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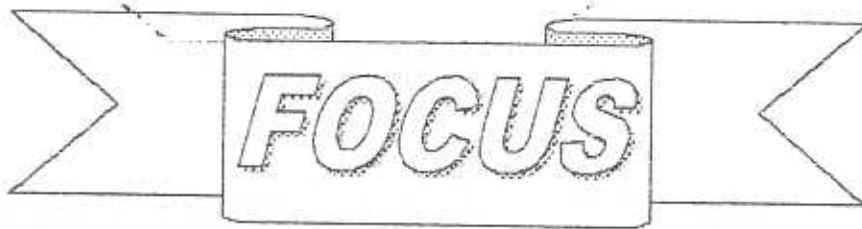
*This Fortnight Bulletin updates readers on what DPPC and its partners are doing regarding disaster prevention, preparedness and related issues.*

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### *Relief Requirement Increases as Affected Population Rises*

Belg assessment conducted by the Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Commission (DPPC) in collaboration with Donors and NGOs indicates that no harvest is expected in the areas which grow Belg crops as a result of late and inadequate rains.

There were late rains in April in several areas, which were essential only for planting long cycle crops of the Meher season. Apparently, relief requirements during the months of July-December are expected to rise as the number of the needy is inevitably on the increase. The beneficiary number is estimated to increase by about 3.06 million raising the total number of the needy to 10.5 million people. The annual relief requirement is also expected to rise by about 495,307 MT, which makes the total amount about 1.3 million MT.

Regarding extra resources needed as a result of the compounded effect of the drought, an assistance ranging between 350,000-400,000 MT could suffice to assist those affected by Belg failure. Thus, it is time that the international donor community is made aware of the severity of the situation for a favorable response to the needed extra assistance.

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# MAJOR DISASTERS AND RESPONSES

(30 June-15 July 2000)

## AMHARA

Residents of two localities in Gancha-Siso Inese Wereda of East Gojam zone are facing food shortages. It is reported that 1,403 heads of households with 6,515 people are affected and they need 3,909 quintals of food assistance.

The lowlands of Wegera and Belesa Weredas of North Gonder Zone have no rain. Damages to crops & animals have been reported in some areas due to a heavy hailstorm. A number of individuals have also been hurt.

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## OROMIA

Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Department of Arsi Zone reported shortage of food in the highland areas of Chole, Marti and Jaju Weredas.

It is also reported that livestock in the lowland areas of Bale are threatened by tripanosomiasis (trips). Besides, there had not been rain at all during the first week of July in the low-lying areas of Borena, Bale and Easte Hararghe.

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Water tankering has been carried out in Dirre Wereda of Bale zone by two water tankers. However, more trucks are required for the purpose.

## GAMBELLA

An outbreak of black leg Epidemic in Jikao Wereda of Gambella region left 124 head of cattle dead. In order to prevent the spread of the disease some 30,000 head of cattle have been vaccinated.

# HARARI

The sorghum crop in the region couldn't reach the stage it ought to have reached due to the scarcity of rain and it is feared that the crop yield would decrease by about 65%.

Source: *The Weekly Report of the Early Warning Department*

## Food Distribution by DPPC & NGOs (MT)

Jan-June 2000

Region	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	Total
Tigray	3976.4	760	8260.75	10158.4	11604.5	12503.9	47263.95
Afar	0	461	2020.45	2540.9	0	0	5022.35
Amhara	8018.5	3817	6320.6	18209.55	30477	31027	97869.65
Oromia	8493	1108	9776	19972.57	16894	11850	68093.57
Somali	5880.4	13749.20	18799.40	15996.75	17386.2	4730.80	76542.75
SNNPR	4921.75	1018.10	9012.25	10119.30	11458.8	17214.90	53745.10
Gambela	143.8	0	374.30	226.8	228.65	0	973.55
Beu/Gumuz	0	0	0	0	53.05	0	53.05
Harari	0	0	0	0	0	88.4	88.40
Dire Dowa	0	0	0	0	0	593.2	593.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>31433.85</b>	<b>20913.30</b>	<b>54563.75</b>	<b>77224.27</b>	<b>88102.20</b>	<b>78008.20</b>	<b>350245.57</b>

## Pledge Status

June 30, 2000

A/ For Victims of Natural Disaster

Ser. No.	Donor	Consignee	Pledged Amount	Commodity Type	Delivered Quantity
1	WFP				
	1.1 USA	DPPC	155,982	Wheat	13,000
				"	30,000
				"	2,000
				"	4,390