

28 February 2002

Double Issue

Vol. 9 No. 2

FORTNIGHT BULLETIN



D

Disaster

P

Prevention

P

Preparedness

C

Commission

Prevention

Begins

With

I
N
F
O
R
M
A
T
I
O
N

Inside:

- News
 - ❖ IGAD's Workshop on Enhancing Disaster Risk Management
 - ❖ Deliberation on Vulnerability Profile Findings
 - ❖ Food Aid Dispatched
 - ❖ Secretarial Training Under Way
- Major Disasters and Response
 - ❖ Vaccination Against African Horse Disease Continues
 - ❖ Rains Damage Crops
 - ❖ Typhoid under Control
- NGOs Page
 - ❖ Early Warning Efforts Bear Fruit
- Stock Status of EFSR and Loan Repayment Schedule

This Fortnight Bulletin updates readers on what DPPC and its partners are doing regarding disaster prevention, preparedness and related issues.

Issued by Public Relations, DPPC

☎ 152430
152383

✉ 5686

FAX. 514788

NEWS

The Third National Workshop of IGAD on Enhancing Disaster Risk Management Conducted

The third National Workshop of IGAD on Disaster Risk Management Capability was held in Addis Ababa on February 20 and 21, 2002. The workshop was opened by H.E. Ato Birhane Gizaw, Deputy Commissioner of the DPPC who noted that the forum was of a high significance to share experience on the matter.

Research works on different aspects of the issue were presented by DPPC and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) staff. The major topics were weakness and strengths of existing policies, legislation in Support of Disaster Risk Management; Structures and Mechanisms Dealing with Disaster Risk Management; National Capabilities and Regional Collaboration for Disaster Risk Management.

The papers depict Ethiopian experience on disaster management in an organized manner based on the National Policy on Disaster Prevention and Management (NPDPM) and other organizational structures. Similar subjects were also presented by the staff of IGAD. Upon presentation of each paper the participants discussed various issues brought to the forum.

During the workshop it was indicated that Ethiopia could share wealth experience to the IGAD-sub region member countries.

Finally, the workshop passed recommendations under different topics, which were previously identified during the workshop in Nairobi for discussion. The following are some of the major points recommended.

- IGAD should support the formulation /development of National Strategies. It should facilitate workshops, experience sharing mechanisms like study tour and provide technical support. Member countries that are in the process of developing their strategies should use the strategy to streamline the national and regional linkage both in policy and operation.
- Disaster Management Agencies of member countries should assess the adequacy and applicability of existing policies, legislation and agreements for implementation or for introducing change(s).
- IGAD should consider the formation of a Disaster Management Unit (DMU) in its secretariat in order to strengthen regional collaboration, follow up and coordination of the implementation of recommendations of the various workshops and the strategy itself.

- Support should be rendered to National Early Warning and Information Systems and Vulnerability Analysis, details of which were listed down under Early Warning System, Meteorology and Vulnerability Analysis.
- Project Design for Implementing Relief, Rehabilitation and

Development Programme should be supported, among other things, in supporting the development of shelf projects for linking relief with development, and cross border issues like identification of common problems of areas along border lines.

Workshop on Vulnerability Profile Deliberated on the Findings

A workshop organized by the Strengthening Emergency Response Abilities (SERA), a USAID funded project, deliberated on the findings of 16 selected disaster prone woredas in four regions.

During the workshop, conducted on February 12 and 13, 2002 on the selected woredas from four regions. A variety of issues concerning basic socio-economic characteristics of vulnerable communities, root causes of vulnerability and possible intervention approaches were discussed. In addition, research works on background of the project, objectives and its methodology were presented. It was indicated that the selected woredas from Tigray, Amhara, Oromiya and SNNP Regions are among the most vulnerable areas to disaster.

Among the objectives of the profile is identification of areas and population groups that are vulnerable to particular hazards/risks; generating adequate

information on specific characteristics of populations at risk; causes of vulnerability and options for undertaking prevention measures; and providing accurate timely information on levels and trends in vulnerability to disaster.

Variables on demography, economy, access to social services and infrastructure, disaster types and history, causes of vulnerability, coping strategies and possible intervention measures have been thoroughly analyzed in the study.

It has been understood from the workshop that the approach to vulnerability profile development has been multi-level and intersectoral, in which a bottom-up that addresses the needs and priorities of various stakeholders at different levels was followed. It was further pointed out that SERA project design fits with new initiatives such as woreda level main intervention approach, food security strategy and the Poverty Reduction Strategy in the country.

Food Aid Dispatched

It has been reported by Logistics Administration and Transport Coordination Department recently that 3609.41 MT of food aid was dispatched.

