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Ethiopian Government and Humanitarian Partners Launched a Flash Update to the 2005 Appeal

The Ethiopian Government and humanitarian partners jointly issued a Flash Update to the 2005 appeal for an additional 66,198 tonnes of food to urgently address the threat of the deteriorating humanitarian situation in the country on May 4, 2005.

Findings of multi-agency teams led by the DPPC dispatched to eight regions showed deterioration in the food situation and made necessary the revision of both emergency beneficiary numbers and consequently the requirement of food and non-food requirements. The total beneficiary number increased by 687,470 and now stands at 3.8 million from the previous 3.1 million. This translated to an additional food aid requirement of 66,198 MT and this meant the total requirement for 2005 had to rise to 464,385 MT from the previous 398,187 MT.

Taking into account contributions already pledged and received, a shortfall of approximately 165,510 tonnes of food valued at USD 66.2 million is still unmet need.

The total revised non-food requirements was USD 135.6 million of which only USD 30.6 million (22.5%) had been resourced, leaving USD 105.5 million funding gap to meet the non-food requirement of the needy populations. There is a very critical need of supplementary foods to contain the current prevalence of acute malnutrition. And other interventions in Health and Nutrition, water and sanitation and agriculture are required.

Disaster Prevention & Preparedness Commission Commissioner, Simon Mechale said this Flash Update was necessitated as a response to the ever aggravating food situation and increased need for food and non-food assistance.

Acting UN Humanitarian Co-coordinator Georgia Shaver said, "With emerging data of acute malnutrition, there is concern about survival of children as well as food security conditions and general stress amongst the population at risk in some hotspot areas."

Over 1.1 million Quintals of Food Aid Distributed in the Past 4 Months

Over 1.1 million quintals of food aid had been distributed to regions who needed emergency food aid within the months of January to April 2005 by the Disaster Prevention & Preparedness Commission and NGOs.

In January, February, March and April 2005 out of all the food distributed to needy people in all the regions, 790,624 quintals was the share of the

Commission and the remaining 17,910 quintals was that of NGOs.

Food is allocated to regions according to seriousness and prevalence of the problem. Therefore, out of the total amount for the months of January and February which was 470,152 quintals of food, 183,559 quintals was allocated to Somali, 156,106 to Afar, 65,494 to Tigray, 56,541 to Oromia and 8,452 to





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Similarly, of the 255,690 quintals of food allocated for the month of March, 97,670 quintals was to Afar, 90,580 to Oromia, 71,250 to Tigray, 25,190 to SNNPR, 6,530 to Dire Dawa and 4,470 to Somali. Most of the food had reached the regions and was being distributed while some of it was still being transported to them. There was hope that the food that was on its way to the regions would reach soon

for distribution. Of the total amount of 295,690 quintals of food for the month of March, 286,730 quintals was allocated by the Commission and the remaining 8,960 quintals by NGOs.

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Supplies of Food and Non-Food Items Sent to Compatriots Affected by Floods

Food and non-food supplies were sent to various weredas of Godie, Afdier and Korehie zones for use by victims of the flood waters of the Wabe Shebele River.

Due to heavy rains that fell on the highlands of the surrounding areas the Wabe Shebele River overflowed its banks beginning April 24, 2005 inundating Emi, Kelafo, Mustahel, Gode and Fierfier weredas in Godie zone, West Emi wereda in Afdier Zone and several localities in Kebri Dahar Wereda of Korahe zone, all in Somali Region. As a result of the floods 4,778 people were displaced and 80 people died. A lot of properties including 3 water pumps 1,200 houses, a large amount of livestock (over 6,500 heads of cattle and shoats) and 19,000 chickens were washed away according to reports by a team sent to the area.

The Federal Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Commission had been sending the necessary supplies to the areas, especially West and East Emi weredas using two helicopters acquired from the Ministry of Defense to help the victims. In addition to this, personnel drawn from the Commission, the Regional Disaster Prevention and Food Security Bureau, the Zonal Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Bureau and line departments in collaboration with the Ethiopian Air Force made the emergency operation fruitful by closely monitoring the situation on the ground and coordinating aid supply. Accordingly, until May 2, 2005, the Commission had distributed to victims in the affected areas 200 quintals of food, 275 quintals of biscuits, 65 quintals of supplementary food, 7,016 blankets, 6,500 plastic



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plates, 5,500 plastic cups, 4 meters by 50 meters 204 rolls of plastic sheeting and 3,500 plastic jugs using an airplane from Dire Dawa to Gode and using helicopters to the affected areas from Gode. The delivered necessary supplies included flood affected areas of Kelafo, Mustahel, Fierfier and Kebrebeyah weredas.

According to the report obtained from the teams dispatched there, currently the level of flood water has declined in many areas. It is now possible to reach most of the flood affected areas by truck and pack animals, except Mustahel town and a few other flood encircled areas.

