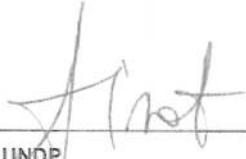


Country: Ethiopia

Programme Period: 12 Months  
Programme Component: Early Recovery  
Project Title: Emergency Grant to Support  
Coordination of Humanitarian Response in Ethiopia  
Project ID: 00062423  
Project Duration: 12 Months  
Management Arrangement: DEX

Total Budget USD \$100,000  
Allocated resources: USD \$100,000  
BCPR TRAC3 Category II  
• Government \_\_\_\_\_  
• Regular \_\_\_\_\_  
• Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
    ○ Donor \_\_\_\_\_  
• In kind contributions \_\_\_\_\_  
Unfunded budget: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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Approved by UNDP

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Country Director

Date: 15/10/08





An initial 29 weredas (local administrative unit), were identified for priority intervention based on health and nutrition criteria. In planning discussions, additional priority weredas for WASH and Agriculture have since been identified. Sectoral Task Forces have now developed agreed upon action plans, which have been approved by the Special Committee for Somali Region.

The priority is now to translate these plans into tangible action on the ground. These plans should serve as a framework within which to expand humanitarian response in the region. The concerned Federal Government institutions and regional bureaus will be responsible for working with partner operational in the region to implement a strengthened humanitarian response in the region as outlined in the plans.

In spite of the actions taken so far in identifying, assessing and planning the situation, serious gaps exist in coordinating the efforts and finetuning the needs requirements through rapid assessments. The present emergency response project aims at specifically addressing these two weaknesses/gaps.

## **2. STRATEGY**

Although Ethiopia is in the process of revising its National Disaster Risk Management policy to ensure multi-sectoral and pro-active interventions to develop disaster resilient activities, the delay in the finalization of the policy revision has contributed to weak links between humanitarian response, early recovery and longer-term development. UNDP is actively engaged with the humanitarian partners and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MOARD) and Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Agency (DPPA) to develop an Early Recovery Strategic Framework for Ethiopia, which will support the efforts of the Government in laying the foundation for long-term development in support of livelihood, the settlement of displaced persons, enhancing social cohesion, mine action and the development of social services.

In the interim, the present emergency grant will assist in:

- Supporting institutional coordination through the existing mechanism of the Aid Coordination Unit of the Somali Region and the Somali President's office to effectively implement life-saving humanitarian response while identifying early recovery interventions.
- Conducting rapid situational assessments in association with sectoral Bureaus (Health, Agriculture/Food and Water) to identify response gaps and help design an early recovery programme.
- Providing capacity building support to the institutions involved.

## **3. PROJECT OUTPUTS AND ACTIVITIES**

The major thrusts of the emergency grant are:

### **Output 1: Coordination of the Humanitarian Response Supported**

Coordination mechanisms, in particular the Aid Coordination Unit and the President's Office, will be strengthened by supporting the collection and sharing of related recommendations stemming from previous assessments as well as from assessments being supported by the present project.

The final product is expected to be: an interagency action plan.

To arrive at the final result the following initiatives/tasks will be supported through:

- i) Stakeholders meetings and monitoring visits,
- ii) Response mapping and response gaps identification,
- iii) Consensus building and prioritization.

#### **Output 2: Multi Sectoral Needs Assessment Carried out and Response Gaps Identified**

As indicated above, the rapid assessment of UN OCHA revealed that the situation in the Somali region is deteriorating and requires an urgent action. The problems further demand conducting a multisectoral, in-depth assessment on the needs and priorities in the region and share the findings and resource requirements with the government and potential donors.

Activities under this output include:

- i) Conducting assessments to realistically understand the response gaps and promote timely response,
- ii) Analyze existing needs assessments and identify sectoral priorities to feed into response mapping,
- iii) Identify suitable monitoring system for early response.

#### **Output 3: Institutional Capacity Strengthened and Information Sharing Enhanced**

Based on the identified capacity gaps, training of government and national NGOs staff will be organized to improve the quality of service provided to the communities. In the past years UNDP established an information Hub that aimed at providing ICT training, internet service, and a video library to store relevant development and humanitarian response information. This output will identify mechanisms for further strengthening the hub to help in early warning and information sharing. The international information advisor based at the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development will carry out a quick survey of the hub to come up with recommendations for further strengthening to serve as early warning and information sharing venue.

Any activities under this output to be listed here?

#### **4. MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

Under the auspices of the Country Director, who ensures the overall supervisory functions, the Food Security and Recovery Unit of the country office, will be responsible for project co-ordination and day-to-day project operations in collaboration with UN OCHA and Regional government partners in the affected regions. The project will be implemented through partners, mainly the Office of the Regional President's Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Bureau. UNOCHA, as the coordinator of humanitarian response will closely collaborate with UNDP and the government counterpart, and it will fully contribute to UNDP's support to the UNDAF as well as to CPAP results related to :'' Humanitarian Response, Early Recovery and Food Security.''

The activities will be funded in accordance with the budget details indicated in this project document and within the limits of the budget that is made available and in line with UNDP's governing rules and regulations

## **Monitoring and Evaluation**

The UNDP CO and the Food Security and Recovery unit in particular, will follow up on the progress and process of implementation and facilitate regular reporting. Quarterly monitoring will be carried out in the project intervention areas to track progress and take corrective action if problems arise and a report will be produced. Furthermore, joint UNDP/Government/ UNOCHA field visits will be undertaken every six months to document/track progress.