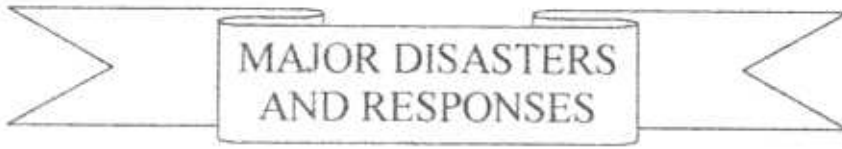
The aid food comprises of 1650 MT of grain, 1263.1 MT of cereals, 494.96 MT of supplementary food, and 202.35 MT of pulses, it was indicated.

Secretarial Training Under Way

A five-day training on Office Operation Management Level II, organized by the DPPC in collaboration with the Ethiopian Management Institute is under way at the DPPC hall since February 25, 2002.

According to the information obtained from the Organization Management and Training Service of the Commission, the training is provided to 21 executive secretaries that attended Office Operation Management Level I previously.

The training aims to upgrade the skills of the trainees with regard to customer service, management information system, communication in management, program administration, letter and report writing, increasing performance and discipline as well as enabling to make minor office decisions, the Organization Management and Training Service said. It was also indicated that the training has been prepared considering the demand for skill upgrading that would help to solve some problems already experienced in this regard.



MAJOR DISASTERS AND RESPONSES

(February 4 – 21, 2002)

Shortage of Pasture and Water Reported in Oromiya, Afar

Shortage of pasture and water has been reported in East and West Hararge, Bale and Borena Zones of Oromiya as well as Afar Regions as a result of which, in some of the areas, physical condition of the cattle deteriorated. In Afar, pastoralists are on the move with their herds in search of pasture and water, it was indicated.

Vaccination against African Horse Disease Continues

Vaccination against African Horse Disease which begun some weeks ago continues in five woredas of West Wollega Zone while pneumonia is being

monitored by health workers in Najo Woreda of the Zone.

Untimely Rains Damage Crops

Untimely rains damaged crops under harvest in two localities (Weybeyegn and Inanga) in Kuaret Woreda of West Gojam Zone, Amhara National Regional State.

Typhoid Brought under Control

Cases of typhoid reported in Warajarso and Dagam Woredas of North Shoa Zone of Oromiya is brought under control through timely intervention by concerned bodies.

UNICEF Assisted Early Warning Efforts Bear Fruit

Training on Technical Report Writing Conducted

Early Warning efforts which have been assisted by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has bore fruit, according to the outcome of a workshop undertaken at Nazareth recently.

It was noted that during the assessment made on the issue at the workshop, the system of gathering Early Warning information has shown improvement particularly in area coverage. However, it was also indicated that the quality standard in the system of handling information has not been achieved. As a result, it was reported that more focus will be given to the improvement of same during the current 18 months programme beginning January 2002, as promoted by participants of the workshop.

The workshop was conducted with the aim of strengthening Early Warning System at Federal and Regional levels thereby promoting the present national disaster mitigation programme. In this regard, there has been significant achievement in assessing the overall

result and the need to improve the identified weakness already observed in the last 18 months starting July 2001. Based on the experience and feed back, ways of improving the remaining undertakings during the current programme have been devised and Birr 2,358,120 budget allocated.

The workshop was attended by 27 professionals on early warning information, drawn both from concerned Federal and the Regional institutions, as well as 7 coordinators from the Federal DPPC and UNICEF.

In another development, five day (February 11-15, 2002) training on Technical Report Writing was provided to 30 staff members selected from Federal DPPC and Regional DPPBs.

The course which was conducted with financial support obtained from the Institutional Support Project (ISP) aims to maintain the quality of early warning information.

**Stock Status of EFSR and
Loan Repayment Schedule (MT)**

(February 21, 2002)

I. Stock Status

- Stock at hand.....346,854.47
 - Outstanding loans.....53,711.36
 - Shortages from WFP and EU..... 259.92
 - Donations (EU).....1,735.25
 - Expected replacement from swapping.....4,439.00
- Total407,000.00**

II. Loan Repayment Schedule

Borrowed by	Quantity borrowed /MT/	Repayment date	Mode of repayment	Guarantor
P/IDPs	3,247.88	Dec. 1999-June 2001	Import and local purchase	WFP
P/DPPC	4,317.82	Dec. 99-June 2001	Import and Local purchase	WFP
DA, SCF-UK, Oxfam, F, CISP, CARE, T, DPPC, WVE, IO, CONCERN, n Africa, COOPI and A	16,096.12	Dec. 1999-June 2001	Local purchase	EU
-UK	10,000.00	Nov.2001	Import	Netherlands Government
C, WVE, SCF-USA REST	3,229.55	Dec 1999-Mar. 2000	Import	USAID
F, REST and ERCS	1,802.99	Dec. 1999- Jan 2001	Import	CIDA
C	15,000	Feb.2002	Local	ETH Govt
DA	17.00	Jan. 2002	Shortage	German Gov't
Total	53,711.36			