



FLOOD UPDATE

Following heavy rainfall particularly in the western part of the country, the risk for further flooding remains high. Approximately 136,000 people in Amhara, Afar, Gambella, SNNP and Tigray are currently affected by flooding, of which 36,000 are displaced. In Amhara Region, the displaced population is increasing, particularly in Libo Kemkem and Dera woredas of South Gondar zone. This has increased pressure in the temporary shelters with high congestion creating a serious threat for communicable diseases, including Acute Watery Diarrhoea (AWD). In SNNPR, flooding has affected 38,742 people in eight woredas. While the displaced population in the region is smaller than anticipated as a result of better preparedness, three temporary shelters- Delegmore, Dibba and Selegn, have been established. Increased water levels of the Omo River caused by heavy rainfall in the west and central highlands could lead to more flooding in the region.

To date, DPPA has dispatched 1,194 tonnes of food for more than 65,000 flood affected people. In Amhara Region, UNICEF has pre-positioned four boats in preparation of rescue operations and has provided 371,305 water purification sachets and 4,575 bottles of water guard for more than 5,500 people for two months. Moreover, two EMWAT kits and 4,109 jerry cans have been dispatched to the region by the agency. Ethiopian Red Cross has provided food and non-food assistance to flood victims in three woredas of Amhara, Awassa (SNNP), Gambella and Addis Ababa. Meanwhile, in Gambella, approximately 3,000 people have been able to return home due to receding flood waters. Contact: ocha-eth@un.org, wfp.addisababa@wfp.org & kmcdonald@unicef.org

HUMANITARIAN MISSION TO SOMALI REGION

A United Nations humanitarian mission led by the Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) departed to Somali Region on 30 August. The United Nations team will focus on assessing the current humanitarian situation and needs of the population, in particular, the level of access to food, water, health and nutrition services, as well as the livelihood situation of vulnerable populations in the areas of the region affected by the current security operations. The team will also monitor the dispatches and distributions of emergency food aid to targeted beneficiaries. The mission includes staff from UNICEF, FAO, WFP, WHO, UN Department of Safety and Security, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and OCHA. For more information contact: ocha-eth@un.org

UPDATE ON SOMALI DISPATCHES

Approximately 54 percent of June's food allocation has been transported to areas that are under military operation in Somali Region. Dispatches to Fik zone are ongoing- 15 percent of the 810 tonnes of allocated food has now left. Food distributions have also been undertaken in four food distribution points (FDP) in Degehabur woreda; while distributions are expected to start in the remaining 16 FDP shortly. Furthermore, food has reportedly been distributed in all the ten FDPs of Gashamo woreda and some distributions have taken place in Degehamedo woreda. WFP also reports that distributions are ongoing in Gode town and are expected to be finalized shortly. For more information contact: wfp.addisababa@wfp.org

AWD UPDATE

AWD remains of concern with cases being reported from Amhara, SNNP, Oromiya, Tigray, Somali and Afar regions. In Amhara Region, cases were reported during the week from 10 woredas in North Gonder and North Wollo zones. UNICEF has provided four CTC kits and 10 essential drug kits as well as 990,000 ETB to support the region's effort in control and prevention of AWD. To date, approximately 2,000 cases have been reported in Tigray Region with the majority of cases among daily labourers in Humera woreda. As part of the emergency response, the regional government has deployed 80 health workers to affected areas. Twenty operational CTCs have also been established in the worst affected woreda- Kafta Humera while one CTC has been established in Tsegedie woreda. The Ministry of Health has sent Ringer Lactate to Humera woreda. UNICEF also provided medical and WES supplies and WFP has dispatched maize to affected woredas. Cases also continue to be reported in Alaba and Kembata-Tembaro zones in SNNPR. In Oromiya, cases are reported from seven zones with particular concern in East Arsi zone. Meanwhile, unconfirmed cases were reported from Shegosh woreda of Kebridahar zone in Somali Region during the week. Contact: who-wro@et.afro.int & kmcdonald@unicef.org

UPDATE ON TSF DISTRIBUTION

Distribution of Targeted Supplementary Food (TSF) for beneficiaries identified by the Enhanced Outreach Strategy (EOS) is underway. Prioritization of the most food insecure areas including East and West Hararge zones as well as some woredas in Arsi and Bale zones continues. To date, 6,612 tonnes of food has been distributed in SNNPR covering 88 percent of the total beneficiaries. In Amhara Region, 68 percent of the total allocation has been distributed. In Dire Dawa, distributions have been completed and 50 percent have been finalized in Harari Region. Meanwhile, 84 percent of the total allocation of 4,688 tonnes has been distributed in Oromiya Region. For more information contact: kmcdonald@unicef.org & wfp.addisababa@wfp.org