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Situation Report

To combat the worrying drought and to save the lives of those compatriots who are in danger in Somali Region and in Borena Zone of Oromia Region, the Ethiopian government and its partners are making joint efforts in providing emergency food relief, water supplies and human and animal health assistances.

In response to the drought in Borena zone of Oromia Region, Somali, and Afar Regions most of the 712,000 quintals of food allocated for the months of January and February has been transported and distributed to the 1.7 million beneficiaries. In addition, out of the 451,250 quintals of food for the month of March, one third has been transported and is being distributed in Afar and Oromia Regions while preparations are underway to transport the food allocated for Somali Region.

In Somali Region and Borena zone of Oromia Region because of shortages of water, as a result of lack of seasonal rains, water tankering, the maintenance of already existing water schemes and the building of new ones has been carried out. Especially in Afder, Liben and Giodie zones where the problem is very critical 54 water tankers are rehabilitated and are giving services. In general in Somali Region 98 water tankers, supplied by federal and regional governments and partners, are giving service in 9 weredas.

FOOD Aid Status

Close to 47,000 MT of Food Aid Allocated for the month of March



A total of 46,966 MT of emergency food has been allotted to Afar, Amhara, Oromia, Beneshangul, Dire Dawa, Gambella, SNNPR and Somali for the month of March.

According to Aid Programme Coordination and Monitoring Department, Relief Coordination team 29,209 MT was allocated to Somali, 12,587 MT to Oromia, 2,283 MT to Amhara, 935 MT was set-aside for Afar, 753 MT for Gambella, 661 MT for SNNPR, 467 MT for Dire Dawa and 71 MT for Beneshangul. 43,511 MT was allocated by the DPPA while the rest 3,455 MT was the share of NGOs.



To fend off similar water shortages in Borena zone 15 water tankers are supplying water to those in need. In addition, 70 water schemes have been maintained and 9 new ones have been built by government and partnering organizations. UNICEF

has also donated 30 water tankers with a capacity of 5,000 liters each.

Regarding the fight against health problems related to the drought the Ministry of Health has assigned four zonal health coordinators as well as



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49 health personnel in 11 weredas where the problem is acute. The coordinators and health personnel are rendering the necessary support to the victims. Moreover 16 mobile health teams have been supplied with 16 emergency drug kits that can last for 3 months and are enough to treat 10,000 people each.

UNICEF has opened a temporary coordination office in Godie and has employed two international staff and two local staff for the purpose.

In addition to this, UNICEF is under preparation to send seven mobile health teams comprising 14 personnel to two weredas to boost the health service coverage in Borena zone. 14 emergency health kits enough for 2,500 people each for three months have been sent.

The Ministry of Health has sent medicines and medical equipment worth Birr 4.4 million to Somali Region while the region itself is utilizing medicines it bought at a cost of Birr 2.4 million for emergency health services.

In addition animal vaccination activities aiming to vaccinate 1,519,249 animals had started earlier in Somali Region and in Borena zone of Orormia Region. Some weeks ago vaccination was being given to

1,220,000 animals in Somali Region.

Due to the prevailing situations in pastoralist communities DPPA Led three multi agency teams drawn from federal Agricultural and Rural Development, Health and Water Resources Ministries, WFP, SC/USA and UK, UN OCHA, the Red Cross Society have been dispatched to Afer, Liben and Godie zones of Somali and Borena zone of Oromya Region. Preliminary findings of the reassessment indicated increased beneficiaries. Based on the findings additional contributions for the anticipated requirements for the second half of the year (2006) is expected. It was learnt that the final report reassessment result will be officially communicated soon to all stakeholders.

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In general, to with stand the consequences of the droughts, emergency relief supply is on going with the combined efforts of the federal, and regional governments, donors UN agencies NGOs and other relevant bodies.

Agency's 209 personnel Received Training in these Last 3 Months

Beginning January 4, 2006 till April 3, 2006 the Agency's 209 personnel received training in 16 different short term courses stated the DPPA Civil Service Reform Office, Training Team.

According to the Training Team, in the past 3 months 132 male and 77 female staff of the Agency have participated in the short courses in different fields of study at a cost of Birr 123,910. The training was conducted by the Agency's professionals and competent organizations engaged in

the training of different disciplines.

The aims of the short courses is to enhance the employees knowledge and skill in order to enable them to discharge their responsibilities efficiently, to introduce them to new technological advances and thereby create improved information flow and to establish efficient and result oriented service.

