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Over 137,000 MT of Food Distributed in the Past Fiscal Year

● 218,000 MT of food transported through the Agency for PSNP

A total of over 137,000 MT of food aid had been dispatched and distributed to drought and flood victims while over 218,000 MT of food was transported through the agency for Productive Safety-net Programme (PSNP) beneficiaries in the past fiscal year.

According to the Agency's annual plan implementation and performance report, during the fiscal year out of the total of 137,496 MT of food aid, 127,696 MT of food has been apportioned to drought victims and in support of compatriots of flood victims, 9,800 MT of food was distributed. Additional 218,714 MT of food



was transported through the Agency to 6 regions to implement the Productive Safety-net Programme. The amount which was sent to flood victims did not include contributions by regions and NGOs.

The report indicated that the Early Warning Department of the DPPA had conducted 34 Disaster and nutrition studies in 87 wereddas of 29 zones belonging to 9 regions in the cropping, pastoral and agro-pastoral areas. In line with the findings and recommendations of the studies the necessary measures were taken. The types of disasters that occurred in the country were 56% drought induced food shortages, 29% flooding and 15% hailstorms, landslides and others.

A regular assessment had also been conducted in both the cropping and pastoral areas to determine the food security situation in the country in 2007. The teams comprised of experts drawn from the Agency, Federal and Regional Government offices, UN-agencies, donors and NGOs. According to the study 1.36 million beneficiaries were found needing 150,580 MT of food aid and the net amount had become 88,172 MT when food in reserve was taken into account. This meant USD 50,303,965.

During the fiscal year, however, 80,316MT of food aid was obtained. For non-

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food requirements; i.e., health and nutrition, water and sanitation, agriculture, capacity building and animal health, a total of USD 38,373,807 was made available by donors, the report disclosed.

In addition to the over Birr 56,000,000 obtained from fund raising activities and contributed by Ethiopians, the Diaspora and friends of Ethiopia and in addition to the money obtained from "a birr to a compatriot," Fund Raising Committee that was established to solicit fund for drought victims in 2002/2003 amounting to Birr 8.2 million which was now allocated after considering the magnitude of disaster in the flood devastated areas across the country, the National Fund Raising Committee had allocated Birr 29,220,797.97 to Dire Dawa, Birr 15,356,000 to South Omo in the SNNP, Birr 6,582,493.51 to Amhara and Birr 5,851,904.36 to Somali Region to be used in prioritized rehabilitation activities.

The Ministry of Health had allocated Birr 10,025,714 to prevent flood related diseases that may affect people. Medicines and equipment worth Birr 18,077,576 was additionally distributed to flood affected regions. With regard to emergency seeds, areas affected by floods received more than 1,800 MT of seeds, more than 4,000 hand tools as well as medicines for animals.

The annual plan implementation and performance report underscored that the DPPA had repeatedly issued flood alert reports to the pertinent bodies and the general public to create awareness and to take the necessary measures to reduce the effects of the sudden flood that may occur. It had also distributed thousands of household utensils, blankets, plastic sheets and 400,000 sacks to be used to divert and break the force of oncoming water. Moreover, an estimated Birr 1,167,530 worth of materials for emergency water supply purposes were sent to flooded areas.

Over 81,000 People Affected by Floods

A total of 81,713 people in 5 regions are affected by flooding caused by the main rains so far this year.

The regions affected by flooding this year are SNNPR, Afar, Oromiya, Gambella, Amhara and Tigray until now.

The flooding, according to DPPA's



Early Warning Department report, affected 23 weredas and 18 zones of 5 regions. Out of a total population of 81,713 affected in the 23 weredas 48,029 people are displaced while those who died due to flooding is 9.

In SNNPR 34,712 people are affected and 8,423 are displaced, in Gambella 20,689 are affected and 19,289 displaced while in Amhara 11,163 are affected and 6,792 displaced and in Afar 10,084 are affected and 8,460



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displaced. In Oromiya 3,768 are affected and displaced while in Tigray 1,297 are affected and the same people are displaced.

