

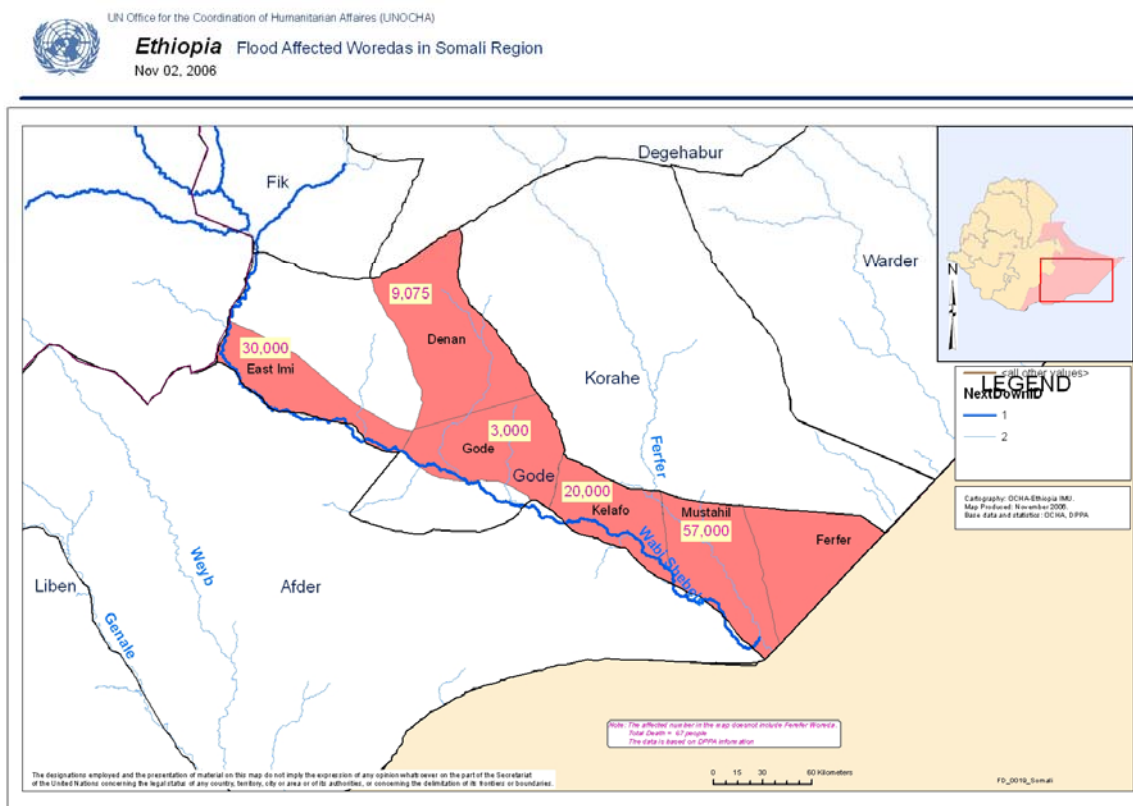


Situation Update: Flooding In Ethiopia's Somali Region

After five days of heavy rains Ethiopia's Wabi-Sheblle River burst its banks causing extensive flooding to the surrounding area. A total of 67 people have died in Somali Region. The flood affected population¹ ranges from 119, 000 people (DPPA) to 217,000 people (Regional Joint Assessment Mission in Gode²). There are no figures as to the number of people displaced. A federal level assessment team left for the area on 2 November. Most affected areas are inaccessible by road. Recent reports indicate that the rains have stopped for the past three days. Nevertheless, there are fears of further flooding along the Wabi-sheblle, Webi and Genale rivers.

