Situation Update

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- Food insecurity and malnutrition rates remain high with millions of people requiring humanitarian assistance. The overall food security situation has not improved in most cropping areas due to limited belg production performance caused by prolonged drought. Livestock have started to recover, but conception, calving, and improved milk production will take time. Income from livestock sales and products is increasing countrywide, but income source opportunities for labour have not yet rebounded to previous levels. Consequently, nutritional needs remain high in both belg and kiremt dependent areas.

- The total number of people in need of food assistance in the second half of 2016 is revised down from 10.2 million to 9.7 million, with the WFP-GoE caseload being 7.1 million. The main reduction is in the Somali region where the caseload declined from 1.6 million to 1.2 million.

- The latest revision of the national pipeline, with official information provided by all operators and the 7.6 million caseload, show cereal and pulses break from September in the joint WFP-GoE pipeline.

In Numbers

- **9.7 million** people in need of food assistance in six regions.
- **7.1 million** people targeted in the 2016 joint WFP-Government of Ethiopia response.

Funding Update: WFP requirement

Based on the HRD needs requirements for the first half of 2016, WFP needs an additional **USD158 million** for emergency relief, nutrition and PSNP for the August–December period. The implication of the revised HRD target on WFP’s resources and coverages will be updated in the next Situation Report, scheduled to be released on 1 September 2016.

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Photo: Food distribution in the Somali Region. WFP/Michael Tewelde
WFP Response

Food Assistance

- Rounds 5 and 6 are currently ongoing. Round 5 has reached 84% dispatch for the Food Cluster and 95% dispatch for WFP alone. WFP will be able to close Round 5 before 19 August. Round 6 has reached 22% dispatch for the Food Cluster and 26% dispatch for WFP alone.

- The Government wants 50,000MT of CSB to be included in the general food distributions for 35% of targeted beneficiaries in Priority 1 Woredas. The operational costs, USD2.5 million, for WFP and JEOP have been included in the revised HRD budget for the second half of 2016.

- Since it is expected that the Meher harvest in September–October 2016 will improve food supplies to many markets in drought affected areas, WFP will expand cash transfers as part of the relief food assistance. The GoE has approved WFP’s plan to use the remaining balance from the ECHO contribution to increase the number of cash transfer beneficiaries from 200,000 to 400,000 for 3 rounds. WFP will use new contributions to expand cash transfers.

- The results of the first “Woreda Food Dispatch Prioritization” have been approved by the Prioritization Committee. The analysis, based on operational and vulnerability indicators, identifies Woredas to be prioritized in the next round of dispatches. NDRMC and JEOP recognize the value of this information and will immediately apply it for the ongoing Round 6.

- July dispatches for TSFP completed at 82% and 68% for distributions, and dispatches for August have started. Dispatches for Afar and Somali are slow due to limited availability of transporters.

- WFP and UNICEF are planning a review of their Joint Nutrition Response Plan to El Nino driven drought in Ethiopia for 2016. It will be an opportunity to assess the progress towards initial targets, identify challenges and determine the ways forwards for the second half of the year.

Clusters

Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster Shipping Expert working alongside the Ethiopian Maritime Affairs Authority (EMAA) has been supporting EMAA in ports planning operations. Through regular meetings held with major bulk cargo importers, and an analysis of historical tonnages and cyclical imports, the EMAA has for the first time clear visibility on incoming cargo for the remainder of 2016, and projected tonnages for 2017.

- As of 12 August, the Logistics Cluster has erected 39 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs), providing 31,600 MT of additional storage capacity, reaching 47% of the target. Four warehouses have also been secured for NDRMC in Adama hub.

- As part of the Logistics Cluster support to NDRMC, a team of electricians and IT experts is currently working at NDRMC Adama hub to rewire the warehouses, fix external security lighting and install fiber connection for NDRMC offices. Additionally, the Logistics Cluster has supported NDRMC in fumigating two infested warehouses, creating additional storage space for food commodities.

- Supported by the Logistics Cluster, the NDRMC staff augmentation process has begun. To date, 162 storekeepers for Benishangul Gumuz, Oromiya and Harari have been hired, reaching 16% of the target. In total, 522 additional staff will be hired by NDRMC for both regions and hubs, and 188 staff will be hired by the Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Bureau (DPPB) for Somali region. Furthermore, 298 staff, including storekeepers, will be hired by NDRMC through a third-party recruitment agency.

Resourcing Update

- USD1 million contribution from OCAH to the WFP Special Operation Logistics Cluster is confirmed.

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