

# FORTNIGHT Bulletin



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## Over USD 179 million assistance is required to address food and non-food needs

The 2007 joint humanitarian Appeal for Ethiopia was launched on 12th February 2007, seeking a total of USD 179,338,641 to address food and non-food sectoral requirements.

Director General of Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Agency, Simon Mechale, in his opening statement, explained that according to the recent assessment results, the performances of last years Meher and Belg rainy seasons were promising and had shown a significant improvement in the food security situation of the country, and according to the assessment made there would be a considerable reduction in the number of needy population more than



any period in the last decade. He further noted that the achievement was due to a combination of factors related to overall viable government development policies, food security strategy as well as favorable weather performances.

The DG disclosed that despite the good food prospect, However, 1.36 million people are vulnerable to food shortages due to adverse conditions, such as flooding, localized agricultural production failure and other shocks. Out of this number about 71% is in Somali Region while 17% is in Ormia, according to Semon . The total contingency food aid needed for the needy people in the year is, thus, estimated to be 150,580 MT. Out of which 90,000 MT is carryover from 2006, leaving a net assistance requirement of 60,500 MT. In addition, approximately USD 128.9 million is required, to address the non-food sector needs, including rehabilitation and recovery requirements of flood affected areas. Three regions have no emergency beneficiaries for the year, and this is also an unprecedented experience in the last few decades, the statement said. The Director General, further disclosed that a new approach for humanitarian intervention for 2007 was also agreed upon both by the Government and its partners. According to the statement made by Director. General Simon Mechale, the approach is meant to address the actual humanitarian needs during the year, based on regular reviews and verifications of the proposed humanitarian needs on an area- by-area and case-by-case basis.

According to the statement, until now, the regular annual assessments that were usually conducted in the months of November and December had been the basis for both determining the magnitude of emergency food assistance as well as taking relief intervention measures that mainly involve the delivery of predetermined monthly rations for the needy till the end of the proposed period.

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



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According to the new direction adopted, however, the results of the recent assessment will be used as broad national estimates of emergency food aid needs for the purpose of contingency planning and resource mobilization. Nevertheless, any specific allocation of food aid resources will be determined and dispatched only after more specific and regular area-by area and case-by-case assessments are done and actual needs are identified in more concrete terms, in order to ensure that the relief items are reached to most needy.

In this regard the director General, urged humanitarian partners to give their kind attention for the require-

ments indicated in the appeal document.

Finally he underscored the crucial role that the humanitarian partners usual support and generosity had played in the saving of the lives and livelihoods of the flood victims, and that he has confidence to keep on working together for even more profound accomplishments in the common humanitarian endeavors in the year.

On the launching of the year 2007 Appeal donor courtiers Ambassadors, Representatives and Directors of different International Agencies and members of Sectoral Task Forces have attended and participated.

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According to the 6th month performance report of the Agency compiled by PPPD of DPPA, non-food needs, i.e., for water and Environmental Sanitation USD 7,513,913; for health and nutrition USD 4, 051, 179; for agriculture and animal feed USD 1,239,783; for capacity building USD184, 450; for coordination activi-

and Monitoring Department has also allocated 105, 579 MT of food according to studies by the Early Warning Department to be distributed among needy populations of 2.35 million people said to require assistance as a result of food shortages.

The Early warning Department has conducted a study that deals with agricultural performance of the main rainy season and the food situation in the pastoral areas of the country. In addition to this, 23 disaster and nutrition studies were conducted and necessary measures taken accordingly.



ties USD 200,000; and for transport support USD 4,321,513: a total amount of USD 17,510,838 has been obtained.

The Aid programmes coordination

According to the revised assistance requirement for flood affected areas USD 22.3 million (43% of the revised total requirement) of food and non-food items were obtained in cash and in kind, from Ethiopians locally and in

the Diaspora, as well as friends of Ethiopia.

To treat flood related diseases Birr 10,025,714 was allocated through the Ministry of Health and an additional Birr 18,077,576 worth of medicines and medical equipment was purchased by the regions are also allocated.

Seeds were also distributed to the areas affected by floods along with veterinary medicines. Therefore, the Gambella Region purchased 300 quintals of maize, the Somali Region Agricultural Office 382 quintals of var-

ious seeds and 3000 agricultural tools. The Amhara region purchased and distributed Birr 145,000 worth of veterinary medicines. The International Red Cross Society, the Ethiopian Red cross Society and NGOs contributed 17,091 quintals of different seeds; Farm Africa contributed medicines that enabled to treat 116,403 animals.

Besides, different materials worth birr 1,167,531 which could be used for water supply were allocated through Ministry of Water Resources for use in areas affected by flooding.

