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Special Tombola Winners Awarded

The winners of the special tombola organized to solicit fund to support and rehabilitate flood victims have been awarded their respective prizes by the National Fund Raising Committee (NFRC) on June 19,2007.

The special tombola organized with the theme "let's reach out to our compatriots" handed out first prize to the number 0704551 to the winner from SNNPR, Guraghie Zone, Gumero Wereda, Arekit town whose name is Ato Belayneh Shewangizaw. The prize is 200 square meters of land in Addis Ababa and additional birr 200,000 for the construction of a house, which was handed over by Ato Simon Mechale chairman of the National Fund Raising Committee and Director General of DPPA.



Similarly, the second prize was awarded to the number 1404807 to the winner retired Captain Alemesged Kassahum from Debre Zeit town. The prize is 150 square meters of land in Addis Ababa and additional birr 100,000 for the construction of a house was handed over by Abune Paulos, patriarch of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church and member of the NFRC.

The 3rd and 4th prizes were handed over to Jilalo Bahjo in Addis Ababa and Ato Soje Nikos from Awasa respectively. The prizes were an Isuzu truck (3rd prize) and a Renault automobile (4th prize) which were handed over to the winners by members of the NFRC Abune Birhane Eyesus, Achbishop of the Catholic Church of Ethiopia and W/ro Ubah Mohammed state minister of Ministry of Women's Affairs.

At the outset of the handing over ceremony Ato Simon Mechale explained, with regard to various activities of the NFRC since its establishment, that during the first round of allotment birr 44 million has been sent to flood victims and the second round of allotment is being processed. This allotment does not include what has been collected by regions. The NFRC has also urged to make sure that pledges are kept and the proper efforts made to that end.

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



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Based on this common assent of the Committee and the Agency to this substantially sublime intention, they said that they had invited (requested) the four regions vulnerable to recurrent drought to come up with feasible project proposals prepared in accordance with the suggested term of references (TOR). Though the commit



In a press conference held in the DPPA's Hall on 18 June 2007, both the Agency and the Committee said that as per the agreements reached between the parties they decided to give the money the committee solicited from the public to the same natural disaster affected people in various parts of the country, i.e. to the last year's flood-hit regions: Dire Dawa, South Omo zone of SNNPR, Amhara and Somali.

They said that the food and non-food items (materials) which the committee solicited during the reported period had already been utilized for the intended purpose. But with regard to the raised money, they said, the committee found it better, instead of allocating it to the direct daily consumption of the needy, to plan to allocate the money to development projects that could bring about a lasting and meaningful change to the lives of the intended beneficiaries, especially to allocate it to those projects that could contribute to the country's ongoing food security programme.

tee had set directions for the preparation of the project that could contribute to the food security programme of the country and elected professionals to evaluate the feasibility of project proposals submitted by the regions, none of them could manage to produce a viable project proposal, it was explained. Therefore, due to this and other related reasons the fund, thus, remained unutilized, it was explained.

Eventually, after much discussion and consultative meetings over the matter, the Agency and the Committee together decided and agreed on the money to be apportioned among the above mentioned regions based on the extent and magnitude of the devastating flood that occurred during the rainy season of 2006 as per the damage caused to each region.

It was also mentioned that over three million birr pledged by various quarters for the same cause has remained uncollected due to various reasons.

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The assessment teams would conduct Belg season performance assessments in Belg growing areas of Tigray, Amhara, Oromiya and SNNP regions of 127 weredas and also pasture and water situation in pastoral areas of Afar and Somali Regions of around 50 weredas. In the Belg cropping parts of the country the teams will assess the Belg crop yield status, land preparation activities and market prices.

As learnt from the EWD; the objectives of the assessment are: to evaluate the performance of the Belg season and its impact on food security in the cropping areas; to assess the impacts of a particular disaster, if any; and to evaluate the extent to which

households could cope with their food shortage problems. In line with this, the teams would also identify areas where relief assistance might be needed in the coming six months due to acute problems and come up with reasonable estimates of the size of population needing relief assistance. Emergency needs from the regions will be addressed through verification assessments in line with the new approach adopted in 2007.

The information obtained from EWD disclosed that this year the Household Economy Approach (HEA) will be implemented in three Regions of Tigray, SNNP, and Somali. In the other remaining parts of the country, traditional existing assessment methodologies would be applied. Benshangul and Gambella regions will not be covered as they are not Belg dependent areas.

In the assessment, about 70 people participate in the teams drawn from DPPA, regional government offices, UN agencies, donors and NGOs .

