

**OCHA Situation Report No. 6
Flooding in Ethiopia's Somali region**

This report is based on information received from OCHA Ethiopia¹.

Situation

1. A Joint Government and Humanitarian Partner Emergency Flood Appeal that seeks a total of US \$7,006,063 to meet the emergency non-food requirements and the medium-term rehabilitation needs of the flood affected in Somali Region was launched on Thursday 23 November. The United Nations has immediately stepped forward by applying for more than US\$ 2.6 million to the relief effort through its Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF).
2. Approximately, US\$ 6.3 million has been requested for the immediate non-food response including shelter, non-food items, essential medicines, seed assistance, livestock interventions and water supplies. An additional US\$ 679,899 is required for medium term rehabilitation interventions such as the restoration of damaged rural and urban water infrastructure.
3. The situation in the flood affected areas of Somali Region remains critical. Accessibility is improving but remains a challenge as light rains are forecast. The road between Kelafo and Gode remains unchanged; some trucks are still stuck in the mud, blocking the road for others. Road accessibility from Kelafo to Mustahil is reported to be improving. A WFP team have been able to continue 18 kms along this road. About 100m of the road, however, is in need of maintenance.

National and International Response

4. Two helicopters from outside of Ethiopia will be operational in Gode by Sunday 26 November. The helicopters will be available for up to 10 days to support operations and the transport of flood relief items from Gode to areas that cannot otherwise be reached by land/road. WFP has deployed a Logistics Officer and a Senior Aviation Operations Officer will arrive shortly to manage all technical aspects of the helicopter flights. The Gode Flood Coordination Taskforce is expected to coordinate and prioritise the use of helicopter for transport support. Aviation Fuel has been transported to Gode on 23 November to support the operation.
5. Four trucks have arrived in Gode carrying approximately 140.7 tonnes of food items from WFP/Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Agency (DPPA) including 21.3 tonnes of pulses, 2.4 tonnes of oil, 104.4 tonnes of maize and 12.6 tonnes of famix. Eight of the twenty-three trucks that left Gode over the past few days with relief items have now arrived at Kelafo. The Regional Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Bureau (DPPB) have sent a truck with supplies from Gode to Mustahil. An additional thirty-five trucks with relief food items are currently preparing to leave Dire Dawa for Somali Region.

¹ The information in this document is consolidated from reports and field information from a variety of sources including UN agencies, NGOs and government partners.

6. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) have donated 35,000 metric tonnes of Corn Soya Blend (CSB) to the DPPA. The CSB will be transported from the CRS Dire Dawa warehouse to Gode by DPPA.
7. The East Imi Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Department head reported that UNICEF/WFP's Enhanced Outreach Strategy/ Therapeutic Supplementary Feeding has been successfully completed in East-Imi. A total of 4,000 beneficiaries have been identified for provision of supplementary feeding.

Gaps in the response

- Road accessibility is improving but it remains a challenge particularly to Mustahil, the most severely affected woreda and the most isolated to date. Many of those most affected have not yet received relief items due to the ongoing accessibility issue.
- Joint Assessment teams that visited the region have identified non-food items and medical supplies as priority needs particularly in Mustahil and East Imi.
- There is currently limited food stock in Gode. WFP in conjunction with DPPA/DPPB are planning to intercept some trucks on route in order to have a stock of food items in Gode for helicopter distribution later in the week.
- Security remains an ongoing challenge for operations in the region.

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