But, still there is concern related to health and sanitation-such as malaria, diarrhoea (and other water born diseases) and cough. To address

these needs, the Ministry of Health (MOH) reported that it allocated 19 emergency health kits to the affected areas. In addition to this, the MOH also plans to deploy mobile medical teams to monitor the situation on the ground.

According to the information obtained from the Early Warning Department of DPPC, the food requirement estimated for the number of beneficiaries indicated in the December Appeal, which includes those who are currently affected by the flood, is considered to be adequate to address the need.

Discussion Took Place on the Findings of Livelihood Study in the SNNPR

Discussion was held on April 20, 2005 in the DPPC's hall on findings of the first phase of livelihood studies conducted in 22 weredas in SNNPR with varying agro-ecology intended to help focus attention on methods that could assist in giving timely response during times of disaster and before people's livelihoods are severely affected.

It was disclosed during the discussion held by the DPPC and by professionals from Southern People's Region Disaster Prevention and Food Security Bureau through technical aid from FEWS NET USAID that the study being conducted aimed to use improved methods for the causes of foreseeable and non-foreseeable disasters to devise ways to give prompt and effective responses. The ultimate result of the study is to

carry out a food and economic analysis after collecting data on farming, animal condition, food supply and exchange. And based on the economic potential and by analyzing income and expenditure and by conducting studies in relation to causes of disasters, the basic information data could be used to change the livelihoods of people for the better and by the same token when disaster strikes timely response can be given without damage to livelihood.

The study which was conducted in 22 woredas of eight zones of the region taking into account the topography, products and economic lives of sample families with details of their ways of life is considered to be helpful as in-input for the region's early warning system and in doing other develop-



livelihood study aims at finding improved methods to respond to foreseeable and non-foreseeable disasters

ment activities. It was also said the preliminary findings have significant value for other weredas in the region and eventually they will be useful for similar studies being carried out in the country as a whole.

Suggestions were given that besides being new in its approach the study went beyond the usual focus on food supply and product. It made people's livelihood basic for its study. Combining the people's ability to fend off the consequences of disaster along side of aid given to them and to compile basic data on this would help create a suitable situation for all

embracing future action. In connection with this more in-puts were forwarded that would enhance the study.

It was also indicated this new kind of study which focused on analyzing people's livelihoods at household level would contribute significantly to Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Commission and to the fulfillment of the strategic objectives of the Food Security Bureau. Present were during the meeting Commissioner Simon Mechale, and professionals and heads of UN Agencies, donors and NGOs.

Major Disasters and Responses

(As at April 25 to 29, 2005)

OROMIA

In Ziway Dugda and Asko weredas of Arsi Zone, due to a very serious food shortages, children under the age of 5 are showing signs of weight loss especially in Ziway Dugda Wereda. And the amount of food aid that had been sent to Hitosa, Munesa, Chele, Jeju and Lodie Hitosa is insufficient.

In Inchara Wereda of West Haraghe Zone, heavy rains have killed 6 cows,

3 Oxen, 4 goats due to floods.

Shortages of supplementary foods are being witnessed in the low-lying weredas of Medawelabu, Mena'angetu Garadamole and Goro in Bale Zone.

SNNPR

People in Welayta Zone are facing hardships because of the flood waters of Blatie River.

Allocation of Relief Food by DPPC and NGOs in 2005

No	Region	January			February			March			April		
		DPPC	NGOs	Sub Total	DPPC	NGOs	Sub Total	DPPC	NGOs	Sub Total	DPPC	NGOs	Sub Total
1	Afar	7,805.3		7,805.3	7,805.3	0	7,805.3	9,767		9,767	9,572		9,572
2	Amhara			0			0	0		0			0
3	Benshangul			0			0	0		0			0
4	DireDawa			0			0	653		653			0
5	Gambela			0	845.2	0	845.2			0	842		842
6	Harari			0			0			0			0
7	Oromia	3,635.2		3,635.2	2,018.9	0	2,018.9	8,609	449	9,058	9,223	449	9,672
8	SNNP			0			0	2,519		2,519	6,717		6,717
9	Somali			0	18,355.9	0	18,355.9		447	447	175	446	621
10	Tigray			0	6,549.4	0	6,549.4	7,125		7,125	7,213		7,213
	Total	11,440.5	0	11,440.5	35,574.7	0	35,574.7	28,673	896	29,569	33,742	895	34,637

STATUS OF FOOD AID PLEDGES FOR 2005 REQUIREMENTS (MT)

(As at April27, 2005)