The flooding started earlier in June this year in the SNNPR while in

Amhara the effect was first felt in July 2007, much earlier than last year's flooding, but so far the extent of flooding does not compare with 2006 when over 600 people died and about 600,000 people were displaced.

Over 12,500 MT of Food Aid Dispatched for the Month of July

A total of 12,580.75 MT food aid was dispatched to the regions to be apportioned among needy compatriots in the month of July.

The information obtained from the Aid Programmes Coordination and Monitoring Department, 10,247.5 MT of grain, 312.6 MT of oil, 1,110.15 MT of pulses and 910.5 MT of supplementary food was allocated to Amhara, SNNP, Dire Dawa,

Benshangul Gumuz, Gambella, Afar, Tigray, Oromia and Somali regions.

Out of the total of 12,580.75 MT of food aid, 9,611.9 MT was allocated to Somali Region, 1,061.1 MT to Oromia, 578.25 MT to Amhara, 511.4 MT to Gambella, 359.4 MT to Afar, 174.7 MT to SNNPR, 168.7 MT to Dire Dawa, 133.7 MT to Tigray and 22.3 MT to Benshangul Gumuz.

US - Government Donated Plastic Boats

The United States Government, through the U.S Agency for International Development's (USAID) office of U.S Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA), donated 16 inflatable rubber zodiac boats, motors, and accessories on August 31, 2007.

during the current rainy season in Ethiopia may have even more devastating effects in flood-prone areas than they did last year, the aid is of great value.

The contribution by the U.S Government is a part of an effort led



The donation which included 160 life-vests, 1,100 rolls of plastic sheeting and 2,500 wool blankets is worth U.S \$ 825,354, it was said.

At this moment when the national climate forecasts say that heavy rains

by the Government of Ethiopia in partnership with the DPPA, United Nations children's Fund (UNICEF), donors and non-governmental organizations, to more efficiently and quickly respond to future flooding through a national 2007 flood contingency plan.

Agency Employees Transplanted Seedlings



Active public participation that has brought about rapid economic growth shall be demonstrated in ensuring good governance!

Over 500 employees of DPPA and of EFSRA and NDPPF offices administered under the Agency, transplanted indigenous tree seedlings in Ankocho park found in Yeka sub city under the Millennium "Two Trees for 2000" project on July 29, 2007.

DPPA Director General Simon Mechale, in the speech he made on the occasion mentioned that at this moment when the problem of drought is becoming a global issue and which is especially worrisome to African countries, it is of vital importance to

participation of the DPPA employees, who are always at the fore front during times of disaster, to make the tree seedlings transplanting program a success shows that they have thoroughly understood the problem for which they should be deservedly praised. He, thus, expressed his hope that all employees will set an example by providing necessary care for the transplanted tree seedlings.

DPPA's Millennium celebration coordinator, Sisay Taddese, on his part said that DPPA employees have



consider the tree planting as a worthwhile concern of ours. Because, he said, the program is not only the basis of development and progress but also the basis of existence for both the present and the coming generations.

Director General, Simon Mechale, also stressed that such active participation of the employees is equally important in the protection and provision of necessary care for the transplanted tree seedlings in order to enable them pass down to the next generation as a cultural heritage.

Kiros H/Sellasie, Director General of the Addis Ababa Millennium Secretariat, who was present on the occasion, on his part said that no one else is expected to know better than DPPA's employees about the negative consequences of deforestation. Therefore, he said, this active partici-

always been present in all areas where disasters occur, facing serious and challenging conditions to help their compatriots. So today also their participation in the "Two Trees for 2000" tree planting project shows their strong determination to protect the natural environment, he said.

Finally Sisay said, " In order to restore the natural forest resources and be able to pass down a healthy and green environment to the next generation, we all need to contribute our share towards the protection of the transplanted tree seedlings and preservation of them as a heritage as well"

On this tree seedlings transplanting program that took place for the second time and where over 550 DPPA employees participated over 2,000 tree seedlings were planted. In a sim-

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ilar Millennium tree planting program organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and that took place earlier in Holeta in

July 22, 2007 over 500 employees of DPPA, EFSRA and NDPPF had also participated and transplanted over 3,000 tree seedlings.

