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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

Training Courses Conducted on Mainstreaming Gender

Training courses organized on Mainstreaming Gender were given at the Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Commission (DPPC) head-office conference hall from May 8-10, 2001. The training programme was organized by Women's Affairs Department of the DPPC with budget allocated by the Commission and assistance from Institutional Support Project (ISP) of the Save the Children-UK (SCF/UK).

Participants of the training programme were staff members from different departments of the DPPC and those from Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Bureaux of the regions. Accordingly, 13 women and 12 men actively participated with interest which created lively discussions throughout the three-day programme.

The courses were given by W/ro Hanna Misebo, Head of Women's Affairs Department, and Mr. David from SCF/UK. Some useful papers on mainstreaming gender were also distributed to the participants.

The objective of the training was to enhance awareness on the issue whereby women's participation on productive activities (income generating works) rather than merely reproductive ones (household activities) is given prominence. In due process, it is hoped women should actively involve in planning and decision making in all spheres in the development drive.

Hailstorm Destroys Property, Life

Hailstorm destroyed houses at a town called Abebe and its surroundings in zone 2 of Gambella National Regional State on April 15, 2001, a team of experts from the Early Warning reported. Two people died and ten sustained injuries in the incident, the report added.

The wounded were immediately taken to hospital while those who were left homeless have temporarily been sheltered in schools. Following the incident, the DPPC sent 56 rolls of plastic sheeting sufficient for 185 household. In addition, 250 quintals of food aid was obtained from Agency for Cooperation and Development (ACORD) to help the elderly who were affected by the disaster and it was distributed by Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Bureau of the region.

A committee which was set up by people drawn from various government departments is making the necessary preparation to repair the damaged infrastructure.

Major Disasters and Responses

(From May 11-18, 2001)

Tigray

Farmers are planting long cycle crops in place of crops that wilted due to lack of Belg rain in the Belg growing Woredas of South Zone. In some parts where the Belg crop is in a better condition grasshopper infestation has become a major problem as a result of which teff farms had to be ploughed back three times.

In another development, weevil infestation is causing serious damage to crops in Alamata and Raya Azebo. Apparently, farmers are selling their crops at cheap prices instead of keeping them in store for future use and there is fear that they might eventually face shortage of food. It is reported that they need medicine. Numerous chickens have also died in the same area as a result of disease that affects chickens (tengil).

In Senale peasant association of Hintalo Wajirat woreda in South Zone, there is report of food shortages in response to which a team of experts has been sent to the area to assess the extent of the problem.

There was another fire accident in Badme in which 8 houses full of furniture were destroyed. The damage was estimated at Birr 300,000 and the affected persons were supplied with blankets and household furniture.

Amhara

Flood caused by heavy rains killed 4 persons and damaged crop plants on 220 hectares in Kobo woreda of North Wollo zone on May 6, 2001.

In Bugna Woreda, 25 cases of meningitis were reported. Similarly, in North Shoa, there are 311 reported cases of meningitis.

Cattle have been vaccinated against anthrax in Anebi locality of East Gojjam.

Oromia

Cattle are being affected by anthrax in Jimma zone for which there has not been solution because of lack of medicine.

A nutritional surveillance team has been dispatched to Kurfa Chelle, Gola Oda and Fedis woredas of East Hararghe zone in order to know more about the reported severe shortage of food.

In the highland woredas of North Shoa zone, 69 people were sick with meningitis. In Hidebu Abote wereda, 6 persons have fallen sick and are receiving treatment while 2700 persons have been vaccinated against the disease.

NGOs PAGE

(From May 14-18, 2001)

Ser. No.	Description	Expected	Received	
			During the Week	Total
1	Year 2001 Plan of Operation	282	2	246
2	Year 2001 1 st Quarter Performance Report	635	4	508
3	Year 2000 4 th Quarter Performance Report	642	61	352
4	Fixed Asset Inventory Report: Year 2001	300	-	196
5	Staff List: Year 2001	300	-	193
6	Audit Report: Year 1999	204	2	185
7	Audit Report: Year 2000	254	7	67

stock status of EFSR and loan repayment schedule (mt)

As of May 18, 2001

I. Stock Status

• Stock at Hand.....	255,809.80
• Outstanding Loans.....	149,195.03
• 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	14,109.41	Dec. 1999-June 2001	Import and local purchase	WFP
2	DPPC	23,255.66	Dec. 99-June 2001	Import & Local Purchase	WFP
3	ORDA, SCF/UK, Oxfam, LWF, CISP, CARE, REST, DPPC, CONCERN, Fam Africa, COOPI & GAA	75,172.55	Dec. 1999-June 2001	Local Purchase	EU
4	DPPC	32,896	Dec. 1999- May 2001	Local Purchase	Eth Gov't
5	SCF/UK	1,894.11	Dec. Nov 1999	Import /Local Purchase	DFID
6	DPPC, REST, WVE & SCF/USA	1,517.85	Dec 1999-Mar. 2000	Import	USAID
7	ECCMY & EFGCB	1	Dec. 1999-Jan. 2001	Import	CFGB
8	LWF, REST & ERCS	331.45	Dec. 1999- Jan 2001	"	CIDA
9	ORDA	17.00		Shortage	German Gov't
Total		149,195.03			

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

Pledge Status of Food (in MT) (January-April 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	Pledged Amount			Delivered Amount
			Confirmed	Unconfirmed	Total	
1	WFP	DPPC	*250,252	-	250,252	1,599
2	USA	NGOs	133,764	-	133,764	67,127.61
3	EU	DPPC	-	110,000	110,000	-
4	Sweden	DPPC	35,000	-	35,000	25,000
Total			419,016	110,000	529,016	93,771.61

II. For IDPs

Donor	Consignee	Pledged Amount			Delivered Amount
		Confirmed	Unconfirmed	Total	
USA	WFP/DPPC	27,200	-	27,200	-
NFRC	DPPC	5,896	-	5,896	5,896
Total		33,096	-	33,092	5,896

* 206,202 MI, against the 2001 appraisal and remaining 44,050 MI is unresourced year 2000 pledges.

Response Status for 2001 Non-food Assistance Requirements

Response Year: 2001
Months: January-April

Ser.	Donor/Agency	Proposed Purpose of Assistance	Type of Assistance	Unit	Qty/ Amount of Pledge	Received	Total	Consignee	Remarks
1	Eth. at home and abroad		Cash	Birr	-	1,783,445	1,783,445	NFRC	
2	UNICEF		"	USD	284,544	-	284,544	UNICEF	Education & shelter
3	Italy	Rehab /Recovery	"	"	983,152	-	983,152	NGOs + Regional DPQLSA	
4	Turkey	"	"	"	352,802	352,802	352,802	DPPC	Water
5	Eth. Comm. in Jeddah	Relief	Medicines	Cart on	21	21	21	DPPC	
6	UNICEF	For ENCU	In kind	USD	104,397	104,397	104,397	DPPC	
7	WFP	For EGS	Hand tools	PCS	38,570	-	38,570	Oromia, SNNPR, Amhara, Tigray Regions	(Est. value USD 199,941)

SOURCE: Fund Raising Team