Ser. No	Donor	Consignee	Type of Food	Confirmed Pledges	Already Utilized	Available for April Distribution	Unallocated/ Time of Utilization Unknown	Remarks
A	Carry over Stocks From 2004							
1	Various donors	DPPC	Cereails	20,461	20,461	-	-	
		DPPC	Blended Food	7,397	4,108	3,289	-	
		DPPC	Oil	5,607	2,340	3,267	-	
		DPPC	Pulses	559	-	559	-	
	C/over stocks Total			34,024	26,909	7,115	-	
B	C/Over pledges from 2004							
1	OPEC Fund	DPPC	Cereals	4,000	-	-	4,000	USD946,000
2	Bellgium	DPPC	Cereals	800	796	176	-172	
3	USA	WFP/DPPC	Blended food	3,000	1,254	450	1,296	
		WFP/DPPC	Oil	3,000	-	2,879	121	
4	EU	WFP/DPPC	pulses	19,604	1,623	5,816	12,165	
		DPPC	Cereals	13,019	-	13,019	-	Trough Loan
5	Australia	WFP/DPPC	Blended food	1,328	-	-	1,328	USD757,576
6	Ireland	WFP/DPPC	Cereals	430	430	-	-	USD79,249
7	Sweden	DPPC	Cereals	24,700	20,000	4,700	-	45 million SEK
		DPPC	Blended food	1,750	-	-	1,750	
8	Norway	WFP/DPPC	Blended food	184	-	-	184	
	C/over pledges Total			71,815	24,103	27,040	21,016	
C	New pledges for 2005							
1	EU	DPPC	Cereals	45,000	-	45,000	-	15million Euro
2	TBI/WFP	WFP/DPPC	Cereals	28,721	22,120	6,601	-	Through Loan
3	USA	WFP/DPPC	Cereals	73,599	-	11,279	62,320	USD26601100
		WFP/DPPC	Blended food	18,000	2,000	-	16,000	
		WFP/DPPC	Oil	2,999	1,137	569	1,293	
		JEOP	Cereals	15,381	-	-	15,381	
		JEOP	Blended food	1,615	-	-	1,615	
		JEOP	Oil	513	-	-	513	
		JEOP	pulses	1,538	-	-	1,538	
4	MfM	MfM	Cereals	4,620	840	840	2,940	
		MfM	Blended food	308	56	56	196	
5	Japan*	DPPC	Cereals	6,000	-	-	6,000	200 million Yen
6	Italy*	DPPC	Cereals	9,000	-	-	9,000	2 million Euro
7	Egypt	DPPC	Cereals	60	-	-	60	
		DPPC	Oil	4	-	-	4	
8	Spain	WFP/DPPC	Oil	845	-	-	845	USD778,221
	New pledges for 2005			208,203	26,153	64,345	117,705	
	Total			314,042	77,165	98,500	108,721	

Ser.No	Type of Food	Confirmed Pledges	Already Utilized	Available for April Distribution	Unallocated/Time of Utilization Unknown	Remarks
	Summary					
1	Cereals	245,791	64,647	81,615	99,529	
2	Blended food	33,582	7,418	3,795	22,369	
3	Oil	12,968	3,477	6,715	2,776	
4	pulses	21,701	1,623	6,375	13,703	
	Grand Total	314,042	77,165	98,500	138,377	

***Estimate**

Total Requirement = 398,133Mt (323,045 Cereals, 33,569 Blended food, 9,560 Oil and 32,013 Pulses)

Total pledge against requirement	79
Cereals against requirement	76
Blended food against requirement	100
Oil against requirement	136
Pulses against requirement	68

April

Requirement: 59,719MT

(Cereals =48,254, Blended food =5,067, Oil=1,574 and Pulses=4,825)

Available: 98,500MT

(Cereals=81,615, Blended food =3,795, Oil=6,715 and pulses=6,375)

Unmet Needs: 1,272MT

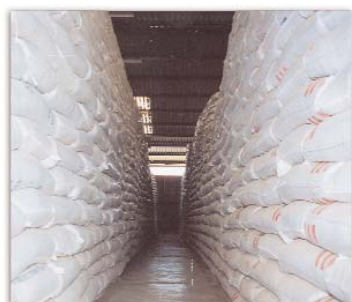
(cereals=0, Blended food=1,272, Oil =0 and Pulses =0)

STOCK STATUS OF EFSRA AND LOAN REPAYMENT SCHEDULE (MT)

(As at May 10, 2005)

I. Stock Status MT

1.	Stock at hand	125,579.24
2.	Outstanding	279,425.59
3.	Underwithdrawal	99,532.00
4.	Total owned stock	405,004.83



II. Loan Repayment Schedule

No	Guarantor	Quantity borrowed (MT)	Repayment date	Mode of repayment	Borrower
1	WFP	185,880.07	May-05	Import/Local Purchase	WFP & DPPC
2	WFP	11,411.22	May-05	Import/Local Purchase	FFW
3	EU	29,626.85	Aug-04	Import/Local Purchase	ORDA, SC-UK, CONCERN, OXFAM, PLAN, SOS, LWF, COOPI, GAA, REST, OSHO, DPPC, CISP, CARE, WVE
4	EU	28,286.85	Feb.2003-June 2005	Local Purchase	DPPC
5	USAID	2,360.60	Apr-05	Import	CRS, REST & WVE
6	CFGB	1,860.00	May-05	Import	SSD
7	MoFED	20,000.00	Jun-05	Local Purchase	DPPC
	Total	279,425.59			