More than 2,600 MT of Food Aid Allocated

DPPA has allocated 2,665.05 MT of food for regular emergency food aid for Oromia, SNNP, Amhara, Dire Dawa, Afar and Tigray regions for the month of June 2007.

According to reports from the Aid Programme Coordination and monitoring Department, Relief Coordination Team, 2,052.7 MT of grain, 62.05 MT of oil, 205.3 MT of pulses and 345 MT of supplementary

food has been allocated to these regions as per the magnitude of the problem and the number of beneficiaries.

Out of the total of 2,665.05 MT of food, 1,291.95 MT of food was allocated for Oromia, 788.8 MT for SNNPR, 168.7 MT for Dire Dawa, 145.1 MT for Afar, 136.8 MT for Amhara and 133.7 of food for Tigray.

Major Disasters and Responses (June 15 to June 30, 2007)

Floods caused Destruction

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According to the report, obtained from EWD in Humbo Wereda of Welaytia Zone, 6,768 people are affected by the flood, out of which 4,576 are displaced and have taken shelter among relatives in various places. And in Mirab Abaya Wereda, the report says, 601 people have been displaced and are sheltered in schools, police stations, health stations and some have been forced to live with their relatives. For the moment the regional government, the society and the churches are gathering and distributing relief assistance among the needy. In a related report, in Bonkie Wereda, 890 people are displaced by the flood.

There has been extensive destruction of property, considerable damage to crops and some damage to livestock.

The floods have also caused avalanches especially in Kacha Senga locality in Bonkie Wereda which caused significant destruction to property and crops while causing the death of livestock at the same time.

To mitigate the anticipated effects of the flood as per the National Meteorological Agency (NMA) Weather forecast and EWD of DPPA Alert on Flood Variability and Risks in 2007 in Ethiopia, Joint government and humanitarian partners flood contingency plan preparation has begun.

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

In a related report, in Bedeno, Girawa and Kersa weredas of East Hararghie Zone of Oromia region, heavy rains and hailstorms have caused damage to crops on 550 hectares of land. The crops have sustained 30 to 50% damage.

In Arbegona Wereda, of Sidama Zone of SNNPR hailstorms have caused damage to crops and property.

Signs of Malnutrition Oromia

In East Hararghie, signs of malnutrition are being observed on children. Those that are worse off have been sent for therapeutic feeding -19 children to Fedis and 32 to Bisidimo hospitals.

The same signs are being seen in Gemechis and Darolebu weredas of West Hararghie Zone.

Fire Oromia

In Weliso Wereda of South West Shewa Zone, fire has inflicted damage on property worth birr 200,000. The affected families have received clothing and household utensils from the Red Cross Society.

Amhara

In Ebnat Wereda of South Gondar Zone, fire has destroyed houses belonging to 100 heads of households. The extent of damage is under investigation. However, the region is giving emergency aid to the affected.



Stock Status of EFSRA and Loan Repayment Schedule (MT)

(June 25, 2007)

Stock Status of EFSRA		MT
1.	Stock at hand	186,089.74
2.	Outstanding loans.....	151,102.09
3.	Under withdrawal	67,813.00
4.	Total	405,004.83

Guarantor	Borrower	Qty. Provided on Loan (MT)	Qty. Repaid (MT)	Remark
WFP	WFP	17,696.00	*14,600.24	*Repayment receive from previous outstanding loans
WFP	DPPA	-	*16,204.117	>> >>
WFP	MRAD	-	*10,469.760	>> >>
Sub-total		17,696.00	41,274.117	
EU	DPPA	-	*22,146.116	*Repayment receive from previous outstanding loans
EU	SOS	-	*1,402.45	>> >>
EU	WVE	1,866.825	1,341.61	>> >>
Sub-total		1,866.825	24,889.776	
USAID	REST	-	*27,290.00	*Repayment receive from previous outstanding loans
USAID	FHE	5,000.00	1,294.69	>> >>
USAID	WVE	3,586.00	2,176.74	>> >>
Sub-total		8,586.00	30,760.83	>> >>
MOFED	EGTE	20,000.00	5,348.25	*Repayment receive from previous outstanding loans
MOFED	FSCB	73,000.00	-	>> >>
Sub-total		93,000.00	5,348.25	
SIDA/MoFED	DPPA		*196.76	*Repayment receive from previous outstanding loans
CFGB	EKHCD		*372.35	>> >>
CIDA	TWRMER	3,000.00	*2105.04	>> >>
DPPA	DPPA		2,481.96	>> >>
Sub-total		3,000.00	5156.11	
Total		124,148.825	107,429.96	