



NATIONWIDE FLOOD UPDATE

Flooding continues to pose a risk as alarming increases in dam and river water levels are reported. Preliminary figures indicate that approximately 103,000 people have been affected, of which an estimated 20,000 are displaced in Afar, Amhara, Tigray, SNNP and Gambella regions. The majority of the affected population – 37 percent, is in SNNPR. DPPA has dispatched a total of 1,121 tonnes of relief food for approximately 60,600 flood affected people in the country. USAID/OFDA has donated 16 boats, which will replenish DPPA and UNICEF stocks and will be deployed to flood prone areas. Meanwhile, DPPA-led joint verification assessment missions are being conducted in Amhara, SNNP and Afar regions.

Flooding occurred in 15 kebeles of North and South Gondar, North Wollo, North Shoa, and Oromiya zones in Amhara Region, affecting approximately 8,500 people of which more than 4,600 are displaced. As the water level of Lake Tana continues to rise, there are concerns that more people from the surrounding woredas could be displaced. This year flooding has also occurred in normally non-flood prone areas, including Quara and Kobo, increasing flood water area coverage. A regional flood contingency plan is being finalized to address emergency and early recovery requirements of an estimated 78,000 people expected to be affected in the region. The regional flood emergency coordination forum and woreda sectoral taskforces have been reactivated to enhance better preparedness and response. Flood early warning messages have already been communicated and precautionary measures have been taken including evacuation of at risk communities and relocation of livestock to higher grounds. For further information contact: ocha-eth@un.org, wfp.addisababa@wfp.org & kmcdonald@unicef.org

AWD: SERIOUS CONCERN IN TIGRAY AND AMHARA REGIONS

While a total of 72 woredas from Oromiya, Amhara, Tigray, SNNP, Afar and Somali regions reported Acute Watery Diarrhoea (AWD) cases during the week, the most alarming spread is in Amhara and Tigray regions. Since mid-July, a total of 1,133 cases with 17 deaths have been reported in Kafta Humera woreda in Western Tigray zone. DPPA has allocated 193 tonnes of relief food and dispatch is ongoing. In Amhara Region, flooding has exacerbated the spread of the disease particularly in Qura, Harbro and Gubalafto woredas. UNICEF is providing professional and technical support and has given 300 kg chlorine to MSF-Holland in Tigray Region. For further information contact: who-wro@et.afro.int & kmcdonald@unicef.org

UPDATE ON FOOD MOVEMENT TO SOMALI REGION & PREPARATION FOR A UN HUMANITARIAN MISSION

Relief food allocated for June has begun to reach Korahe and Gode zones, Somali Region. According to WFP sub-offices, five trucks carrying 190 of the 649 tonnes of food allocated for Gode woreda have arrived. In addition, an unconfirmed amount has also reached Kebridehar town in Korahe zone. Approximately, 3,000 tonnes of June's relief food allocation to the five military operational zones has not yet been dispatched. Meanwhile, trucks loaded in Dire Dawa are awaiting military escorts to resume dispatches to distribution points. Food security, however, continues to be of concern related to limited commercial food deliveries and continued suspension of livestock trade. While in recent weeks, some commercial food has reached urban areas in the military operational zones, prices of such basic commodities as rice and sugar remain high. A United Nations humanitarian monitoring and assessment mission to the region is currently under preparation, which is planned to take place during the first week of September. For further information contact: wfp.addisababa@wfp.org

DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPLEMENTARY FOOD ONGOING

Despite outstanding pipeline shortfalls, distribution of supplementary food under the Enhanced Outreach Strategy (EOS)/ Targeted Supplementary Feeding (TSF) programme is underway. Delays in local food production have, however, hindered distribution in some areas. A total of 7,363 tonnes of food has been distributed in hotspot areas of Bona woreda in Sidama zone; Humbo, Bolososore and Doyogena woredas in Kambata Tembaro zone; Meskan woreda in Gurage zone; and Silti woredas in Silti zone. In Oromiya Region, distributions have been completed in Arsi, West and East Hararghe, Borena, Bale and Shewa zones. Further distribution in the remaining zones of Oromiya and Amhara Region (1,790 tonnes) will be completed by mid-September. For further information: wfp.addisababa@wfp.org