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Kombolcha Central Warehouse Distributed Over 922,000 Quintals of Food Aid

Federal Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Commission's Kombolcha Central Warehouse distributed 922,349 quintals of food in the 2004-2005 Budget year to Amhara, Afar and Tigray regions for 470 distribution sites.

The Central Warehouses Head, Ato Mekuria Guangul disclosed that the warehouse which had the capacity of containing 200,000 quintals at a time was used to store food both from outside and local markets and according to food requisitioning by Aid Programmes Implementation and Monitoring Department food was sent to Tigray, Amhara and Afar regions for distribution there. The warehouse used 4510 vehicles to transport the food aid this Ethiopian budget year, according to Ato Mekuria.

During peak periods when food is brought from the port to the warehouse and from the warehouse to food aid distribution outlets, up to 3 thousand workers are employed to load and unload the food.



The head of the warehouse elaborated that considering the geographic locations of the country the commission had set up three central warehouses for emergency food supply and one of them is the Kombolcha Central Warehouse which is used as the store house for the north of the country --for Amhara, Tigray and Afar -- to store different emergency materials for both man-made and natural disasters and which was built in 1986.



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

Over 34,000 Quintals of Food Distributed this past Month

Over 34,000 quintals of relief food was apportioned in this past month of August among people affected by shortages of rain.

food has been sent to beneficiaries in Afar, Amhara, Dire Dawa, Gambella, Harari, Oromia, SNNPR, Somali and Tigray.

According to Aid Programme Coordination and Monitoring Department, Relief Coordination Team 34,603 quintals of emergency

Out of the total 34,603 the commission allocated 16,967 while 17,636 was the share of NGOs.

Demonstrating Partnership in Development

Afar Regional Government Disaster Prevention and Preparedness and Food Security Bureau Head, Ato Hassan Mehammed disclosed that Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) operating in Afar have been demonstrating their partnership in development by engaging in the provision of water, health, education and rural farming.

of FDPPC and the situation in the area a guideline had been prepared and was awaiting approval.

Among those NGOs that are operating in Afar those that take part in irrigation, horticulture and fruit, poultry farming are working towards helping the people attain food security at the same time helping to change the work ethics of the people for the better, the chief added.

The chief said to the Federal DPPC's public Relations team that had been in the area recently that at present NGOs active in the Afar Region had signed project agreements worth over 93 million Birr with Bureau and sector offices that would be implemented in a period of 3 to 5 years.

In connection with this he said that although there is limitations of capacity in the region, due to the ever increasing enthusiasm of the people for development activities had made the regional government do its level best to work with and give support to NGOs in this endeavor. And to remove the limitations in capacity assistance in logistics as well as training should be forthcoming in ever greater quantity from the Federal DPPC.

Although the operating 24 NGO's in the Region are few when compared to the number of NGO's to other regions, there were no guidelines nor was there the capacity to co-ordinate their activities; monitoring and evaluating was difficult the chiefs said. But now by using the shared experiences



Emergency Response in Ethiopia Strengthened

Emergency response against man-made and natural disasters has become stronger now than it was three or four year ago, UNSG - Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa disclosed.

This had been disclosed when the Special Envoy of the UNSG for the humanitarian crisis in the Horn of Africa Mr Martti Ahtisaari conferred with Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Commission Commissioner Simon Mechale on the present humanitarian situation

icant problem.

The Commissioner also said the present emergency response capacity was better off when compared to the previous years with regard to strengthening early warning system across the country especially in the pastoral areas, efforts made to differentiate between the chronically and acutely food insecure population with separable intervention budgets, sustainability of Time-meeting, the exchange of information, working transparently and closely with partner



and related issues in the country. During the discussion Mr Ahtisaari said the capacity to give assistance to victims of man-made or natural disasters in Ethiopia today had shown a significant improvement. This improvement must strengthen the combined efforts of government, donor countries and organizations. Mr Ahtisaari said it was necessary to make a concerted effort to bring to fruition the work started to guarantee food security of the country.

agencies, acquiring the necessary aid from donor countries in time and distributing the aid to beneficiaries. He expressed hopes this would be continued and strengthened in future.

He indicated that with regard to attaining food security encouraging results were being registered in the implementation of productive safety net programme and other related activities. In this respect, he further noted that since the role of donor nations and organizations as well as united Nations agencies with regard to the contributions was significant, they need to work hand in hand with the government of Ethiopia. The commissioner also acknowledged that the visit of UNSG- special envoy for the Horn of Africa, will boost the attention of the international Community as well as operating NGOs in the country to exert maximum efforts to protect the lives and livelihood of drought victims.

Mr Ahtisaari underscored that wherever there were food shortages those who bore the brunt of the unpleasant effects were mostly children and mothers and to assist these victims an emergency nutritional strategy (Emergency Outreach Strategy) had been put in place and it was one of those undertakings which had made positive contributions. Along side this to coordinate emergency nutritional supply we needed to strengthen with manpower and materials the Emergency Nutritional Coordination Unit of the DPPC, Mr Ahtisaari said.

Finally, Mr. Ahtisaari said since the united Nations various agencies main objective in Ethiopia was to alleviate humanitarian problems and thereby eliminate them whether in emergency humanitarian activities or in work to attain food security, the necessary support would be extended from him to them to work with the Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Commission and concerned government offices.

