

## **RELIEF FOOD NEEDS PEAK IN MAY-JUNE - INCLUDING PREPOSITIONING**

May and June are peak months regarding relief food aid demand with almost 7 million people requiring rations. This is also the period when food is pre-positioned in the areas that become inaccessible during *Meher*, the main rainfall season from mid-June to late September. In addition to the requirements of 130,000 tonnes for May and June, over 30,000 tonnes of food requires pre-positioning. The gross requirements for May-December 2004 are 598,000 tonnes, against which confirmed contributions to the Government stand at 397,000 tonnes. The current shortfall for May-December is 201,000 tonnes. In consultation with concerned donors and the Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Commission, WFP is providing supplementary food rations to vulnerable populations within resettlement sites in Oromiya Region. WFP is also assisting with food storage equipment (mobile warehouses and tarpaulins) to prevent food in the sites from being damaged by rainfall. For further information contact WFP: [paul.turnbull@wfp.org](mailto:paul.turnbull@wfp.org)

## **WORLD VISION UNDERTAKES EMERGENCY AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT PROGRAM IN SNNP AND OROMIYA REGIONS**

As part of its relief emergency intervention, World Vision Ethiopia is implementing extensive agricultural support in SNNP and Oromiya Regional States. The objective of the support is to rehabilitate drought affected households through increased agricultural production and productivity. The support includes provision of various types of seed, through seed fair and agricultural tools. Fourteen woredas in SNNPR and three woredas in Oromiya will benefit from the intervention. The total number of beneficiaries is 58,957 households. A total of US\$ 1,736,000 has been allocated for the execution of the program, which was designed in response to the 2004 appeal for emergency agricultural intervention. For further information contact WVE: [gashaw\\_belay@wvi.org](mailto:gashaw_belay@wvi.org)

## **ENHANCED OUTREACH STRATEGY FOR CHILD SURVIVAL – SIDAMA PRELIMINARY RESULTS**

The Enhanced Outreach Strategy (EOS) project is currently being piloted by UNICEF and WFP in 14 woredas of Sidama and Welayita Zones in SNNPR in partnership with the regional Health Bureau. It will be expanded to other regions in the second semester of the year. According to the preliminary results from eight woredas of Sidama Zone 320,347 children from six month to five year have been screened. 95.3% have received one dose of Vitamin A supplementation. Out of the total number of children screened, 6.6% were found moderately malnourished and 1.7% severely malnourished. Some 45,820 children under one year of age were vaccinated against measles. 20,606 pregnant and nursing women have been screened as well during the exercise, and 27% were found eligible for supplementary feeding within the criteria set by the national nutrition protocol. For further information contact UNICEF: [awalker@unicef.org](mailto:awalker@unicef.org)

## **UN SPECIAL ENVOY FOR HIV/AIDS VISITS ETHIOPIA FROM 18 - 23 MAY 2004**

Mr. Stephen Lewis, UN Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa, was invited by the African Child Policy Forum to make a keynote address at the upcoming International Policy Conference "The African Child and the Family". Mr. Lewis, who will also have follow-up meetings with senior government officials, visit organizations and projects in Addis Ababa and Southern Nations and Nationalities Peoples Region (SNNPR). He will also meet with the Prime Minister and the President. For further information contact: [helen.amdemikael@undp.org](mailto:helen.amdemikael@undp.org)

## **TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN FAO AND AU**

FAO was requested by the Directorate of Trade and Industry to provide technical assistance in preparing a project which addresses the lack of a common market for basic food products and the food insecurity problem in Africa. In this light, a signing ceremony was conducted to provide US\$ 333,000,000 between the African Union and FAO on May 19, 2004. The aim of the project is to provide assistance to the AU in: i) undertaking a review of constraints and opportunities for increased trade, and moving towards the harmonization of food, plant and animal standards and legal and policy frameworks; ii) exploring and formulating mechanisms through which food-deficit countries could enter into compensatory agreements with food-surplus countries to improve trade and allow for increased intra-continental trade; and iii) developing its own technical capacity to co-ordinate the integration process. These interventions are intended to establish a common market for agricultural products within the context of NEPAD. The duration of this Technical Assistance Project is 18 months. For further information contact FAO: [fao-eth@field.fao.org](mailto:fao-eth@field.fao.org)

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