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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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NEWS

A Glimmer of Hope Allocates Over Birr 30 Million Donation

A GLIMMER of HOPE, an international NGO, has allocated a donation of Birr 30.4 million for 2001 calendar year to help the poor, with particular focus on women, children and rural communities. The programmes for whose implementation the money will be used would be carried out by local Non-Governmental Organizations. This was disclosed at a conference held on July 6, 2001 at the DPPC by DPPC officials with founders of the NGO, donors and NGO representatives in the country.

Out of the allocated money Birr 21.9 million will be utilized through development projects in 8 regions, the size of the budgets differing depending on population of the region. The remaining Birr 8.5 million budget is allocated for special projects for fighting HIV/AIDS and a model project in Dembi Dollo. With the exception of the special projects, the rest shall be implemented through development oriented local NGOs of the regions since they have close operational activities with rural communities.

Mrs. Donna Berber, president of the organization, explained to the conference participants that a hundred million USD has been raised to be used for aid purposes and kept in the bank, the annual interest of which will be withdrawn and allocated to the regions every year. She said that the system of providing aid fund directly to the responsible NGOs already engaged in development fields helps prevent operational expenses like office rent, vehicles, fund raising activities, etc. which actually consume much of the budget intended for the beneficiaries.

According to the implementation program explained during the conference, each selected local NGO of the region(s) presents a brief outline of its project up until August 15, 2001. Then the organization evaluates the outline and gives response until September 15, 2001 and the allocated money is released by October 7, 2001.

Commissioner Simon Mechale appreciated the unique system of the organization and underscored the strong responsibility of the selected pertinent local NGOs to strictly use the money in accordance with the schedules on projects useful to the community. He also indicated that the Federal DPPC plays the role of facilitator between the donor organization and the involved local NGOs.

A glimmer of hope is an international NGO established by a family of US nationals, husband and wife, in March 2000 in the United States of America with focus on women, children and poor rural communities. So far it has different projects under way in Dembi Dollo, Adaba in Bale (in cooperation with Irish government), and in Tigray.

Over 305,000 (MT) Food Aid Distributed

It was disclosed that 305,925.83 MT of food aid has been distributed to drought affected people in 8 regions from January to June 2001. Out of this 190,653.38 MT was distributed by the DPPC while the remaining 115,272.45 MT was done by different NGOs.

It is to be recalled that the DPPC required a total of 639,246 MT of food for the year 2001 with a net requirement of 470,658 MT. In response donors pledged 319,501 MT of food, until July 10, 2001 out of which 216,044 MT has been delivered. Including the carry-over stock of 168,587 MT the total amount of food available for relief distribution during the last 6 months was 384,631 MT.

Aid Food Distribution by DPPC and NGOs (MT)

Regions	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Tigray	-	6442.07	7302.35	15116.38	10345.80	15064.18	54270.78
Afar	-	1333.20	1333.20	1414.00	-	1450.20	5530.60
Amhara	-	9709.05	12835.95	22403.64	12680.82	25863.33	83492.79
Oromia	4713.92	8053.26	10417.50	16112.38	11856.84	16219.57	67373.47
Somali	10894.70	1545.05	12981.8	10758.90	13933.96	2335.25	52449.66
SNPPR	165.98	4548.90	7844.25	11984.55	4214.85	9857.40	38615.93
Harari	-	-	-	317.60	282.00	282.00	881.60
DireDawa	-	-	827.75	827.75	827.75	827.75	3311.00
Total	15774.60	31631.53	53542.80	78935.20	54142.02	71899.68	305,925.83

Major Disasters and Responses

(From June 22-July 6, 2001)

Tigray

23 sheep died due to the epidemic affecting their lungs /CCPP/ while 16074 goats were vaccinated in Kola Temben and Ahferom localities of Central Zone against the disease. Similarly, Anthrax killed 9 cattle while 8575 head of cattle were vaccinated against the disease.

Amhara

It was revealed that 251,182 people have been vaccinated against meningitis in North Shewa. Sheep and goats were vaccinated against the disease locally known as 'yeda' and it has been brought under control.

Oromia

In Laliseser peasant association, in Alle Didu Wereda of Ilubabor Zone, hailstorm damaged 96 per cent of maize and 96 per cent of haricot bean grown on 44.3 and 0.23% hectares respectively and 32 quintals of different crops. As a result, a total of 223 people have been affected.

It was reported that there is lack of pasture and water in the lowland areas of Bale Zone due to shortage of rain.

