Task Force.

Health and Nutrition Task force

Dr. Milliyon

He said 8 regions are affected with AWD. Information is gathered on a daily basis and the information is updated on a weekly basis.

Technical assistance is being given to Oromia, Amhara, Dire Dawa, SNNPR, Tigray, Afar and Somali by MoH. And Health teams have been dispatched to different regions. Ten million birr from DPPA's Emergency Fund has been mobilized for the effort and regions have deployed health workers to weredas of their respective regions. They have also allocated funds for control and prevention of AWD.

Concerning environmental sanitation he said that clean water is a problem, as a result of which the epidemic /AWD/ is spreading across the country. Water treatment and supply

is going on. MoW is involved in these activities. In Tigray and Addis Ababa there has been 4 weeks of respite from AWD /i.e. the situation is improving/.

In the rest of the country the spread of the disease has not stopped but case load and the number of deaths has decreased. Benishangul Gumuz, Dire Dawa and Harari are free of the epidemic. Focus areas are Somali, SNNP and Oromia regions.

Meningitis - there has been 619 cases of meningitis in 3 zones and 4 weredas of SNNPR. Vaccination is being carried out in these weredas. Outbreak of the disease stopped as of 11/18/2006. 650,000 vaccines have been procured and UNICEF will supply 750,000 doses of vaccine as of the end of January 2007.

Avian influenza- surveillance to reach any corner of the country within 12 hours is underway. There is no avian influenza in the country and places suspected of having the disease have been investigated.

Rift Valley Fever- the National Influenza Task Force which is also responsible for following the Rift Valley Fever has been working for the last one year.

Ethiopia has been banned from sending cattle to Dubai. There is the death of camels in Mustahel and Kelafo. The cause of the death is unknown; it is being investigated.

Situation Report

Ato Teshome

He said that a good harvest is expected. There are localized problems here and there. The drought problem is not so serious. The food situation is stable. There is hope for this *belg* also.

Food task Force

Ato Belete

He said Decenber food has been allocated.
Delivery is underway: 100% for Amhara, 65% for Oromia, and 40% for Somali.

EFSR Stock Status

Ato Getachew

Stock at hand	238,853
Under withdrawal	29,488
Outstanding loans	136,663

Ato Getachew said that during the telethon 100 million birr has been pledged including EU pledge. We are trying to confirm these, he added.

He also said 64 million birr has been allocated to Dire Dawa, South Omo, Amahara and Somali. 40 million is for Dire Dawa, 14 for South Omo , 4 for Amhara and close to 5 million to Somali. Birr 126,676 needs have to happen now. Some of the needs can wait. The gap is 131 million birr.

He said that they have begun the sale of T-shirts and pins to help flood victims. The sale takes place at the DPPA's administration building in room number 113.

The next meeting will be on the last Thursday of April /April 26, 2007/.