Major Disasters and Responses (September 1-15,2007)

Landslides Oromia

In Ketketo locality in Meta Robi Wereda of West Shewa Zone, a landslide destroyed 20 houses, crops on 109 hectares of land, 36 hectares of forest and pasture including 15 quintals of teff and 15 quintals of sorghum along with 11 head of cattle which were buried as a result of this disaster.

In Werejarso Wereda of North Shewa Zone, a landslide that occurred on July 18, 2007 killed a man and 62 domestic animals. Two hectares of pasture land was put out of use, too. And in Lantu Welerghi locality of the same wereda, avalanches that occurred on 19th August 2007 caused damage the extent of which is under investigation.

In Debre Libanos Wereda of North Shewa Zone, an avalanche of great magnitude occurred and the extent of damage caused by it is under study.

Tigray

A landslide occurred on a 2600 square meters of land when it rained heavily in Indachewa peasant association of Were'ileh.

SNNPR

In Matabelash locality in Kindo Didaye Wereda of Welayta Zone, an avalanche which occurred on 15/8/07 killed 7 people and seriously injured a child. As one locality is in eminent danger, it has become necessary to suggest that the people in the locality evacuate the area.

Flood Update

In Algena Turo localities in Fentale

Wereda of East Shewa Zone in Oromiya Regional state, flooding was witnessed on 10 hectares of planted plots of land and the extent of damage is being studied.

In Abichu, Degem, Derra and Aleltu weredas of North Shewa Zone in the same region, floods have caused up to 100% damage to crops covering 258 hectares of land. 43 domestic animals were also washed away by the floods and 464 heads of families have been affected.

In Awash Fentale of Zone 3 in Afar Region, the Bulga River overflowed its banks and breached the Kessem Dam and inundated Sabure, Dewi and Boloyita localities as a result of which 1500 people are displaced. A team sent to the area confirmed the crisis and assistance dispatched to the area has reached the affected.

In Buremodaitu and in 6 localities of Gewane Wereda, the flood waters of the Awash River have damaged animals and displaced people. A team has been sent to the affected areas.

In Galifaghe locality in Asayita Wereda of Zone 1, 23 houses and property have been inundated along with farmlands, pastures and a clinic which used to serve the local people. No harm has come to anybody.

SNNPR

In Hadiya Zone, Lafte and Gudera rivers overflowed their banks on August 20, 2007 and flooded 24 localities of Sheshego Wereda. And in Mito area of Wejegu Yato locality in Alaba Special Wereda, there was flooding a few days ago and the extent of damage is under investigation.



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Volcano Afar

In Teru Wereda of Zone 4, a volcanic eruption occurred on 12th August 2007 and displaced 2160 people from Nemehara and Digdiga localities killing 5 people, 53 camels and 1216 goats. An additional 100 camels from Digdiga have disappeared. The eruption was accompanied with fumes that cause ill-

ness and contaminate water points a part of which have dried up as a result of the eruption. Moreover, the same wereda is experiencing diarrhoea and vomiting and it is feared that people displaced by the volcano will be exposed to the outbreak. Reports concerning the situation were sent to the FDPPA and assistance was being transported to the affected.

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

Stock Status of EFSRA and Loan Repayment Schedule (MT)

(August 20, 2007)

Stock Status of EFSRA		MT
1.	Stock at hand	104,603.92
2.	Outstanding loans.....	225,497.91
3.	Under withdrawal	74,903.00
4.	Total	405,004.83

Loan provision & repayment

(From January 01/2007 up to August 20, 2007)

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	MoRAD	-	*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	1,884.26	>> >>
Sub-total		1,866.825	25,432.426	
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	>> >>
Sub-total		8,586.00	35,071.74	>> >>
MoFED	EGTE	45,000.00	5,348.25	*Repayment receive from previous outstanding loans
MoFED	FSCB	73,000.00	2,547.11	>> >>
Sub-total		118,000.00	7,895.36	
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		149,148.825	114,830.03	