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Over 162,000 Quintals of Food Aid Dispatched to Somali Region

A total of 162,075.84 quintals of food aid was dispatched to assist the needy in Somali Region during the month of December.

According to a report from Logistics Administration and Transport Co-ordination Department, out of a total of 232,582 quintals of food allocated for the region, 162,075.84 had already been transported from Dire Dawa Central warehouse of the DPPA to be distributed among the needy.



The food aid had been sent to Degehabour, Fik, Gode, Korahe and warder zones of Somali Region. The food consisted of grain, pulses, CSB and vegetable oil. Out of the total food aid dispatched to the region, Degehabour has received 48,716.23 qt of food ; Fik 20,135.36 qt, Gode 27,266.59 qt, Korahe 31,141.96 qt and Warder 34,815.70 qt of food.

Nutrition Status of Somali Region Better than Ever Before

There exist no serious child or adult malnutrition cases in Fik Zone of Somali Region, a DPPA- led assessment team disclosed.

A team composed of professionals drawn from DPPA, MoH, UNICEF, WHO, OCHA/ office for the co-ordination of Humanitarian Affairs, and DPFBS and HB of the region disclosed this after a rapid nutrition assessment it carried out in Fik and Hamero Woredas of Fik Zone from November 29- December 04, 2007.

In the debriefing session of the findings of the survey held on 25th December 2007 in DPPA Hall, the team disclosed to the Agency, different UN bodies in Ethiopia, and heads and representatives of pertinent government bodies and NGOs regarding especially children's physical condition related to nutrition and



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said that children were found in a better condition than they had ever been in the last four or five years.

In addition to this, the assessment team explained that they had indeed observed insufficient health professionals and capacity regarding health service delivery in many of the areas they visited in Fik Zone, especially in Hamero Wereda. However, the team said that the relief food being transported to the region's needy compatriots through DPPA is effectively

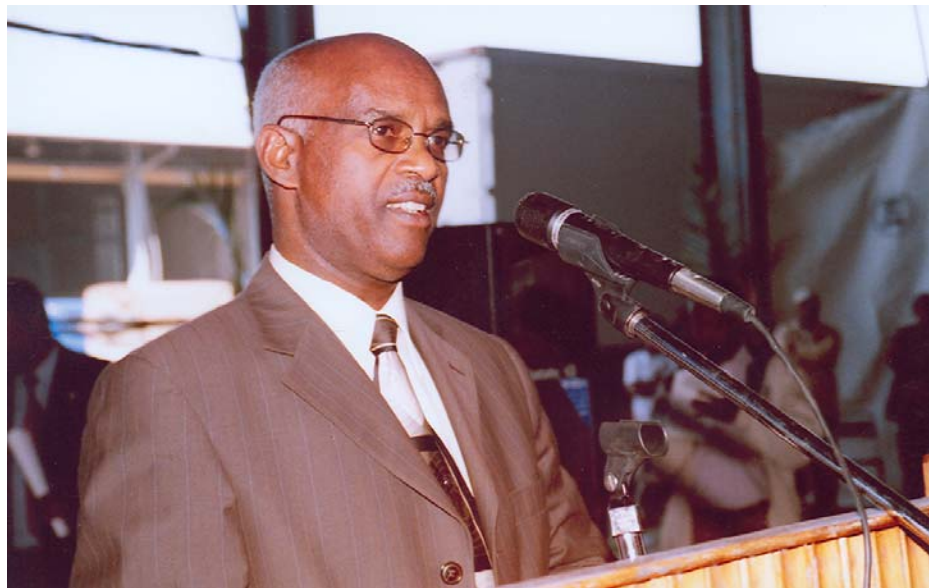
being apportioned through the distribution centers found in the weredas. In conclusion to the findings, the team highlighted that the food security condition of the zone in general has now stabilized and there is no shortage of pasture and water.

It is to be recalled that unfounded news was released by BBC last October saying that there existed severe malnutrition of children in Fik Zone of Somali Region.