Trypanosomiasis is affecting cattle in Jimma Zone. It has not been possible to bring the disease under control owing to shortage of medicine.

Shortage of water and pasture has been reported from the lowland areas of West Hararghe Zone and loss of weight has been observed in domestic animals. Pastrolysis is reported from Daro Lebu wereda of West Hararghe Zone and measures are being taken to bring the disease under control. It was reported that meningitis has been observed in Guduru, Amarojarti and Abaychomen Weredas of East Wellega Zone.

Gambella

A disease that affects cattle, goats and sheep has been reported in Jikao wereda as a result of which 4 head of cattle have died.

Pledge Status of Food

(in MT)
(July 13, 2001)

I. For Drought Victims

- Total Requirements.....639,246 (15% Oil/ Supplementary food)
- In-Country Stock.....80,538
- Confirmed 2000 pledges,
Delivered in 2001.....88,049
- Total carried over from 2,000.....168,587
- Net Requirements.....470,658

Ser. No	Donor	Consignee	Pledge 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	"	78,000	60,000	Out of 206,202 MT year 2001 pledge by WFP 83,130 MT has been obtained
5	WFP/Austria	"	1,836	-	
6	WFP/Finland	"	1,365	-	
7	WFP/ Ireland	"	850	-	
8	WFP Canada	"	1,461	-	
9	WFP/Others	"	79	-	
10	USA	NGOs	133,764	67,112	
11	Sweden	DPPC	25,000	25,000	
12	EU ²	-	-	-	
Total			286,405(60.8%)	195,711	

1. Due to the current low cereal prices, there is a possibility of purchasing more than 25,000 MT.
2. Earlier, EU had notified the possibility of making 110,000 MT available. Recent allocations indicate that only 40,000 MT would be for relief, and the rest for development. The status of the relief allocation, which is needed for immediate distribution, is not yet known.

II. For IDPs

Net requirement.....82,618

Donor	Consignee	Confirmed	Delivered
WFP/USA	DPPC/REST	23,200	10,377
"	DPPC/REST	4,000	4,000
NFRC ³	DPPC	5,896	5,896
Total		33,096 (40%) ⁴	20,273

3. National Fund Raising Committee
4. WFP indicated that USD 3 million is contributed by the Government of the Royal Netherlands. The quantity of food this contribution would purchase will be included in the next update.

NGOs PAGE

(From July 2-6, 2001)

Ser. No.	Description	Expected	Received	
			During the Week	Total
1	Year 2001 Plan of Operation	282	-	250
2	Year 2001 1 st Quarter Performance Report	642	-	413
3	Year 2000 4 th Quarter Performance Report	635	-	513
4	Fixed Asset Inventory Report: Year 2001	300	-	198
5	Staff List: Year 2001	300	-	201
6	Audit Report: Year 1999	204	-	185
7	Audit Report: Year 2000	254	7	113

Stock Status of EFSR and loan repayment Schedule

(July 5, 2001)

I. Stock Status

• Stock at Hand.....	196,245.37
• Outstanding Loans.....	208,759.46
• Shortages from WFP & EU	
Earlier Donations.....	259.92
• Donation from EU.....	1,049.95
• Pledge (EU).....	685.30
Total	<u>407,000.00</u>

II. Loan Repayment Schedule

No.	Borrowed by	Quantity borrowed /MT/	Repayment date	Mode of repayment	Guarantor
1	WFP	17,886.41	Dec. 1999-June 2001	Import and local purchase	WFP
2	DPPC	101,846.72	Dec. 99-June 2001	Import & Local Purchase	WFP
3	ORDA, SCF/UK, Oxfam, LWF, CISP, CARE, REST, DPPC, CONCERN, Farm Africa, COOPI & GAA	65,108.11	Dec. 1999-June 2001	Local Purchase	EU
4	DPPC	22,170.92	Dec. 1999- May 2001	Local Purchase	Eth Gov't MEDAC, NFRC
5	DPPC, REST, WVE & SCF/USA	1,517.85	Dec 1999-Mar. 2000	Import	USAID
6	EECMY	1.00	Dec. 1999-Jan. 2001	Import	CFGB
7	LWF, REST & ERCS	211.45	Dec. 1999- Jan 2001	"	CIDA
8	ORDA	17.00		Shortage	German Gov't
Total		208,759.46			

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Loans the repayment dates of which have passed are those which have not yet been fully repaid.