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## Humanitarian Aid in Somali Region Improving

The humanitarian aid underway in Somali Region is progressing in a way which is better than ever before.

This was disclosed on November 23, 2007 when DPPA Director General Ato Simon Mechale held a talk on humanitarian operation in Somali Region in his office with United State Aid for International Development Administrator Ms Henrietta Fore.

He said to the delegation that, although there had been transport related constraints, the government, jointly with partners and donors, is coordinating and leading the humanitarian operation to expedite assistance to the needy.

He also added that because of the stability that now exists in the region, it has been possible to transport 9,100 MT of food aid in just three weeks which would otherwise take 2 months to do the same job. The Director General made men-



tion of the work done by members of the Ministry of Defense in escorting as well as transporting assistance .

Head of the delegation, Ms Fore said that her government had so far unreservedly supported the humanitarian effort in Ethiopia and they have come now to know more about matters regarding the humanitarian assistance to Somali Region so that they can discuss ways on how the United States Government can support the assistance.

Members of the delegation and DPPA Director General have discussed aid transportation and distribution as well as other related matters concerning the humanitarian operation in the region.

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

## A Reliable Controlling Mechanism Put in Place for Somali Region Relief Food Aid Distribution.



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collaboration with the Joint Monitoring Team already there in the region for this same purpose. With regard to this, the vice chief also said that in addition to the joint monitoring and execution of effective distribution of the food, these offices and UN bodies have also responsibilities to facilitate conditions for safe and quick transportation of the food aid. The vice chief



Vice chief of DPP and Food Security Bureau of the Region, Abdullahi Mohammed, in a statement he gave to a DPPA Public Relations team member who was present in the Region, explained that in order to protect the food aid from any possible damage or illegal act during transportation to those who are identified as seeking food aid in different zones of the Region and make it reach them in time, the regional government has established food distribution status monitoring committees at both kebele and woreda levels based on the agreement reached in consultation with the administrative bodies at different levels, clan leaders and the communities.

The vice chief also explained that in order to effectively discharge their responsibilities, the DPPA-led committees composed of members drawn from pertinent federal government offices and UN bodies are working in

further explained that there exists a continuous radio and telephone communication with an action force composed of members drawn from concerned regional bureaus, which is established at regional level to follow-up the performances of the teams; and that when found necessary continuous physical follow-up and monitoring activities would also be carried out.

Regarding the protection of the food aid from possible damage or illegal act, the vice chief said that the food aid transportation is escorted by defense forces all the way from where the food is loaded up to the station where it is unloaded. The vice chief added that the Regional Government is closely working with the defense forces.

Regarding the amount of food aid transported so far, the vice chief said that since the start of food transporta-

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tion on October 30, 2007 up to November 18, 2007, i.e. in two weeks period, out of the 174,070 quintals of food aid allocated to Fik, Gode, Korahe, Degahabour and Warder zones, 73,583 quintals has already been transported. This is 42% and shows that the distribution of food aid is done in a timely and effective manner more than any other time before.

The vice chief went on to say that,

based on the evidence-proved information received from the region, and also taking into consideration the necessity of prepositioning of food because of the rains in the Region at this time, due emphasis was given to transportation of the food aid to the distribution centers as immediately as possible. The food that has already arrived at the distribution centers is being apportioned among the needy, the vice chief added.

## Teams Dispatched to Study Pre-Harvest Meher and Pastoral Area Situations

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Gumuz and Gambella regions. The teams gather information on the amount of harvest, market situation, tilled land, disasters that may have occurred, human and animal health,



Personnel drawn from federal and regional disaster prevention and preparedness offices as well as World Food Programme and NGOs were briefed on November 16, 2007 in DPPA conference hall before being sent to crop producing and pastoral areas in all regions of the country.

The study teams will use the conventional as well as the new approach to conduct their studies during their field visits. The conventional approach will be used in Oromia, Benshangul

population, etc. and they hold discussions with administrative bodies to assess what harm could follow. In places such as Tigray, Amhara, SNNPR, Afar and Somali where baseline surveys had already been conducted the New approach will be used to carry out the study. Information on crop produce, income, animal and animal products, cultivated land, small-scale income generation, local potential, cattle prices, land tenure is used to evaluate situations.

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In this one-day regional consultative and workshop in which concerned Federal DPPA officials and sector offices found in Oromia Region took part, the proposed framework of the revised policy was presented for discussion.

oughly discuss why it was found necessary to revise the policy, policy revision processes, general concepts of disaster and others.

It was also learnt that, based on questions asked by workshop participants, in depth explanations were given about the policy revision in addition to discussions which were conducted based on prevalent situations in Oromia Region and using ideas believed to form part of the pro-



The proposed framework of the revised policy consists of outlines, objectives and guiding principles as well as surveying past disaster concerns in Ethiopia and disaster management experiences. In addition to this it was learnt that the strong and weak points of the policy now in practice were assessed.

posed policy to serve as in-put after being cited by workshop participants.

The consultative workshop was previously conducted in Bahir Dar, Mekele, Semera, Dire Dawa and Awasa and it was learnt efforts will be made for similar workshops to be conducted in future to help further enhance the proposed policy.

In this consultative workshop, among other things, time was taken to thor-

## Over 12 ,000 MT of Food Aid Dispatched to Somali Region

A total of 12,417.58 MT tons of food aid was dispatched to assist the needy in Somali Region during the months of October and November.