## 2006 Humanitarian Responses

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During the second half of the year, due to inadequate food aid pledges, which were 431,063 MT, prioritization of resources was necessary. Poor roads also delayed the delivery of relief and the situations in Somali Region was a challenge to humanitar-



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As part of the Enhanced Outreach strategy, the Targeted supplementary food (EOS/TSF) programme estimated that 1,092,334 malnourished children under five and pregnant and lactating women required supplementary feeding ration in 2006. This meant a gross requirements of 59,877 MT of

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blended food and vegetable oil for the year. The considerable carry-over from 2005, however, brought the requirement down to 15,495 MT which helped to expand the programme.

As of November, the EOS/TSF programme provided 39,622 MT of supplementary food, equivalent to 1,422,386 rations to 579,034 beneficiaries out of whom 393,742 were children under five and 185,292 pregnant and lactating women.



In 2006, USD 73.3 million was sought for health and nutrition out of which USD 34.4 million was contributed by donors. The NDPPF donated close to USD 1.15 million to the MoH in support of AWD emergency operations. The Water and Environmental Sanitation (WES) sector required USD 11.9 million to address the needs of approximately 1.9 million people where by it would be possible to address water and sanitation issues. An additional 95,000 people in flood affected areas were also included by the August 2006 Flash Appeal increasing the financial requirement to USD 15.1 million. Donors contributed USD 15.3 million, funding over 100 percent of the requested amount.

To give minimum crop and livestock support to the agriculture sector a total of USD 18.6 million was requested in the Joint Humanitarian Appeal. The emergency seed response was inadequate, accounting for only 11.6 percent of the requested USD 5.4 mil-

lion, livestock was 26.5 percent of USD 10.3 million, animal disease prevention received 49 percent of USD 4.5 million, while the contribution to feed and forage seeds was only 7.3 percent of the amount.

In 2006, unprecedented heavy rains caused flash floods and overflow of rivers affecting about 674,000 people. The government and partners issued two joint flood flash appeals requesting USD 34 million.

Humanitarian partners, donors and the Ethiopian public contributed around USD 15 million and USD 7 million to meet the emergency and rehabilitation needs respectively. Following the flooding in Somali Region, the UN was able to organize on air support operation upon request by the Government and under the management of WFP. A total of 143 MT of food and non-food items were delivered. The cost of the operation which was about USD 1.4 million was covered by UN CERF and USAID/OFDA provided through WFP.

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### Over 6,600 quintals of food dispatched

Aid Programme Coordination and Monitoring Department (APCMD), Relief Coordination Team reported

months of January and February 2007.



that 669.25 MT of emergency food aid has been sent to beneficiaries in SNNPR, Amhara and Afar for the

APCMD explained that the food was sent for use by the displaced in SNNPR, Amhara and Afar.

## Major Disasters and Responses

(February 15 ,2007)

### Oromia

In Raitu, Lega Hida Dawa, Serer Dawa and Kachin weredas of Bale Zone and in the low-lying areas, shortage of potable water is being observed.

In Hawa Gelan and Gawe Kebe weredas of Kielem Wellega Zone, supplementary food is being distributed to those affected by food

shortages and the situation is showing signs of improvement, while in Gankacho settlement there is problem of food shortages and since the requested food has not yet reached

those who are in need, they are in trouble.

In Derera Arba locality in Babile Wereda, in Arer Gewgew and Kumbi localities in Gola Oda Wereda and in four localities in Meyu Mulukie Wereda, very serious water shortage is being observed.

In Borena Zone, due to Rift valley fever which broke out in the border areas of Kenya and Somali, markets have been closed and the sale of livestock has come to a standstill and this has seriously impacted upon food supply of pastoralists in the area.

# Stock Status of EFSRA and Loan Repayment Schedule (MT)

(February 19, 2007)



## I. Stock Status of EFSRA

MT

1.	Stock at hand .....	262629.84
2.	Outstanding loans.....	122339.99
3.	Under withdrawal .....	20035.00
4.	Total owned stock .....	405,004.83

## II. Loan Repayment Schedule

Guarantor	Borrower	Qty. Provided on Loan (MT)	Qty. Repaid (MT)	Remark
USAID	REST	0	*27,290	*Repayment received from previous outstanding loans
USAID	FHE	0	*174.99	*Repayment received from previous outstanding loans
TOTAL		0	27,464.99	>> >>
EU	DPPA	0	*19,771.392	>> >>
EU	SOS	0	*1,402.05	>> >>
TOTAL		0	21,173.442	
WFP	DPPA	0	*15,837.597	>> >>
WFP	MORAD	0	*6,026.70	>> >>
WFP	WFP	0	*2,804.06	>> >>
TOTAL		0	*24,668.357	
CFGB	EKHCD	0	*372.35	>> >>
CIDA	TWRMER	3000.00	0	
TOTAL		3000.00	73,679.539	

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