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Ethiopia – Complex Emergency

Fact Sheet #10, Fiscal Year (FY) 2010

September 30, 2010

Note: The last situation report was dated July 21, 2010.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- As of early September, food security had improved due to the successful June to July *belg* harvest and improved pastoral conditions, according to the USAID-funded Famine Early Warning System Network (FEWS NET). In addition, FEWS NET predicts a good October–January *meher* crop season due to above-average main June–September *kiremt* rains. FEWS NET predicts that the number of people requiring emergency food assistance will decline through December due to the successful harvest, stabilizing food prices throughout the country, improved water and pasture availability for livestock, and increased income for pastoralists and agro-pastoralists due to sales of healthier livestock.
- Normal to above-normal *kiremt/karma* rains have caused heavy flooding in large areas of Ethiopia, particularly affecting Amhara and Afar regions. As of September 20, heavy floods in Somali Region had displaced more than 60,000 people in Kelafo, Mustahil, Hargele, and Charati districts, according to the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (GFDRE).
- USAID/OFDA supports populations in Ethiopia through a range of humanitarian assistance activities, including rapid-response programs in nutrition and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), as well as longer term interventions to address health, nutrition, water, and food security needs.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE	SOURCE	
GFDRE PSNP¹ Targeted Beneficiary Caseload	8.3 million	GFDRE MoARD ² – February 2010
Population Requiring Emergency Food Assistance through June 2010³	5.2 million	GFDRE MoARD – February 2010

FY 2010 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Ethiopia.....	\$23,446,970
USAID/FFP⁴ Relief Assistance to Ethiopia	\$318,230,300
State/PRM⁵ Assistance to Ethiopia	\$21,257,387
Total USAID and State Humanitarian Assistance to Ethiopia.....	\$353,381,970

CONTEXT

- Successive seasons of failed rains, a rapidly growing population, increased inflation, endemic poverty, and limited government capacity have led to chronic food insecurity and water shortages in regions of Ethiopia, including Somali Region and parts of Afar, Amhara, Oromiya, Tigray, and Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples (SNNP) regions. In addition, populations throughout Ethiopia have confronted other humanitarian challenges, including conflict and malnutrition.
- During February 2010, the GFDRE released the 2010 HRD, identifying 5.2 million people in need of emergency food assistance between January and June. In addition, an estimated 7.5 million chronically food-insecure beneficiaries currently receive food assistance and/or cash transfers from the GFDRE-managed PSNP.
- On October 5, 2009, U.S. Chargé d’Affaires, a.i., Tulinabo Mushingi reissued a disaster declaration in response to the ongoing complex emergency in Ethiopia.

¹ Productive Safety Net Program (PSNP)

² GFDRE Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MoARD)

³ As of September 30, 2010, the GFDRE planned to release an updated Humanitarian Requirements Document (HRD) with updated figures for populations requiring food assistance through December 2010.

⁴ USAID’s Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

⁵ U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

Agriculture and Food Security

- Though food security has improved countrywide, poor households in eastern *meher* crop-producing areas continue to experience high food insecurity, according to FEWS NET. June through September represents the typical lean season for the eastern *meher* cropping areas.
- Livestock conditions and milk availability have improved due to increased water and pasture availability in Afar Region and the northern zones of Somali Region.
- In July, the GFDRE conducted a post-*belg/gu* harvest season assessment and continues to revise the number of people in need of emergency food assistance to reflect improved food security.
- USAID/OFDA interventions focus on providing affected populations with the necessary tools to improve food security. For example, USAID/OFDA grantee the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) works to improve livelihoods in Somali Region by strengthening livestock disease surveillance, monitoring, and reporting systems. In addition, USAID/OFDA supports an FAO root and tuber multiplication program in SNNP, Oromiya, and Amhara regions. Together, these two USAID/OFDA-funded programs benefit more than 1.4 million people.

Health and Nutrition

- The GFDRE Emergency Nutrition Coordination Center reported that the nutrition situation in the country was stable between April and July. During the four months, approximately 18,500 people per month entered therapeutic feeding programs (TFPs) in Afar, Amhara, Oromiya, SNNP, Somali, and Tigray regions, according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).
- The Nutrition Cluster, comprised of U.N. agencies and non-governmental organizations, conducted a rapid assessment of the floods' impacts on TFPs in affected areas of Afar, Amhara, Oromiya, SNNP, Somali, and Tigray regions. The cluster reported that floods interrupted TFP programs in Dalifage and Telalake districts, Afar Region.
- USAID/OFDA supports nutrition interventions for vulnerable populations throughout Ethiopia. For example, a USAID/OFDA-funded program with Concern Worldwide supports the national nutrition framework to increase local capacity for community management of acute malnutrition activities, benefiting more than 18,000 people in Tigray, SNNP, Oromiya, and Amhara regions. In total, USAID/OFDA nutrition programs throughout Ethiopia benefited up to 500,000 people in FY 2010.