DPPA and Organizations under its Umbrella Celebrated the Millennium

The Ethiopian Millennium celebrations have created the occasions to rise in a new spirit against the chronic food security problems and realize a prosperous Ethiopia by implementing government development policy and strategy, DPPA Director General said.

He underscored that the DPPA, since its establishment as a government institution thirty-four years ago, has played a vital role in saving the lives of compatriots affected by natural or man-made disasters. In this regard, he said, it has been successfully



This was said in a speech the Director General gave at the Millennium celebration attended by workers of the DPPA, Emergency Food Security Reserve Administration (EFSRA) and National Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Fund (DPPF) as well as invited guests and former employees of DPPA on December 16, 2007 in the Agency's Nifas Silk compound.

engaged in the delivery of emergency food and non-food supplies where needy beneficiaries are located. He said that top and mid-level management and staff members as well as employees at all levels of the organization who tirelessly serve their compatriots in the discharge of this noble responsibility of saving the lives of millions are living witnesses.

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Out of the 30 workers awarded for their meritorious service, 20 were elected by workers and 10 were chosen by the management. The procedure followed was first to nominate people from all departments and organizations under DPPA. Then a secret election process took place to



choose 15 people from DPPA, 4 from EFSRA and 1 from DPPF, making a total of 20. And according to suggestions by the Millennium Celebrations Coordinating Committee, the management chose 7 people from DPPA and 3 from EFSRA, a total of 10 people.

Besides these, the family of one man who lost his life while still working for the organization was given money and an employee who would be pensioned off was given a gold ring to serve as commemoration of the long years of dedicated service. A one-minute silence was also observed at the start of the celebration for those who had been working for the organization but who are now dead.

Employees received their awards and incentive money from Director General of DPPA, Simon Mechale, Deputy Director General Gebremedhin Belay and Director General of EFSRA, Sirak Hailu.

DPPA and its organizations' Millennium Celebrations Coordinating Committee Chairperson, Sisay Taddese, said, with regard to the aim of the celebrations, that DPPA is celebrating the millennium festival as part of the Ethiopian Millennium celebrations, with the motto, "For several years, as we acted in unison to assist the victims of disasters, let's work with a combined effort for the country to be self-sufficient in the new millennium."

In this connection, he went on to say that the occasion was time to thank

and appreciate the efforts of workers of DPPA and the organizations under it for their dedication and sacrifice and to pledge to do away with poverty by acting together in a new spirit and building our preparedness capacity in the new millennium.

Modern and cultural musicians drawn from Hager Fikir, Ras Theatre and City Hall and comedians contributed to the colorful celebration of the occasion in which more than 850 employees and guests were in attendance. On the occasion, Harar Beer S.C., Moha Beverages Nifa Silk Branch and B.G.I. Ethiopia played an important role by being sponsors and providing their products free of charge.

Nutrition Assessment Conducted in Regions and Refugee Camps



According to Emergency Nutrition Quarterly Bulletin of Emergency Nutrition Coordination Unit (Early Warning Department, DPPA), in the third quarter of 2007, seven standard nutrition surveys were conducted by various agencies in parts of SNNP and Oromia regions and six surveys were conducted by UNHCR in refugee camps in 4 regions of Ethiopia. In SNNP and Oromia 5 out of 7 surveys indicated a "typical" nutrition scenario with the prevalence of global acute malnutrition ranging between 1.1% (0.2%-2.1%) and 8.6% (6.1%-11.2%). However, in the

food security situation. In light of this Concern has ceased supporting MOH-CTC intervention but livelihoods interventions continue working with communities to improve access to safe water.