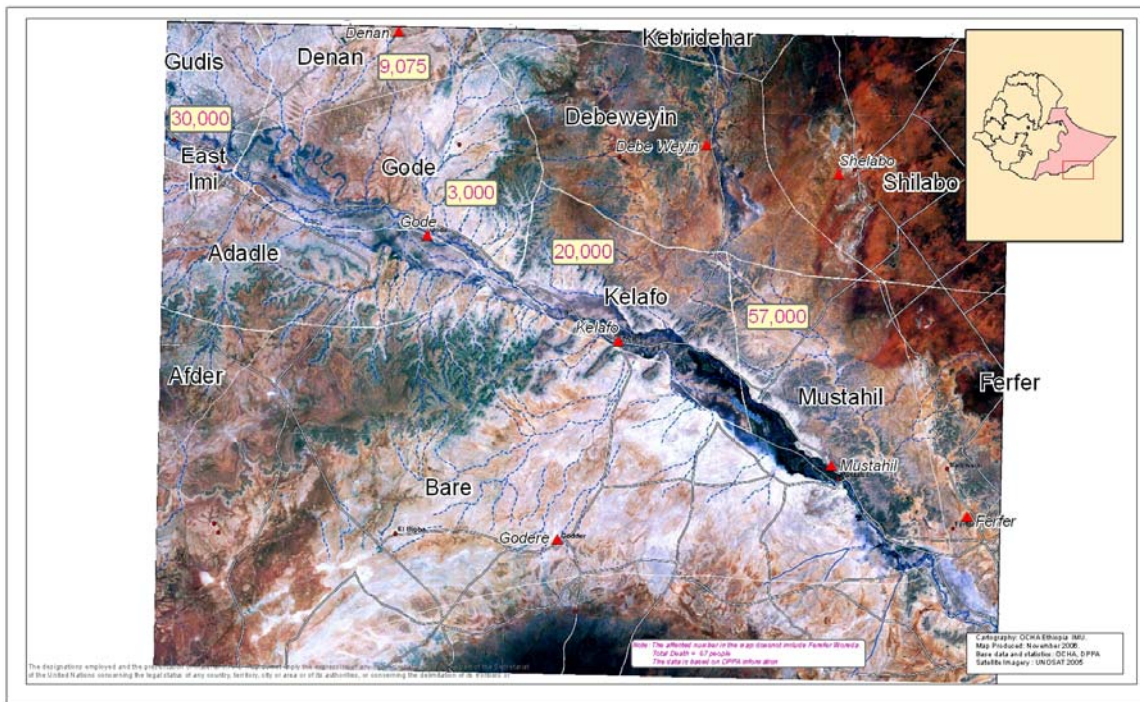
The floods have affected six woredas in Gode zone including: Mustahil, Kelafo, East Imi, Ferfer, Gode and Denan. The road from Gode to Kebridehar is inaccessible. In addition, Kelafo and its vicinities are cut off from Gode. Mustahil town has been evacuated to the surrounding areas. The floods have also affected West Imi in Afder zone. The regional disaster prevention and preparedness bureau (DPPA) has requested for emergency assistance for 23,815 households. The situation is feared to further exacerbate with the continuing heavy *deyr* rains.

In mid-August, similar flooding in the same areas killed four people and displaced approximately 56,000 people.



¹ According to federal authorities “flood affected” indicates those who have lost livestock, homes, property or are otherwise displaced or missing due to the flood emergency.

² The regional joint assessment mission is conducted by DPPA, UNICEF, FAO, WFP and Gode woreda DPPA.



A high-level mission led by the Deputy Prime Minister is presently surveying the affected areas by helicopter. The Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Agency (DPPA) has dispatched 2,000 tonnes of relief food. The DPPA has also allocated 5 tonnes of biscuits, 2.5 tonnes of CSB, 20 rolls of plastic sheeting, 5,000 bed sheets, 4,000 plastic cups, 4,000 plastic plates and 100 jerry cans for the flood victims. The DPPA has also deployed two relief coordinators to the affected areas.

OCHA convened a UN/NGO flood coordination meeting on 3 November, to discuss ways forward. It has also sent a humanitarian affairs officer to Gode in support of coordination and assessment activities

WHO assigned a consultant to the region and two medical officers are presently in the zone providing assistance. It has also provided 12 emergency kits. Ministry of Health/UNICEF's two emergency mobile health teams are re-directed to the flood affected areas.

GODE ZONE

- A team led by the regional DPPB has also departed to monitor the situation.
- UNICEF plans to provide blankets, 1000 plastic sheet (4x5m), jerry cans, soaps, 1000 plastic basins, 2000 plastic plates, 2000 plastic cups, plastic jugs, 1000 cooking pot, 1000 aluminum ladles, bp5, 7 essential drug kits, 1,200 collapsible jerrycan and water purification materials. It also provided two emergency water kits and plans to provide 30,000 beds net.
- Rescue efforts are ongoing in Mustahil and Kelafo woredas using two boats funded by the Ogaden Welfare Development Association.
- PSI will provide 25,000 water guard bottles and 25,000 sachets of purification in the affected population.
- ARDA pre-positioned 4 tonnes of supplementary food in Gode and has deployed an assessment team.

- CCM plans to provide logistical support in the Gode zone.
- Save the Children-US is actively participating in the assessment coordinated by the Gode zonal DPPB.

AFDER ZONE

- Merlin transported one truck of emergency water purification materials to West Imi and plans to provide medical equipments and hygiene kits. Two teams will be deployed to the zone to conduct assessment.
- MCDO will conducted nutritional survey in West Imi zone and is planning to allocate some of supplementary food pre-positioned for the area.

GAPS

- Absence of reliable figures. There is an urgent need for an appropriate assessment to identify requirements and gaps.
- Access to the affected areas. Due to inaccessibility, transportation of relief materials to affected areas by road is a considerable challenge. Airlifting of supplies should be considered
- Coordinated rescue efforts must be facilitated and continued provision of relief food and non-food assistance should be undertaken.
- Essential drugs, ITNs, plastic sheeting and water treatment chemicals have to be provided to the people affected.
- More consistent coordination and information sharing is required at all levels.

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