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Livestock Market Information and Forage Monitoring Workshop Conducted

Workshop entitled "Livestock market information and forage monitoring for early warning" jointly organized by the Afar DPPFSB and SC/UK was conducted in Nazareth to highlight the activities accomplished and the progress of the Links project to date.

It was learnt that the general objective of the workshop which took place from March 26-30 2007 at Nazareth was to train governmental and non-governmental partners on how to interpret and analyze the information generated through the forage monitoring points and livestock markets and transmitted through the World Space Multimedia Technology with the help of First Voice International (FVI) and received at community information centers (CICs).

In the workshop, which mainly focused on sensitization, experts drawn from various governments and NGOs and DPPA have participated. During the workshop, following the presentation by the facilitators, issues were raised and discussed by the participants.

The specific objectives are to explain how the forage sites have been selected and what criteria were used in the selection and set up of the 25 forage sites in Afar Region; to develop common understanding on how to interpret and analyze satellite imageries of forage maps and livestock market data; to discuss the usefulness and relevance of the forage and livestock information to the regional stakeholders (government, NGOs, UN agencies) and external agencies; to build the capacity of the regional staff in analysis and interpretation of the forage /livestock data; to regularly disseminate data collected on livestock marketing and vegetation monitoring to communities and to discuss-to help sustainability-appropriate government offices/bureaus to take over this activity after the end of the project.

It was said since in the pastoral areas pasture was linked with food security, assessing availability of pasture had vital importance to estimate the need and devise ways of intervention measures. In line with this it was learnt that a training programme was also planned to take place at wereda-zonal and regional levels in Afar in future.

Emergency Nutrition Methodology Training Conducted

Training of trainers on Emergency Nutrition Methodology aimed at enhancing capacity in conducting standardized and qualitative information at all levels was conducted in Nazareth town.

It was conducted for those who had already had basic training like basic concepts of nutrition and emergency nutrition assessment methodology.

According to the organizer of the training, EWD of DPPA, The objective of the training was to build capacity in conducting standardized and qualitative nutri-

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tional information analysis and interpretation of data by federal, regional and woreda level staffs.

The specific objectives were to develop well-organized and coordinated emergency nutrition assessments based on the standard guideline; to upgrade the technical efficiency of nutrition officers at all levels; to acquaint participants with the new methods of nutrition data analysis and interpretation (SMART method-

ology); and to exchange information and discuss specific problems encountered in nutrition surveys carried out so far .

A total of 20 trainee trainers drawn from different sector offices of federal government and Amhara, Harari, Gambella, Benishangul regions and Dire Dawa Administrative Council have attended the 9 day workshop that took place from March 21-30, 2007 in Nazareth town.

Over 1512.54 MT of food dispatched for the month of March 2007

Aid program coordination and monitoring Department (APCMD), Relief coordination Team reported that 1,512.54 MT of emergency food aid

the month of March 2007.

According to the report out of the total food aid dispatched, 395.6 MT has



had been dispatched to beneficiaries in SNNP, Oromia and Dire Dawa for

been for SNNP, 110.42 MT for Oromia and 12.7 MT for Dire Dawa.

Major Disasters and Responses (April 30,2007)

Oromia

In Buder peasant association, in Seka Chekorsa Wereda of Jimma Zone, a landslide occurred affecting 112 heads of households. The extent of damage will be known at a later date.

560 people.

In Adaba Wereda of West Arsi Zone, heavy rains that fell on March 21, 2007 killed 3 people.

Effects of heavy rains

Oromia

In Fentale Wereda of East Shewa Zone, heavy rains that fell on the night of 20th and 21st of March 2007 inundated maize crop on 31 hectares of land and horticultural crop on 14 hectares of land affecting a total of

SNNPR

In Chiko Wereda of Sidama Zone, 2864 family members and 494 heads of households have been affected by heavy rains. Moreover, coffee plantations and 359 hectares of crops have been damaged.

In Dera Wereda of the same zone, 648 heads of households with their



3240 family members have been affected by the rains which have also devastated coffee and pine apple plantations.

Dire Dawa

The flash floods that hit Dire Dawa on the 11th of April 2007 due to heavy rains caused serious damage to property and infrastructure in seven localities of the city. Rainfall of such magnitude has never been recorded in the last 50 years of the city's history (121.3 millimeters), the report says.

According to the report obtained from Disaster Prevention And Preparedness and Food Security Office, the rains which started falling at 12:30 o'clock after mid-night lasted until 7:00 am in the morning, causing damage to property and infrastructure. Thus, the flood caused destruction of property of 33 households worth birr 87,715 in one kebele alone. In addition, in six localities, 185 houses were inundated and property was damaged. 11 houses were totally and partially swept away by the floods. The floods destroyed embankments, toilets, fences, water wells, walls and swept away telephone poles and old trees.

In Dechatu Ashewa area the damage to embankments made the area highly vulnerable to floods. The people who are vulnerable have been given birr 150.00-250.00 each to move from the area and rent houses until a permanent solution is in place, the report says.

In general except the damage caused to physical assets of the inhabitants and to the infrastructure of the city, loss of life was not reported.

The fire brigade and the local police saved the town dwellers from the onslaught of the storm by alerting them using different mechanisms and protected them from possible looting.

Amahara

In Yaya Gulale, Wuchale and Dera weredas of North Shoa, fires that occurred from March 5 to March 22,2007 have destroyed property and cash.

Oromia

In Oda Moti locality in Hawagalan Wereda of Kelem Wollega Zone, 21 ricks of maize and sorghum crops belonging to 150 households, the estimate of which is not yet known, were burned down completely.

Stock Status of EFSRA and Loan Repayment Schedule (MT)

(March 12, 2007)

Stock Status of EFSRA		MT
1.	Stock at hand	156,682.25
2.	Outstanding loans.....	124,969.58
3.	Under withdrawal	123,353.00
4.	Total owned stock	405,004.83

DPPA

Guarantor	Borrower	Qty.Provided on Loan (MT)	Qty. Repaid (MT)	Remark
USAID	REST	0	*27,290.00	*Repayment received from previous outstanding loans
USAID	FHE	5,000.00	*174.99	*Repayment received from previous outstanding loans
TOTAL		5,000.00	27,464.99	>> >>
EU	DPPA	0	*22,146.12	>> >>
EU	SOS	0	*1,402.05	>> >>
TOTAL		0	23,548.17	
WFP	DPPA	0	*15,842.597	>> >>
WFP	MORAD	0	*8,622.16	>> >>
WFP	WFP	15,000.00	*5,285.29	>> >>
TOTAL		0	*20,958.407	
CFGB	EKHCD	0	*372.35	>> >>
CIDA	TWRMER	3000.00	0	
MOFED	EGTE	0	*348.25	>> >>
MOFED	FSCB	73,000.00	0	
TOTAL		101,000.00	81,484.207	