Floods

- As of September 28, the GFDRE National Meteorological Agency predicted above-normal rains to continue in western, southern, and southwestern Ethiopia. In addition, three major dams are at maximum water levels and pose a risk for flooding downstream communities. The GFDRE Ministry of Water Resources has transmitted alert messages to areas at risk, according to OCHA.
- Floodwaters have largely subsided in Amhara Region, allowing communities to return to areas of origin. Though flood-displaced populations have begun returning, people continue to require flood assistance, mainly in the form of seed provision and livelihood recovery, according to OCHA.
- In response to heavy flooding that commenced in July, the GFDRE Disaster Risk Management and Food Security Sector (DRMFSS) issued a flood contingency plan and continues to collaborate with regional authorities in flood response efforts. The DRMFSS, in cooperation with other GFDRE ministries, created an Emergency Flood Response Plan to identify emergency, rehabilitation, and recovery needs. As of September 24, GFDRE authorities continued to review the document. As of September 24, the DRMFSS and humanitarian agencies had provided relief commodities and an estimated 885 metric tons (MT) of emergency food assistance to approximately 50,500 flood-affected people.
- In FY 2010, USAID/OFDA supported flood response efforts through a rapid response program, providing WASH assistance and relief commodities—such as blankets, household items, plastic sheeting, and water containers—to affected populations in Amhara and Afar regions.

USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA

FY 2010			
Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE¹			
Adventist Development and Relief Organization (ADRA)	Nutrition	Somali Region	\$550,000
CHF International	Agriculture and Food Security, Economic Recovery and Market Systems, and WASH	Somali Region	\$799,991

Concern Worldwide	Nutrition	Amhara, Oromiya, SNNP, and Tigray Regions	\$1,000,000
FAO	Agriculture and Food Security	Amhara, Oromiya, SNNP, Somali, and Tigray Regions	\$1,000,000
GOAL	Nutrition	Countrywide	\$5,500,000
International Medical Corps (IMC)	Nutrition	Oromiya and SNNP Regions	\$800,000
International Rescue Committee (IRC)	Protection, Logistics and Relief Commodities, and WASH	Countrywide	\$1,718,368
Mercy Corps	Agriculture and Food Security and Nutrition	Somali Region	\$1,142,440
Merlin	Nutrition	Oromiya Region	\$500,000
OCHA	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Countrywide	\$1,000,000
Samaritan's Purse	Nutrition and WASH	Gambella Region	\$505,850
Save the Children/U.K. (SC/UK)	Agriculture and Food Security, and WASH	Afar Region	\$248,751
U.N. Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS)	Humanitarian Coordination and Information Management	Somali Region	\$350,000
U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF)	Health, Nutrition, and WASH	Countrywide	\$6,750,000
U.N. World Food Program (WFP)	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Somali Region	\$350,000
	Program Support Costs	Countrywide	\$1,231,570
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$23,446,970
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE²			
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	227,870 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Relief Food Assistance for the Private Voluntary Organizations Consortium for Emergency Relief	Countrywide	\$126,797,400
WFP	266,320 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Relief Food Assistance	Countrywide	\$191,432,900
TOTAL USAID/FFP RELIEF ASSISTANCE			\$318,230,300
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
Abraham's Oasis (AO)	Child Protection	Tigray Region	\$25,000
IMC	Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Prevention and Response	Somali Region	\$600,000
IRC	Multisectoral Refugee Assistance	Somali Region	\$1,600,000
IRC	Multisectoral Refugee Assistance	Tigray Region	\$1,100,000
IRC	Health and HIV/AIDS Programs	Countrywide	\$838,625
IRC	Health and WASH	Somali Region	\$800,000
Save the Children	Child Protection	Somali Region	\$500,000
Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)	Refugee Assistance and Protection	Countrywide	\$8,800,000
UNHCR	Refugee Assistance and Protection	Somali Region	\$3,500,000
UNHCR	Health and HIV/AIDS Programs	Countrywide	\$1,293,762
WFP	Refugee Food Programs	Countrywide	\$2,200,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM			\$21,257,387
TOTAL USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA IN FY 2010			\$353,381,970

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¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of September 30, 2010.

² Estimated value of food assistance.

PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. Information on organizations responding to the humanitarian situation in Ethiopia may be available at www.reliefweb.int.
- USAID encourages cash donations because they allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, warehouse space, etc); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; and ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information can be found at:
 - USAID: www.usaid.gov – Keyword: Donations
 - The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or (703) 276-1914
 - Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.int