



OCHA Situation Report No. 4 Flooding in Ethiopia's Somali region

This report is based on information received from OCHA Ethiopia¹.

Situation

1. To date, 80 mortalities have been reported and as many as 361,600 people are affected by the flooding in Somali Region. Approximately 122,500 people are currently displaced in Gode, Afder, Liben and Korahe zones. Moderate to heavy rain is forecast for the coming days. Ethiopia's Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Agency (DPPA) is preparing a joint flash appeal to address the humanitarian situation which is expected to be launched early this week.

National and International Response

2. WHO sent 24 Emergency Health Kits to the Federal Ministry of Health in order to assist the flood response last week.

Gode zone

- As of 14 November, the total of DPPA pre-positioned food and non-food items in Gode is 6 tonnes of famix, 30 rolls of plastic sheeting, 22 tonnes of biscuits, 967 bed sheets, 5,560 plastic cups, 3,000 plastic plates, 3,000 jerrycans and 3,000 jugs.
- IRC has formed an agreement with Adventist Development and Relief Agency International (ADRA), Community Habitat Finance (CHF) and Ogaden Welfare and Development Association (OWDA) for the distribution of non-food items (NFIs) to the affected areas and intends to airlift in conjunction with UNICEF more NFIs to Gode this week.
- The Regional Agriculture Bureau has deployed a veterinary technician team to Gode and three treatment sites have been identified. Approximately 396,000 veterinary drugs and 500,000 vaccinations have been pre-positioned in Gode. Some short-cycle harvest seeds have been dispatched from Gode to Kelafo where the receding flood waters have enabled communities to begin planting.
- OCHA will deploy its deputy head of office to Gode from 22 November to 1 December and its senior field advisor from 7 December to 15 December in order to continue the facilitation of coordination efforts in the region.
- A joint rapid assessment team comprised of DPPA, WFP and UNICEF visited Kelafo on 10 November. Its findings indicate that 64,720 people have been displaced by the floods in 25 of its 32 kebeles. Significant damage to infrastructure such as schools, veterinary clinics, roads and the destruction of homes was observed particularly in eleven of the most severely affected kebeles whose populations are now entirely displaced.
- In addition to the three mobile health units already deployed, UNICEF is sending a fourth to East Imi woreda. UNICEF has also identified the location for the deployment of an EMWAT kit in Kelafo town which it will deploy in collaboration with OWDA.

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.

- ADRA are starting a CTC in Kelafo in response to the increasing health requirements of the woreda. UNICEF has treated two suspected cases of Acute Watery Diarrhoea amid fears of more suspected cases in the woreda.

Afder zone

- Concern Worldwide has sent the following food and non-food items to West Imi Woreda: 100 plastic water cans, 10 big tents, 30 plastic buckets, 250 blankets, 7 plastic sheeting and 11 MTs of Corn Soy Blend (CSB). Concern Worldwide has also sourced drugs from the Federal Ministry of Health to help tackle imminent health concerns related to the flood. Eighty-three boxes of ringer lactate (1000 pcs – 1000 ml each), 6000 sachets of Oral Re-hydration Salts, 30 bottles of Tetracycline, 30 bottles of Doxycycline, 1500 tabs of Erythromycine and 3 Health kits (14 boxes per kit.) have been dispatched to the woreda health institutions.

Gaps in the response

- NGO response has generally been limited since the onset of the crisis. Three factors contribute to this situation: 1. Lack of consensus and vigorous assessment on the population affected and identification of needs and gaps, 2. the deteriorating security situation and 3. Ongoing problems of accessibility.
- Sixty-six trucks of food aid have been dispatched from Dire Dawa for over a week by the WFP. Information as to the status of the trucks is unclear but it appears that 35 trucks are stuck in Sheygosha and 15 are stuck in Shilabo due to the recent rain. The road between Gode and Kelafo is now accessible. From Kelafo to Mustahil, however, the road is impassable from Cidhiidhiga, 18kms east of Kelafo. Immediate rehabilitation of the damaged 3- 5 km stretch of road between Kelafo and Mustahil is imperative.
- The flooding has put pressure on existing health resources and risks aggravating the ongoing epidemic of Acute Watery Diarrhoea (AWD). Cases are already present in Afder, Liben and Gode zones. The local Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Bureau in Gode has also reported an increase in water borne diseases in the flood affected areas and WHO have expressed concern over increasing malaria cases.

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