The ENCU Bulletin disclosed that the nutrition status in ELZ (Dale, Wensho & Aleta Wendo weredas in Sidama Zone) communities was classified as 'serious' based on the national guideline (DPPA, 2002). Since the current nutritional finding was obtained at the start of the hunger season, it was anticipated that the food security situ-



remaining two surveys the nutrition situation was found to be 'serious' with a reported GAM of 13.7% (10.2%-17.1%) in Dale, Wensho and Aleta Wendo weredas' Enset Livelihood Zone (ELZ), Sidama zone, SNNP and a GAM of 13.5% (8.4%-18.7%) reported from an exhaustive small scale survey conducted among pastoralists settled in Dire Wereda, Borena Zone, Oromia. The level of global acute malnutrition presented in the six surveys conducted in refugee camps ranged from a low of 4% (2.4%-5.6%) to a high of 13.5%.

Furthermore, the report noted that the prevalence of malnutrition in SNNPR in Welayta Zone (in Dugna Fango, Damot Weyide and Offa weredas) was the lowest recorded over the last 8 years, reflecting a series of good harvests recently and an improved

ation would further deteriorate especially in the coming two to three months. As per the findings, it was recommended to strengthen the existing food and nutrition interventions (food aid, CTC/OTP and EOS) with close follow up of the situation in the months ahead. The performance of the *meher* harvest can determine whether the hungry season is prolonged or not. Strengthening of routine EPI, strengthening the wereda capacity to treat and manage severe malnutrition by skills transfer and improving the availability and quality of drinking water was also recommended.

The level of acute malnutrition was low at 3.0% (1.8%-4.1%) GAM with adequate household food security, low mortality and morbidity rates, good measles and vitamin A cover-

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age in Sankura Wereda of Silte Zone. The food security indicators and coping strategies used at the time of the survey indicated that the food security situation was equivalent to a 'normal' year attributed to the good performance of the 2006 *meher* and 2007 *belg* harvests. Future food security will depend on the performance of the *kiremt* rains and the harvest of long cycle crops.

The prevalence of acute malnutrition at 8.6% (6.1%-11.2%) was considered 'normal' in Oromia Region in West Hararghe Zone in Daro Lebu Wereda. Overall, the food security and nutrition situation in the area was considered to be 'typical' in the Ethiopian context of food insecure areas such as Daro Lebu. Recommendations included strengthening of the ongoing programmes especially the PSNP, EOS and health services in particular routine EPI coverage. Improving the availability and quality of drinking water was also recommended.

The nutrition situation was rated as 'serious' with 13.5% GAM in Dilo & Megado settlement areas in Borena Zone of Oromia and in the presence of aggravating factors such as poor availability and accessibility of food and potable water, high occurrence of diarrhea and inadequate shelter. Key short term recommendations included providing timely general food rations in adequate quantity and quality, close monitoring of the situation and the delivery of the humanitarian assistance, providing water tinkering and rehabilitating any dysfunctional water points and conducting a measles vaccination campaign targeting all children aged between 9 months and 15 years who were not reached by a campaign for U5 children in May 2007.

In related joint activities by UNHCR, the Administration of Refuges and Returnees Affairs (ARRA) and WFP regular yearly monitoring of the health and nutrition situation of the refugee population was conducted in six camps located in four regions. Therefore, six nutrition surveys were

conducted in Sudanese, Somali and Eritrean refugee camps in Ethiopia between the 12th of May and the 31st of August 2007. Sudanese refugees in Fugnido (in Anyuak & Nuer sites) and Bonga in Gambella region and Sherkole camp in Beneshangul Gumuz Region; Somali Refugees in Kebribeyah in Somali Region; Eritrean refugees in Shimelba camp in Tigray. Exhaustive surveys were conducted in Fugnido (Anyuak site) and Shimelba while two-stage cluster surveys were conducted in Fugnido (Nuer), Bonga and Kebribeyah using the SMART methodology to calculate sample sizes.

The nutrition situation of the refugee population living in Bonga, Fugnido, and Sherkole camps was rated as 'poor' with global acute malnutrition ranging between 4.0% (2.4%-5.6%) and 9.7% (6.7%-12.7%) in the presence of aggravating factors such as insufficient food, poor housing and water/sanitation conditions, and lack of alternative livelihood strategies. In the remaining two camps (Shimelba and Kebribeyah) the nutrition situation was considered 'serious' with GAM estimated at 13.5% (exhaustive) and 10.4% (8.2%-12.7%) and in the presence of similar aggravating factors mentioned previously. Bonga camp was the only camp to present an improved nutrition situation with significantly reduced global acute nutrition prevalence from 8.6% in 2006 to 4.0% (2.4%-5.6%) in 2007. In the remaining five camps the situation had remained similar to the previous year.