Commissioner Simon Mechale on his part said that at present the humanitarian situation was stable and the necessary humanitarian aid was being delivered in time. In this connection donor countries had so far pledged 95% of the food requirement for this year and there was no signif-



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Food Aid Agreement Signed Between the Governments of Japan and Ethiopia

Food aid agreement to the amount of 400 million yen was signed here in Addis Ababa between the government of Japan and the government of Ethiopia on August 12, 2005.

The Grant will be used to buy wheat and transport it from USA, Australia, Canada, EU and Ukraine to help stabilize the food security situation in the country. Procedural details were also

made and signed concerning any food aid by the Japanese government.

The agreement was signed between HE Mokonnen Manyazewal, State Minister of Finance and Economic Development, on behalf of the government of Ethiopia and HE Shinichi Nakatsugawa, Charge' d'Affairs a.i Embassy of Japan to Ethiopia.

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Major Disasters and Responses

(August 29 to September 2, 2005)

SN NPR

In Guragie zone, because of continuous heavy rains the Meki River burst its banks and inundated farm lands in the area and Killed one person.

TIGRAY

In Kukufiye local peasant association, Raya Azebo Wereda of Southern Zone, 37 houses have been destroyed by wind and about 100 families have become homeless.

OROMIA

In Mulu Tita local peasant association, sululta Wereda of North Shewa Zone, a hailstorm has washed away 5 bovines, 2 equines and 4 sheep. In Jalisa Situ Locality, Kiyu wereda a landslide has caused damage to unspecified property and in Dibana Tsegalo locality of the same wereda the same phenomenon has destroyed 50 hectares of crop.

In four villages in Diksis Wereda of Arsi Zone, a hailstorm caused flooding has damaged 275 hectares of Belg crop and 183 hectares of Meher crop.

In West Hararghe food shortages are being witnessed.

In Guraleman locality, Digda Bora Wereda of East Shewa Zone, The Awash River burst its banks and about 3000 people are surrounded with water. So far 1600 of these have been evacuated. The DPPC has issued instructions for food to be sent to the areas according to the Early Warning Department of the DPPC. In Adami Tulu Jido Kobolcha Wereda of same zone food is being distributed nonethe-less those who are being monitored are facing hardship.

In Kercha Wereda in Guji Zone, a hailstorm that fell on August 22, 2005 has completely destroyed 110 hectares of coffee, inset and various types of crops. The same hailstorm has destroyed 103 hectares of extension maize, 210 hectares of local maize, 5000 various seedlings of fruit bearing trees, and one cow. A man has been wounded.

Amhara

In Wegdi Wereda of south Wello Zone flooding has caused damage to property worth Birr 10400 belonging to 13 heads of households. In Albuko Wereda of the same zone similar catastrophe has occurred besides roads being spoiled and transport services being discontinued.

Source: Telephone reports from the regions to information and documentation Team.

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	3,635.20		3,635.20	2,018.90	0	2,018.90	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	18,355.90	0	18,355.90		447	447	175	446	621
10	Tigray			0	6,549.40	0	6,549.40	7,125		7,125	7,213		7,213
	Total	11,440.50	0	11,440.50	35,574.70	0	35,574.70	28,673	896	29,569	33,742	895	34,637

No	Region	May			June			July			August		
		DPPC	NGOs	Sub Total	DPPC	NGOs	Sub Total	DPPC	NGOs	Sub Total	DPPC	NGOs	Sub Total
1	Afar	10092	0	10092	9231	0	9,231	8,900	0	8900	5,296		5,296
2	Amhara	15	0	15	219	152	371	3,820	152	3972	3,013	830	3,843
3	Benshangul	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0			0
4	DireDawa	53	0	53	0	596	596	0	577	577		596	596
5	Gambela	842	0	842	842	0	842	0	0	0	715		715
6	Harari	113	0	113	104	0	104	0	0	0	102		102
7	Oromia	11,278	762	12,040	7862	4,400	12,262	8,697	4,223	12920	889	7,759	8,648
8	SNNP	7,968	0	7,968	5874	1,262	7,136	93	1,075	1168	523	952	1,475
9	Somali	16,973	6,570	23,543	17658	6,608	24,266	0	0	0		2,582	2,582
10	Tigray	12,607	0	12,607	8058	3,349	11,407	7,700	3,349	11049	6,429	4,917	11,346
	Total	59,948	7,332	67,280	49,848	16,367	66,215	29,210	9,376	38586	16,967	17,636	34,603



STOCK STATUS OF EFSRA AND LOAN REPAYMENT SCHEDULE (MT)

(Sept. 05, 2005)

I. Stock Status MT

1.	Stock at hand	236,794.65
2.	Outstanding loans.....	99,870.18
3.	Underwithdrawal	68,340.00
4.	Total owned stock	405,004.83

Correction: Our last Month issue of stock status should read as August 2, 2005

II. Loan Repayment Schedule

No	Guarantor	Quantity provided on loan (MT)	Qty repaid (MT)	Borrower	Remark
1	WFP	11,480.00	8,985.85	WFP	
2	WFP	245,740.00	279,847.98	DPPC	
3	USAID	0.00	2,807.54	DPPC	
4	SIDA	20,000.00	14,639.44	DPPC	
5	EU	58,000.00	0.00	DPPC	
6	CFGB	0.00	2,095.04	NGOS	SSD&TBWRD
7	EU	0.00	24,428.00	NGOs	REST,ORDA,SCF, GAA, CONCERN, CISP, SOS, FHI,
8	USAID	49,947.00	53,725.00	NGOs	CRS,WVEREST,FHI, CARE
9	CIDA	1,500.00	0.00	NGOs	TBWRD
	Total	386,667.00	386,528.85		

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