According to a report from the Aid Programmes Coordination and Monitoring Department, out of a total of 19,859.5 MT allocated for the region, 12,417.58 had already been sent for distribution among the needy.

The food aid had been sent to five zones; namely, Fik, Gode, Korahe, Degehabur and Warder. The food consisted of grain, pulses, CSB and vegetable oil. Fik has received 1,499.94 MT of food; Gode, 2,674.64 MT; Korahe, 2,491.696 MT; Degehabur, 2,811.51 MT and Warder, 2,939.79 MT of food.

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# Major Disasters and Responses

## (November 16 - 30, 2007)



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### **Pests** **Oromia**

In 7 weredas of North Shewa Zone, pest infestation is being witnessed on various crops. Thus, in Abichugna Wereda, crops on 642 hectares of land have sustained 5-55% damage; in Kuyu Wereda, a crop on 157 hectares of land has sustained 73-100% damage and in Yaya Gulelie, Wuchalie, Debre Libanos, Dera and Degem weredas damage has been caused the extent of which is not yet known.

In Abichugna Wereda of North Shewa Zone, pest infestation caused 45% damage of a bean crop on 294 hectares of land.

In Raitu and Dawi Serer weredas of Bale Zone, a swarm of locusts has infested crops. A study team has been dispatched to assess the situation.

### **Frost** **Oromia**

In North Shewa, frost caused damage to "teff", bean, and nigger seed crops towards the end of November 2007.

In Mullo Wereda, frost again caused 10% damage to wheat crop on 16 hectares of land on November 21, 2007. And in Abichugna Wereda, the same phenomenon caused 55% damage to "teff" crop on 477 hectares of land.

### **Tigray**

In Dega Temben, African boll worm has caused infestation of crops on 628 hectares of land and the damage is from 30-50%. 1889 heads of households are affected, but measure to prevent the spread of the infestation is being taken.

### **SNNPR**

In 12 localities, in Cheha Wereda of South Guraghie Zone, "teff" worm infestation has occurred and measures are being taken to eradicate the worm by spraying it with a chemical pesticide. The effort has shown a good result.

### **Wind** **Oromia**

In Jimma Horo Wereda of Kelem Wellega Zone, a powerful wind that occurred on November 15, 2007 caused 75% damage to 5 hectares of sesame, 45 hectares of sorghum, 91.5 hectares of millet, 7 hectares of red pepper, 6.5 hectares of peanut, 9.5 hectares of haricot bean and 10 hectares of sugar beat.

### **Fire** **Oromia**

In Gedeb Asasa wereda of West Arsi Zone, fire destroyed a house and killed 4 people. Two are hospitalized. The extent of damage on property is not fully known.

### **Amhara**

In Delenta Wereda of South Wello Zone, a fire whose cause is unknown has destroyed a number of houses.

### **Rain** **Oromia**

In Anfelu Wereda of Kelem Wellega Zone, a hailstorm caused 55% destruction of coffee crops on 2442 hectares on November 10, 2007 affecting 240 heads of households.

In Jimma Horo Wereda of Kelem Wellega Zone, heavy rain that fell on November 13, 2007 destroyed 4 blocks of school building worth birr 49,320. The school was used by resettled people.



### SNNPR

In Masha Wereda of Sheka Zone, a windy hailstorm that occurred on 28th November 2007 damaged crops that were being harvested.

### Landslide Amhara

In Simada Wereda of South Gondar Zone, a landslide damaged several kinds of crop on 16 hectares of land besides damaging 9 hectares of grazing land and a considerable amount of common land.

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

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

(November 27, 2007)

### Stock Status of EFSRA

MT

1.	Stock at hand .....	177,765.68
2.	Outstanding loans.....	201,907.15
3.	Under withdrawal .....	25,332.00
4.	Total .....	405,004. 83

### Loan provision & repayment

(From January 01/2007 up to November 27, 2007)

Guarantor	Borrower	Qty.Provided on Loan (MT)	Qty. Repaid (MT)	Remark
WFP	WFP	19,127.00	*8,353.16	*Repayment receive from previous outstanding loans
WFP	DPPA	-	*16,204.117	>> >>
WFP	MoRAD	-	*10,469.760	>> >>
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>19,127.00</b>	<b>35,027.037</b>	
EU	DPPA	-	*22,146.117	*Repayment receive from previous outstanding loans
EU	SOS	-	*1,402.45	>> >>
EU	WVE	1,866.825	1,884.26	>> >>
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>1,866.825</b>	<b>25,432.827</b>	
USAID	REST	-	*27,290.00	*Repayment receive from previous outstanding loans
USAID	FHE	5,000.00	5,000.00	>> >>
USAID	WVE	3,586.00	2,781.74	>> >>
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>8,586.00</b>	<b>35,071.74</b>	>> >>
MoFED	EGTE	45,000.00	*14,573.88	*Repayment receive from previous outstanding loans
MoFED	FSCB	73,000.00	*49,010.93	>> >>
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>118,000.00</b>	<b>63,584.81</b>	
SIDA/MoFED	DPPA		*196.76	*Repayment receive from previous outstanding loans
CFGB	EKHCD		*372.35	>> >>
CIDA	TWRMER	3,000.00	*2,105.04	>> >>
DPPA	DPPA		*2,481.96	>> >>
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>3,000.00</b>	<b>5156.11</b>	
<b>Total</b>		<b>149,148.825</b>	<b>138516.49</b>	