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NEWS

Aid Accord Signed

A Strategic Objective Agreement to mitigate the effects of disaster was signed between the US Government and DPPC on August 3, 2001 at the DPPC's Meeting Hall.

The agreement was signed by Mr Thomas Hull, Charge d' Affaires of the US Embassy in Ethiopia, and H.E Commissioner Simon Mechale.

The purpose of the agreement was to enhance Ethiopia's capacity to reduce chronic food insecurity through strengthening the country's capacity of disaster predicting and responding efforts and through working with communities so as to make them less vulnerable. The purposes are designed in line with the country's disaster prevention and preparedness aims and objectives.

According to the agreement the US has allocated a budget of USD 13.5 million to run the project for the coming 6 years.

Ethiopians Living Abroad Give Donations

The National Fund Raising Committee for Victims of the Eritrean Government's War of Aggression obtained cash donations amounting to Birr 1,418,153.15 from Ethiopians residing abroad in June 2001 in support of the displaced compatriots.

The money was donated to the committee through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Of the aforementioned amount, the Ethiopian community residing in Riyadh, New York and Yemen contributed Birr 1,088,011.29; Birr 84,120.54 and Birr 246,021.32 respectively.

Correction

In the News part of this Bulletin, Vol. 8 No 13 issue of July 31/2001, the calendar year in the news on pages 1 and 2 should be read as 2001. We regret the error.

Major Disaster and Responses

(From August 17-20, 2001)

Tigrai

Tekeze River overflowed its banks and flooded Humera town on August 11 and 12, 2001 displacing 724 persons who also lost household furniture. Some of the houses of the displaced were destroyed. In a related development, 162 persons were displaced by flood in Alamata Wereda at a locality called Selen Wuha. At the same locality, 141 persons are also ready for evacuation due to the threat of flooding.

Amhara

A landslide killed three persons and damaged crops in Markezim locality in Makdela Wereda of South Wollo Zone.

Continued heavy rains have also been reported to have damaged crops over 180.75 hectares of land and also causing a landslide over 230 hectares of land in North Gondar Zone. In South Wollo Zone of Mekit Wereda, too, floods have damaged 80% of the barley crop over 212 hectares of land and Meher crops over 1864 hectares of land.

Oromia

There has been flood in Bedolo Tirbe locality in Dawwa Chefa Wereda of Oromia as a result of which 400 households were displaced. Among the displaced, those who have relatives in Habru town took shelter with them while others are still in the area. The Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Bureau is trying to assess the extent of the damage. On the other hand, malaria epidemic has been reported in Teltelle and Yabello weredas of Borena Zone. In response, health workers have been dispatched to the area. There is visible shortage of food in the low-lying areas of Jaju, Doddota Sirie, Gololcha, Ziway Dugda and Robie of Arsi Zone while shortage of pasture is reported in Beltu, Siwena and Raytu weredas of Bale Zone.

Hailstorm has damaged crops and has killed 49 goats as well as 6 sheep in two localities in Girar Jarso Wereda of North Shoa Zone.

SNNPR

A landslide has been reported from two localities of Keffa Cheta Wereda in south-eastern part of the region. Houses of three households have been destroyed while those of 34 households have been severely damaged. There is a plan to move the people to a different area.

Pledge Status of Food

(in MT)
(Aug. 23, 2001)

1. For Drought Victims

• Total Requirements	639,246 (15% Oil/Supplementary food)
- In-Country Stock	80,538
- Confirmed 2000 pledges Undelivered Pledges	88,049
• Total carried over from 2000	168,587
• Net Requirements	470,658

Ser No.	Donor	Consignee	Pledged Amount		Remark
			Confirmed	Delivered	
1	WFP/USA	DPPC	42,000	42,000	Pledged in 2000 but confirmed in 2001
2	WFP/Norway	"	1,599	1,599	
3	WFP/Switzerland	"	451	-	
4	WFP/USA	DPPC	78,000	60,000	Out of 206,202 MT pledged by WFP, 122,611 has not been obtained
5	WFP/Germany	"	3,000	-	
6	WFP/Austria	"	1,836	-	
7	WFP/Finland	"	1,365	-	
8	WFP/Ireland	"	850	-	
9	WFP/Canada	"	1,461	-	
10	WFP/Others	"	7,79	-	
11	USA	NGOs	133,764	67,172	
12	Sweden	DPPC	35,000	35,000	
13	EU	"	110,000	-	
14	EU	NGOs	29,999	-	
15	Netherlands	"	10,000	40,000	
16	CEGB	"	2,619	2,619	
Total			452,023	248,390	

1. Due to the current low cereal prices, there is a possibility of purchasing more than 35,000 MT and it is well progressing.
2. Local purchase of 40,000 MT is under process.

II. For IDPs

Net Requirement 82,618 MT

Donor	Consignee	Confirmed	Delivered Amount
WFP/USA	DPPC/REST	23,200	10,377
"	"	4,330	4,000
NERC ²	DPPC	5,896	5,896
WFP/Netherlands	DPPC/REST	5,424	-
WFP/Losernberg	DPPC	258	-
Total		39,108(47%)	20,273

² National Fund Raising Committee

NGOs PAGE

(From Aug. 13-17,2001)

Ser No	Description	Expected	Received	
			During the Week	Total
1	Year 2001 Plan of Operation	282	4	269
2	Year 2001 1 st Quarter Performance Report	642	-	516
3	Year 2001 2 nd Quarter Performance Report	646	40	329
4	Fixed Asset Inventory Report Year 2001	300	3	212
5	Staff List Year 2001	300	-	210
6	Audit Report Year 1999	204	-	185
7	Audit Report Year 2000	254	6	154