



## **FLOODS IN EAST SHOA ZONE OF OROMIYA REGION**

Early last week flood waters reportedly left up to 7,000 people homeless in Dugida Bora woreda in East Shoa zone of Oromiya Region. The flooding occurred after the Awash and Meki Rivers burst their banks due to heavy rains. According to reports one person was killed, many livestock were swept away and more than 814 hectares of farmland was destroyed. It was also reported that up to 3,400 of those displaced were stranded nearby, and authorities had rescued 455 people. Later in the week the regional DPPB reported that the water was subsiding and the situation was under control. Meanwhile the zonal authority has deployed a team to conduct an assessment of the damage and requirements. For more information contact: [ocha-eth@un.org](mailto:ocha-eth@un.org)

## **FLOOD IN ASSAITA AFFECTS UP TO 8,700 PEOPLE, AFAR REGION**

The Awash River burst its banks and flooded five villages in Assaita woreda, Afar Region affecting an estimated 8,700 people on 26 July. Rumaitu and Galifagi villages are the worst affected and the settlers are still surrounded by the inundated water. So far there are no reports of casualties directly related to the flooding but people and livestock from the evacuated villages remain stranded on higher ground where they were left after being rescued. Evacuation and transport facilities to the cut-off villages and provision of emergency supplies are the immediate priority. In addition the health situation, of both people and livestock, is a concern for when the water level regresses. Stagnant water left behind becomes the perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes and are also sources of other communicable diseases. The regional authorities have assessed the damaged in these areas but so far the beneficiaries have received only 52 cartons of biscuits. In late July, flood water affected 800 households in the neighboring Dupti woreda. An assessment was carried out and relief has been distributed but at the time no assessment was conducted in Assaita. For more information contact: [ocha-eth@un.org](mailto:ocha-eth@un.org)

## **IDPs RETURN TO MINE-CLEARED VILLAGES**

There is growing concern over the living conditions of up to 1,350 IDP households who have recently returned to their villages near the Eritrean border after the Ethiopian Mine Action Office cleared the area of landmines. According to UNICEF Tigray, the villages the IDPs returned to have little or no infrastructure for school, health services and water supply. There has also reportedly been a surge in malaria cases since their return. Meanwhile an estimated 50 IDP households who stayed behind with their host community near Gerhusernay are living in makeshift shelters, largely made by plastic sheeting. Following an official request from the FDPPC UNICEF will dispatch 210 rolls of plastic sheeting and 800 blankets recently donated from USAID to its emergency contingency stock. Contact: [igetachew@unicef.org](mailto:igetachew@unicef.org)

## **ETHNIC CLASHES IN ETHIOPIA KILL 73, DISPLACE 80,000**

The Ethiopian Human Rights Council (EHRCO) reported up to 73 people have been killed, 45 wounded and 80,000 people displaced in clashes so far this year between Ethiopia's rival Oromo and Somali ethnic groups. According to the local human rights watchdog the fighting between March and June in the country's southern Oromiya and southeastern Somali states had been sparked by long-running disputes over land and cattle. The six page report says tensions are still high but fighting has stopped due to the presence of military in the area. In addition EHRCO said the fighting was concentrated in East and West Hararghe and around Borena zone.

## **ACF NUTRITIONAL INTERVENTION IN DALE WOREDA OF SNNPR**

Action Contre la Faim (ACF) is implementing home based care for the treatment of severe malnutrition cases in Dale woreda of SNNPR. ACF is supporting one stabilisation centre in one health center in the woreda. Currently 42 children are present in this stabilization centre with majority of kwashiorkor +++ cases. In addition 11 distribution points (covering the 11 health structures in the woreda) are also operational with 205 children admitted since the end of June. ACF also reported that 60 children have already been cured from severe malnutrition within one and half months. Meanwhile expansion of the program is ongoing with increase capacity of the stabilization center. Extension of screening is also ongoing. For further information contact: [aicf@ethionet.et](mailto:aicf@ethionet.et)

## **MR. AHTISAARI VISITS ADDIS**

Mr. Martti Ahtisaari, the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary General for the Humanitarian Crisis in the Horn of Africa has finished his fifth mission to Ethiopia and Eritrea. The Special Envoy met Prime Minister Meles, Deputy Prime Minister Addissu Legesse, Minister of Health Dr. Tedros and the Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Commissioner as well as NGOs, donors and the UN Country Team. Throughout his discussions Mr. Ahtisaari focused on the Government's new food security initiatives and the challenges they present, and discussed reviving other components of the Coalition for Food and Livelihood Security to broaden the already ongoing programmes in health, nutrition, agriculture and water and sanitation. He also stressed that reaching all those in need of assistance must remain the basic aim of the Government of and its partners during this transition period. For more information contact: [ocha-eth@un.org](mailto:ocha-eth@un.org)

## **WORLD VISION CONDUCTS TRAINING ON SPHERE PROJECT**

World Vision conducted a two-day training on Sphere project that deals with universal minimum standards in core areas of humanitarian assistance. The purpose of the training was to familiarize and equip the staff with the concepts and standards of Sphere as well as their application in the humanitarian response towards improved ministry. The 19 participants were drawn from nine food insecure and disaster-prone districts of Amhara and Afar Regions. The training is expected to improve the quality of assistance provided by World Vision to people affected by disasters, and enhance the accountability of the organisation in disaster response. For more information contact: [wveth@ethionet.et](mailto:wveth@ethionet.et)