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NEWS

Food Aid Distributed in Somali and Oromia Regions

Food aid has been distributed to 1,394,000 drought victims in Jijiga zone, Somali region and East Hararge zone, Oromia region since February 2001.

Food aid distributed, including supplementary food, during February-May 2001 amounts to 1,355,870.40 quintals most of which was distributed by NGOs, it was disclosed by concerned authorities of the regions. Most of the beneficiaries in Oromia took part in Employment Generation Schemes (EGS) whereby the able bodied got food in return for work while a few who were unable to take part in the programme received free supplies of food.

Those who were engaged in EGS were contributing their part in various development endeavors such as road maintenance, spring water development, soil and water conservation, construction of additional rooms for some schools and others which are used to serve the community.

Donation to assist drought victims obtained

Ground Forces regular civil servants donated Birr 4430.66 (four thousand four hundred thirty Birr and sixty-six cents) to help drought victims. The donation was a contribution of 5% of their July and August 2000 salaries. The money was submitted to the DPPC on June 25, 2001 by their representatives, Ato Biru Beshir, Head of civil personnel of Ground Force Engineering Department and W/ro Mieraß Mehari, Member of Ground Forces Engineering Department Finance Division.

Major Disasters and Responses

(From June 8-15, 2001)

Amhara

Symptoms of malnutrition have been observed on children and old people in Goncha Siso Woreda of East Gojam. Besides, 517 persons are reported to have left their localities with their families in search of work.

Disease that affects sheep and goats, locally known as "Yeda", is reported from Zikuála and Sekota Woredas of Waghemra Zone. It has not been possible to bring the disease under control because of shortage of medicine.

Oromia

In Guracha locality of Sinana and Dinsho weredas, Bale zone, 16 persons were sick with dysentery and are receiving treatment. In a similar development, 100,000 people have been vaccinated against meningitis in Chelia, Ambo and Ejere weredas of West Shoa while 200 persons affected by dysentery are receiving medical treatment in Chelia Wereda.

Hailstorm damaged crops in Darò Labu Wereda of East Hararghe zone the extent of which is being assessed. Similarly, 16 residential houses in Bulbula peasant association in Adami Tulu of East Shoa were damaged out of which 6 houses were rendered useless and 10 were partially damaged due to heavy rain, it was reported.

In a different development, measures against outbreak of anthrax are being taken in Meiso Wereda of East Hararghe zone and Ambo as well as Bako Tibe weredas of West Shoa zone.

Pledge Status of Food

(in MT)

(June 20, 2001)

I. For Drought Victims

- Total Requirements.....639,246
- 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	
Total			286,405	195,711	

- II. For IDPs
Net requirement..... 82,618

Donor	Consignee	Confirmed	Delivered
WFP/USA	DPPC/REST	27,2000	10,600
NFRC	DPPC	5,896	5,896
Total		33,096 ²	16,496

NGOs PAGE

(From June 11-15, 2001)

Ser. No.	Description	Expected	Received	
			During the Week	Total
1	Year 2001 Plan of Operation	282	2	253
2	Year 2001 1 st Quarter Performance Report	642		456
3	Year 2000 4 th Quarter Performance Report	635		513
4	Fixed Asset Inventory Report: Year 2001	300	-	196
5	Staff List: Year 2001	300	-	199
6	Audit Report: Year 1999	204	2	185
7	Audit Report: Year 2000	254	4	82