



UNICEF SUPPORTED RESPONSE IN SOMALI REGION

UNICEF in coordination with DPPB and the Regional Water Bureau has extended its emergency water tankering activities in Gode, Deghabur and Fik zones of Somali Region. Two NGOs, *Ogaden Welfare Development Association* (OWDA) and *Mother and Child Development Organisation* (MCDO) are implementing the activities using 10 trucks in critical areas of Deghabur, Fik and Gode zones. On the medical emergency side, some 36 UNICEF emergency drug kits and 12 kits with renewable supplies have been delivered to the Regional Health Bureau. Training on Mobile Clinic Management has been conducted in Jijiga in October and six medical teams have been dispatched on 10th November to the twelve most critical woredas. Up to twenty woredas will routinely be visited by these teams for at least three months. OWDA and MCDO will soon also complete their rapid nutritional assessments in Deghabur and Gode zones. Preliminary results are expected in the next 10 days. With UNICEF support, the NGO *Save the Rural Society* is constructing eight hand dug wells and twenty four communal latrines in Liban and Afer, while the NGO *Aran Welfare Development Society* will construct four new hand dug wells in Korah and Warder zones. As well, the same NGOs will rehabilitate twelve existing wells in the both zones. For more information contact: bkaranja@unicef.org

UNDAC AFRICA TRAINING

UN OCHA has started the process of establishing a United Nations Disaster Assessment and Coordination (UNDAC) Team in Africa with the first African induction training course being held in Addis Ababa. The aim is to strengthen the numbers and the range of skills and capabilities within the Team and enhance the ability of the United Nations to coordinate international response activities in the aftermath of sudden-onset emergencies. The Team is capable of deploying at very short notice (12-24 hours) to the field anywhere in the world and is provided free of charge to the disaster affected country. Its activities also strengthen national and regional disaster response capacity. The two-week course which is being held at the Ethiopian Red Cross Society Training Institute started on the 7th of November and will run until the 19th of November. 34 participants from 14 different countries are attending. For more information contact: ocha-eth@un.org

LAUNCH OF SEED AND LIVESTOCK EMERGENCY NEEDS ASSESSMENT MISSION

FAO in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development has just launched its sectoral emergency needs assessment mission in the hot spot areas across the country. The assessment started on the 10th of November and will continue for two weeks. The six different teams are composed of experts from FAO, MoARD, NGOs and the respective Regional Bureaus of Agriculture. The mission aims to evaluate the seed security and livestock conditions in disaster affected areas and estimate the sectoral emergency requirements for 2005. For more information contact: fao-ethiopia@fao.org

THE DPPC LED NATIONAL MULTI-AGENCY MEHER ASSESSMENT

23 teams, from 13 different partner agencies, including the Government's Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Commission (DPPC), UN Agencies, USAID, FEWS Net and various NGOs, were deployed to the field on the 6th of November for the 2004 National Multi-agency Meher and Pastoral Area Emergency Needs Assessment. The purpose of this mission is to assess the 2005 food security situation in both crop growing areas and pastoral regions/zones of the country. The mission will also identify the number of people who will require relief food assistance in 2005 in addition to the 5.1 million chronically food insecure expected to be assisted under the Government's Productive Safety Net Programme. The Meher assessment will be ongoing until the 26 of November. For more information contact: ocha-eth@un.org

EFSR STATUS

Ethiopia Food Security Reserve (EFSR) reports stocks on hand as of 12 November are 252,865 mts, stock under withdrawal, 49,262 mts and outstanding loans equal 102,877 mts.