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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

## Aid Accord Signed

An aid accord of USD 948,000 (Nine hundred forty-eight thousand dollars) to assist drought victims was signed between the DPPC and Government of Italy on March 15, 2001 at the head office of the Commission.

The aid will be used to improve water supply for compatriots affected by the drought and to strengthen agricultural activities in the Somali Region.

The project will be implemented by the development cooperation office of the Italian Embassy in collaboration with the DPPC and authorities of DPPB of the Somali Region. During the implementation two Italian NGOs already operating in the Region will be assisting in some activities.

The accord was signed by H.E. Commissioner Simon Mechale and H.E. Signor Marcello Recoveri, Ambassador of Italy in Ethiopia. During the ceremony Commissioner Simon thanked the Italian Government on behalf of the affected compatriots and the Government of Ethiopia and expressed his hope that the aid would continue particularly in irrigation sector of the development drive by the Ethiopian Government.

The ambassador on his part paid tribute to the good relation ship between the two countries and pointed out the plan by the Italian Government to make additional aid of USD 2.3 million (two million three hundred thousand) to help the Internally Displaced People due to the Eritrean war of aggression.

## Oxfam-USA Delegation Briefed on DPPC Activities and Current Disaster Prevention & Preparedness Efforts

A delegation of Oxfam-USA was briefed on the overall activities of the DPPC in its prevention and preparedness efforts and functions of some of its departments by the Deputy Commissioner on March 4, 2001 at the head office.

Deputy Commissioner Birhane Gizaw explained to the delegation that the National Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Fund will help to link relief with development in which the NGOs also play an important role.

Referring to the current situation in the prevention of disaster, the Deputy Commissioner said that although over ten million people were affected last year due to drought aggravated by the war, it was possible to avert famine. We were able to do this owing to the commitment of the government and the active participation of NGOs, UN Agencies and donors, he said.

He added that the food situation is better this year. However, he emphasized that the problem in the pastoral areas has been not only shortage of food, but shortage of water and health facilities. He underscored that apparently water and health needs require, if not more, equal attention with food by the international community. He indicated that the problem of water shortage is usually tackled with water tankering jointly with partners and that means prevention has been the most important work done, but we need to work towards getting lasting solutions.

### **Donation Made to Assist Drought Victims**

A Donation of Birr 23,031.60 (twenty three thousand thirty one Birr and sixty cents) from an organization, Ethiopian civil servants, and DM 2,700 (two thousand seven hundred German Mark) was made to the DPPC on March 7, 2001.

Of the donation Birr 14,919 was made by members of the transport department of the Ground Forces Logistics Division, Birr 5000 was by the Ethiopian Christian Fellowship, Birr 3,112.60 was by civil employees of Gondar Military Hospital and DM 2700 by Ethiopians residing in Frayberg, Germany.

The donation was received by Ato Getachew Tesfaye, Fund Raising Team Leader of the DPPC, who spoke of our hope to jointly overcome the effects of drought just as we defeated the Eritrean aggressors.

## **Major Disasters and Responses**

(From March 16, 2001)

### **Amhara**

In Ilagere Mariam, Qewet and Tarma Ber weredas of Minjar Zone, North Shoa, 7 cases of meningitis are being treated.

## Oromia

There is critical water shortage in Argedeb peasant association of Goro Woreda in Bale zone. In response, 15,000 litres of water was supplied to 600 people through water tankering for 10 consecutive days (February 24-3 March 2001). Unfortunately, lack of trucks has halted the supply of water to the area. On the other hand, shortage of water was reported from 11 peasant associations of Dirre Wereda of Bale zone.

In a Kebele of Yaya-Gulele and Debere Libanos of North Shoa Zone, 6 individuals were treated against dysentery. In Wayyu Gajje peasant association of Sululta Mulo woreda medical treatment is being given to people who are sick with meningitis. Besides, 3555 student were vaccinated against the disease. In a similar development, 5 persons are following treatment while people are being vaccinated in 5 Woredas of Ilubabor Zone.

### Pledge Status of Food (MT)

(March 16, 2001)

#### I. For Drought Victims

- Total Requirements.....639,246
  - In-Country Stock.....80,538
  - Undelivered Pledges.....88,049
- Total carried over from 2,000.....168,587
- Net Requirements.....470,658

Ser. No.	Donor	Consignee	Pledge Amount			Delivered
			Confirmed	Unconfirmed	Total	
1	USA	NGOs	154,160	-	154,160	-
2	EU	DPPC	-	-	110,000	-
3	Sweden	DPPC	25,000	-	25,000	-
	Total		179,160	-	289,160	-

#### II. For IDPs

Donor	Consignee	Pledged Amount			Delivered
		Confirmed	Unconfirmed	Total	
USA	WFP/DPPC	27,200	-	27,200	-
	Total	27,200	-	27,200	-

## NGOs PAGE

(From Mar. 12-16, 2001)

Ser. No.	Description	Expected	Received	
			During the Week	Total
1	Year 2001 Plan of Operation	282	-	184
2	Year 2000 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Performance Report	548	-	509
3	Year 2000 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Performance Report	550	22	361
4	Fixed Asset Inventory Report: Year 2001	300	6	116
5	Staff List: Year 2001	300	5	124
6	Audit Report: Year 1998	204	-	185
7	Audit Report: Year 1999	207	2	175

### Stock Status of EFSR and loan repayment Schedule (mm)

As of March 23, 2001

#### I. Stock Status

• Stock at Hand.....	259,550.95
• Outstanding Loans.....	127,190.88
• Underwithdrawal.....	18,263.00
• Shortages from WFP & EU Earlier Donations.....	259.92
• Shortage from EU Donation .....	1,210.70
• Donation (EU) (Import) .....	524.55
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>407,000.00</u></b>

## II. Loan Repayment Schedule

No.	Borrowed by	Quantity borrowed /Mll/	Repayment date	Mode of repayment	Guarantor
1	WFP	11,309.41	Dec. 1999- Jan. 2001		WFP
2	DPPC	40,620.08	Dec. 99- Jan.2001	Import Local Purchase	WFP
3	ORDA,SCF/UK, Oxfam, LWF, CARE, REST, DPPC,CONCERN, Farm Africa, COOPI, GAA & WVE	77,046.74	Dec. 1999- Jan. 2001	"	EU
4	DPPC	7,923.00	Dec. 1999- Feb. 2000	Local Purchase	Eth Gov't
5	SCF/UK	2,704.35	Dec. Nov 1999	Import	DFID
6	DPPC, REST, WVE & SCF/USA	1,517.85	Dec 1999- Mar. 2000	"	USAID
7	EECMY & EFGCB	964.00	Dec. 1999- Jan. 2001	Import	CFGB
8	LWF, REST & ERCS	3,351.45	Dec. 1999- Jan 2000	"	CIDA
9	ORDA	17.00	Nov. 2000	"	German Gov't
<b>Total</b>		<b>145,453.88</b>			

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

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