Recommendations included strengthening of outreach services for better detection and management of malnourished cases, more effective sanitation, health and nutrition education, strict adherence to the standard feeding protocols, provision of iron supplementation for children under 5 years old (U5), proper handling of vaccination cards, developing a nutrition monitoring and surveillance system, growth monitoring promotion for U5 and improving the quality of CTC services.

Major Disasters and Responses (December 16-31, 2007)



Pests Oromia

Desert locust has invaded areas of Dilo, Das, Teltelie, Dire Mio and Arero weredas of Borena Zone. Measures are being taken but because of the extent of the invasion, the need for airplane to do the spraying of chemicals is paramount and is being requested.

In Yaya Gulelie Wereda of North Shewa zone, aphid and cut worm infestation of chick peas, vetch, wheat, and bean and lentil crops which occurred during the last few weeks (towards the end of November and the beginning of this month) on 1531 hectares has caused up to 55% damage and this is anticipated to reduce produce by 5091 quintals.

Fire Oromia

In Bokie Wereda of West Hararghe Zone, fire that broke out at 2 p.m. on December 9, 2007 destroyed 12 thatched houses and property worth birr 11,115.

Amhara

In Sahla Wereda of Waghimra Zone, 17 houses, 78.5 quintals of food grains, 24 beehives, 31 chickens and 8050 birr banknotes have been destroyed by fire while 2 people have sustained burns.

Fire has destroyed 6 thatched houses and property worth birr 65,000 as well as 3 stacks of wheat in Aregie locality Gondar Zuria Wereda of North Gondar Zone. In Ambachora locality also in the same wereda, fire has destroyed 2 houses and property the value of which is not known.

Source: Telephone reports from regions to information and documentation team.

Stock Status of EFSRA and Loan Repayment Schedule (MT)

(December 31, 2007)

Stock Status of EFSRA

MT

1.	Stock at hand	176,428.71
2.	Outstanding loans.....	202,094.12
3.	Under withdrawal	26,482.00
4.	Total	405,004.83



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Loan provision & repayment
(From January 01/2007 up to December 31, 2007)

Guarantor	Borrower	Qty. Provided on Loan (MT)	Qty. Repaid (MT)	Remark
WFP	WFP	25,696.00	*23,783.20	*Repayment receive from previous outstanding loans
WFP	DPPA	-	*16,390.96	>> >>
WFP	MoRAD	-	*10,504.66	>> >>
Sub-total		25,696.00	50,678.82	
EU	DPPA	-	*22,146.117	*Repayment receive from previous outstanding loans
EU	SOS	-	*1,402.45	>> >>
EU	WVE	1,866.825	2,240.14	>> >>
EU	REST	-	39.84	
Sub-total		1,866.825	25,828.547	
USAID	REST	-	*27,290.00	*Repayment receive from previous outstanding loans
USAID	FHE	10,000.00	5,147.99	>> >>
USAID	WVE	3,586.00	3,091.73	>> >>
Sub-total		13,586.00	35,556.72	>> >>
MoFED	EGTE	101,000.00	*24,925.24	*Repayment receive from previous outstanding loans
MoFED	FSCB	73,000.00	*49,010.93	>> >>
Sub-total		174,000.00	73,936.17	
SIDA/MoFED	DPPA		*196.76	*Repayment receive from previous outstanding loans
CFGB	EKHCD		*372.35	>> >>
CIDA	TWRMER	3,000.00	*2,106.62	>> >>
DPPA	DPPA		*5,442.84	>> >>
Sub-total		3,000.00	8,118.57	
Total		218,1488.825	194,118.82	

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