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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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Discussions Held on Aid and Related Issues

Discussions were held between Commissioner Simon Mechale and Mrs. Catherine Bertini, WFP Executive Director and especial envoy of the UN General Secretary, on the current aid situation and pledge in response to the appeal for the year 2001.

During the discussions held on March 30, 2001 at the DPPC head office, Commissioner Simon explained that the Belg season is generally good and it may continue to be so although it is difficult to forecast the likely food production outcome.

Regarding the major focus of aid this year, he said rehabilitation of compatriots severely affected by drought last year and capacity building would be given priority.

He also emphasized that appeal should be made continuously to all donors, not only to those who have close partnership with the DPPC. The Commissioner added that even though pledge situation is encouraging this year we could not withdraw food from the Emergency Food Security Reserve to assist the needy.

Mrs. Bertini on her part emphasized the importance of working together.

In a related development, WFP has approved over USD 89 million to buy 206202 MT of food grain including over USD 46 million transportation costs for emergency operations in Ethiopia and for small scale farmers and pastoralists affected by the drought. This aid would be sufficient for 2.5 million beneficiaries for ten months (March 2001 to January 2002).

Major Disasters and Responses

(From March 30, 2001)

Amhara

In Addis Zemen Wereda of South Gondar Zone, 100 people were sick with meningitis and were getting treatment. Besides, two persons who caught the disease in Banja Wereda of Awi zone were vaccinated.

Oromia

In Tuji-Gabasa peasant association of Haromaya wereda in East Hararge Zone, 16 thatched houses and 26 houses of corrugated iron belonging to 130 members of households and unidentified amount of grain and domestic animals were burnt down. Details of the damage and related issues are under investigation.

Meningitis is reported from Horo Gudru Wereda of East Wollega Zone and Horu Wereda of Jimma Zone and is being monitored. People are also being vaccinated in Hala Bure, Mattu and Ale Diduy weredas of Ilubabor.

Shortage of pasture and declining condition of animals is reported from Daro Labu and Boke weredas of East Hararge.

Harari

The Harari Regional Government has vaccinated 350,000 people against meningitis as a result of reported cases.

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	110,000	-
3	Sweden	DPPC	25,000	-	25,000	-
	Total		179,160	110,000	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. 26-30, 2001)

Ser. No.	Description	Expected	Received	
			During the Week	Total
1	Year 2001 Plan of Operation	282	10	194
2	Year 2000 3 rd Quarter Performance Report	550	-	509
3	Year 2000 4 th Quarter Performance Report	550	126	426
4	Fixed Asset Inventory Report: Year 2001	300	7	127
5	Staff List: Year 2001	300	7	138
6	Audit Report: Year 1998	204	-	185
7	Audit Report: Year 1999	207	3	180

Stock Status of EFSR and loan repayment Schedule (MT)

As of March 31, 2001

I. Stock Status

•	Stock at Hand.....	258,601.56
•	Outstanding Loans.....	146,403.27
•	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	11,309.41	Dec. 1999-Jan. 2001	Import and local purchase	WFP
2	DPPC	36,856.42	Dec. 99-Jan.2001	Import & Local Purchase	WFP
3	ORDA, SCF/UK, Oxfam, LWF, CISP, CARE, REST, DPPC, CONCERN, Farm Africa, COOPI & GAA	81,786.79	Dec. 1999-June 2001	"	EU
4	DPPC	7,896	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		Shortage	German Gov't
	Total	<u>146,403.27</u>			

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