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skilled manpower will enable the Agency to attain its goal.

In line with this, especially in the effort underway to improve the Agency's information gathering, dissemination and use, in the first round 42 workers

have been trained in intranet, internet and E-mail use at the Agency's computer training center. In the second round 48 workers have received similar training and 12 more workers were given training in basic computer use.

DPPA Received CAN \$ 3 Million

The Ethiopian Government obtained CAN \$ 3 million in grant from the Canadian government on **March 27,2006**.

The Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Agency received a grant of CAN \$ 3 million from the Canadian International Development Agency through the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to

of the grant and said "the capacity building support to DPPA in areas of transport, communication, shelter materials and information technology has played a vital role in timely response to emergencies" He also noted that the non-food items, which are often neglected in the emergency response, have been given more attention and the availability of such items in stock enabled the DPPA and



address the non-food requirements and to support capacity building of the DPPA in the delivery, management and reduction of vulnerabilities to future disasters.

Out of the total amount, CAN \$ 2 million had been used for emergency non-food items and capacity building inputs while the remaining CAN \$ 1 million was used for modernizing the DPPA's Information Center. 16 vehicles, 20 rub halls, computers, 15 pieces of communications equipment with accessories, 58,000 blankets, 65 tents, 7 water tankers with a capacity of 15,000 liters each and 82,950 house hold utensils, 50 rolls of 4 x 5 meters plastic sheeting were also purchased.

During the handing over ceremony, the DPPA Director General Simon Mechale expressed his appreciation

regions to act promptly.

H.E Yves Boulanger, Ambassador of Canada to Ethiopia said "Canada's contribution had increased DPPA's capacity to address the non-food requirements in emergency situations, and strengthen the early warning monitoring, coordination, targeting and relief delivery capacity of the DPPA". He underscored the need to tackle the long term problems of the country and Canada's part in it.

Mr. Fidele Sarasoro UNDP Resident Representation and UN Humanitarian coordinator also said "strengthening the capacity of the DPPA as done through this project is indeed useful to well plan in advance and manage drought disaster risk." He thanked the Canadian government for the support.

Major Disasters and Responses

(April 10 - 23, 2006)

Oromia

In Deba resettlement station in Wama Beneya of East Wellega Zone, fire has burned down houses belonging to 757 families affecting 878 people.

In Borena zone heavy rains that fell from March 31 to April 3 inundated 45 houses and destroyed 2 schools in suboma locality of Boku wereda. Similarly in Moyale wereda due to heavy rains and winds 3 schools were partially destroyed and the Dire Moyale road have become totally out of use.

In Babile, Gursum, Gorogutu and Kersa weredas of East Hararghe Zone, shortages of supplementary foods are causing problems to children therefore the zonal office has asked nutritional survey to be carried out.

SNNPR

In Keyama locality of Derashe special woreda, floods have destroyed half a hectare of teff crop and 3.5 hectares of maize as a result 19 heads of households are affected. In a different development wide spread stock borer infestation has been witnessed in 11 localities.

In the same wereda, due to heavy rains on March 25, 2006, 156 heads of households lost 42 hectares of teff, 38 coffee, 57 mango and 19 sugar cane seedlings, a stack of maize estimated to be 11 quintals and 5 quintals of teff. In Sengodedi watershed of the wereda, walela, Holtu, Anota, Titena, Shekelie, Keyama and Gato localities have their fields of crop covered with mud.

Stock Status of EFSRA and Loan Repayment Schedule (MT)

(February 28, 2006)

I. Stock Status of EFSRA

MT

1.	Stock at hand	228,802.23
2.	Outstanding loans.....	96,768.60
3.	Under withdrawal	79,434.00
4.	Total owned stock	405,004.83

II. Loan Repayment Schedule

No	Guarantor	Quantity provided on loan (MT)	Qty repaid (MT)	Borrower
1	MoFED	68,000	0	EGTE
2	WFP	0	2,226.38	WFP
3	WFP	0	81.77	DPPA
4	USAID	4,277	0	SCF
5	USAID	0	407.64	CRS
6	USAID	5,000	1,742.47	FHI
7	USAID	310	0	WVE
8	CFGB	0.00	1,994.74	FHI
9	EU	2,258	0	WVE
	Total	79,845	6,453	