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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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Workshop on New Approaches and Methods of Early Warning System Conducted

A two-day workshop that focused on implementation of the improved early warning system was conducted at the DPPC meeting hall beginning October 1, 2001.

Opening the workshop, H.E Commissioner Simon Mechale, said that although the early warning system was operational at the federal, regional, zonal and wereda levels for many decades now, it had become apparent that the data collection and analysis were limited to the performance of crop and livestock conditions. Other most important determinants of food security were not carefully considered. As a result, gaps in providing clear picture of the actual emergency situation to the users, including the donor community, had been observed.

It was pointed out during the meeting that as the early warning system was the major undertaking of the Commission and one of the preparedness modalities required to implement the National Policy, enhanced methodology, focusing on the refinement of data collection, was essential. In this regard, the workshop participants stressed that an effective and efficient early warning system that provided accurate and timely information to identify emergencies and recurring disaster situations was essential.

The improved early warning system is designed to provide accurate and detailed information on identification of areas affected by chronic and acute problems. It was also noted that the system would be instrumental in gathering reliable information on regular basis and the data generated by the system would help to make timely and adequate response. It is believed that it will enhance the resource mobilization efforts of the Commission and its partners.

Thorough discussions were held on the new early warning methodology on food security situation assessment. It is hoped that the workshop has been instrumental for the creation of awareness on the benefits of the new system so that concerned line departments at all levels can develop the spirit of joint responsibilities for implementing the methodology.

Heads of Social Sector of Regional Councils, heads of Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Bureaux, heads of Regional Agriculture Bureaux, and others, together with concerned officials of the Federal DPPC and relevant experts at various levels have attended the meeting.

Carl Harbo Finishes Assignment

Mr. Carl Harbo left Ethiopia for Brussels on September 29, 2001 after completing his tour of duty as the EU Head of Delegation in Ethiopia.

He met DPPC officials just before he left and held a discussion with them on matters of common interest.

H.E. Ato Simon Mechale, Commissioner of DPPC, thanked Mr. Carl Harbo for the excellent working relationship he had fostered between EU and the Commission. He also expressed his hope that this good relationship would continue in the future.

Mr. Harbo on his part pledged to support and uphold Ethiopia's plea wherever he is assigned to work.



MAJOR DISASTERS AND RESPONSES

(From September 21-28, 2001)

Amhara

Crops are in danger of being damaged because of lack of rain in Sekota and Zikuala weredas of Wag-Hemra Zone.

Oromia

Physical condition of animals is beginning to show signs of deterioration in the low-lying Darolabu-Yeke areas because of shortage of pasture and water while crops have begun to wilt in Gola Oda, Gola Negaya, Goro, Abbo, Roba and Deneba peasant associations in East Hararghe Zone due to lack of rain.

Pledge Status of Food

(in MT)
(September 13, 2001)

I. For Drought Victims

- Total Requirements..... 741,895 (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..... 573,307

Ser. No.	Donor	Consignee	Pledged 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	DPPC	78,000	60,000	Out of 206,202 MT pledged by WFP, 122,611 has not been obtained
5	WFP/Germany	"	3,000	-	
6	WFP/Austria	"	1,836	-	
7	WFP/Finland	"	1,365	-	
8	WFP/Ireland	"	850	-	
9	WFP/Canada	"	1,461	-	
10	WFP/Others	"	79	-	
11	USA	NGOs	133,764	67,172	
12	Sweden	DPPC	35,000	35,000	
13	EU	"	110,000	40,000	
14	EU	NGOs	29,999	10,509	
15	Netherlands	"	10,000	-	
16	CFGB	"	2,619	2,619	
Total			452,023	258,899	

¹ Due to the current low cereal prices, there is a possibility of purchasing more than 35,000 MT and it is well progressing.

² Local purchase of 40,000 MT is in process.

Pledge Status of Food

II. For IDPs

Net Requirement 82,618 MT

Donor	Consignee	Confirmed	Delivered Amount
WFP/USA	DPPC/REST	27,530	14,377
NFRC ³	DPPC	5,896	5,896
WFP/Netherlands	DPPC/REST	5,424	-
WFP/Luxembourg	DPPC/REST	258	-
	Total	39,108(47%)	20,273

³ National Fund Raising Committee

NGOs PAGE

(From September 24-28, 2001)

Ser. No.	Description	Expected	Received	
			During the Week	Total
1	Year 2001 Plan of Operation	282	4	269
2	Year 2001 1 st Quarter Performance Report	642	-	516
3	Year 2001 2 nd Quarter Performance Report	663	8	487
4	Fixed Asset Inventory Report: Year 2001	300	2	217
5	Staff List: Year 2001	300	1	215
6	Audit Report: Year 1999	204	-	185
7	Audit Report: Year 2000	254	6	177

**stock status of EFSR and
loan repayment Schedule (MT)**

MT (September 30,2001)

I. Stock Status

• Stock at Hand.....	266,381.31
• Outstanding Loans.....	134,184.52
• Shortages from WFP & EU	
Earlier Donations.....	259.92
• Donation from EU.....	1,735.25
• Pledge (EU).....	4,439.00
Total	<u>407,000.00</u>

II. Loan Repayment Schedule

No.	Borrowed by	Quantity borrowed /MT/	Repayment date	Mode of repayment	Guarantor
1	WFP	18,779.61	Dec. 1999-June 2001	Import and local purchase	WFP
2	DPPC	36,632.65	Dec. 99-June 2001	Import & Local Purchase	WFP
3	ORDA, SCF-UK, Oxfam, LWF, CISP, CARE, REST, DPPC, CONCERN, Farm Africa, COOPI & GAA	54,542.48	Dec. 1999-June 2001	Local Purchase	EU
4	SCF-UK	10,000.00	Nov.2001	Import	Netherlands Government
5	DPPC, WVE, SCF-USA & REST	14,000.13	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		134,184.52			

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