The UNDP Food Security and Recovery Unit will draft the terminal report for approval by the Country Director. A final financial report will cover all activities undertaken with funding from project (00062423). The report will include lessons learned in order to facilitate decisions on follow-up activities and new projects to be undertaken.

**5. ANNUAL WORK PLAN BUDGET SHEET**

*Outputs and activities as described in section 3 above with budgetary requirements: printed from ATLAS.*

EXPECTED OUTPUTS and indicators including annual targets	PLANNED ACTIVITIES <i>List all activities including M&amp;E to be undertaken during the year towards stated CP outputs</i>	TIMEFRAME				RESPO NSIBLE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET		
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Sour ce of Fun ds	Budget Descripti on	Amount

Annex I

<p>Coordination for the humanitarian Response &amp; Early Recovery supported</p>	<p><b>Activity 1: Strengthen Aid Coordination Unit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel &amp; running cost</li> </ul> <p><b>Activity 2: Support the office of the President</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equipment purchase</li> <li>• Facilitate coordination meetings</li> <li>• Provide logistic support</li> </ul>						<p>UN DP/BCPR</p>	<p>Equipment</p> <p>Travel &amp; DSA</p> <p>Car rental</p>	<p>20,000</p> <p>13,000</p> <p>10,000</p> <p>12,000</p>
<p>Multi Sectoral Needs Assessment Carried out and Response Gaps Identified</p>	<p><b>Activity 3: Conduct multi sectoral assessment</b></p>								<p>20,000</p>

Annex 1

<p>Institution al Capacity Strengthe ned and Informatio n Sharing Enhanced</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Provide training on need assessment &amp; Emergency response</i></li> <li>• <i>Assessment of Regional information hub and early warning gaps</i></li> </ul>												<p>10,000</p> <p>8,000</p>
<p><b>ISS</b></p>													<p><b>7,000</b></p>
	<p><b>Total Budget</b></p>												<p><b>100,000</b></p>



**Special Committee  
for  
Somali Region**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

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**1. BACKGROUND**

It is in Somali Region where the effects of the drought are most acute. The successive failure of rains and the consequent diminishing pasture and water resources and some livestock death, coupled with high inflation resulting in a significant decline in the purchasing power of pastoralists render the region to be more vulnerable. The delivery of humanitarian assistance to vulnerable communities in need has been difficult due to poor infrastructure and inadequate logistic support in the region. The joint Government and partners Revised Humanitarian Requirements (12 June 2008) identifies an estimated 1.02 million beneficiaries in need of food and other humanitarian assistance. Preliminary findings of the Belg/Gu assessment further indicate the likely increase in the number of relief caseload.

The Government and its humanitarian partners clearly recognize the urgency of the situation in Somali Region and seek to rapidly strengthen the delivery of humanitarian assistance during the critical period of the next three months. After consultation with the Humanitarian Coordinator and donor partners, the Deputy Prime Minister called for the establishment of the Government led Special Committee for the Somali Region to develop an action plan to oversee its implementation as urgently as possible in order to strengthen emergency humanitarian response in the region.

**2. AIM**

The Special Committee will be an *ad hoc* forum comprising Government and key humanitarian partners that will work together to develop a strategy to strengthen emergency response in Somali Region. The Government led Special Committee will enhance the work of existing Task Forces on Food Aid, Health and Nutrition, Water and Sanitation and Agriculture and Livestock in the development of operational action plans to expand emergency interventions, mobilize resources and efforts of all concerned bodies, and monitor the overall implementation of the plans in the Region. In addition the Committee will work in collaboration with other concerned partners such as the Roads Transport Authority and the Customs Authority to expedite all procedures that will facilitate the strengthening of humanitarian response on the region.

**3. MEMBERSHIP**

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The Special Committee, convened at the federal level and chaired by the Deputy Director General of DPPA, will comprise representatives of DPPA and key line ministries; UN Agencies; Donor representation; and NGO representation.

Government Representation	DPPA, MoH, MoWR, MoARD
UN Representation	HC, OCHA, WFP, UNICEF, WHO, FAO
Donor Representation	USAID, OFDA
NGO Representation	SC (UK), OXFAM GB

As need be the Special Committee will task additional technical working groups (working principally through the sectoral task forces) to undertake operational level tasks such as the development of sector action plans. Each of these working groups will brief the Special Committee, as required, on progress and to identify outstanding issues that need to be addressed by the Special Committee.

At the regional level, the **Coordination Committee** in Jijiga will be strengthened in order to work with the Special Committee and coordinate the implementation of the approved strategic action plan at the operational level.

#### 4. SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

- **STRATEGIC PLANNING** - The primary responsibility of the Special Committee will be to develop a strategic action plan and follow-up on its overall implementation as urgently as possible in order to strengthen humanitarian response in Somali Region. Working through the sector task forces, technical action plans will be prepared in collaboration with humanitarian partners and approved for immediate implementation.
- **OPERATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION** – Operational implementation will be undertaken under the leadership of the Government at federal, regional and lower levels in collaboration with humanitarian partners (both UN and NGOs). The coordination and physical implementation of activities will be overseen by the Coordination Committee in Jijiga.
- **INFORMATION SHARING** – The Special Committee will be responsible for ensuring that information on the emerging humanitarian needs and priorities and the practical constraints and challenges is shared in a timely manner to ensure effective decision making and practical operational response.
- **FACILITATION** – The Special Committee will also work with respective line ministries and government authorities to develop appropriate mechanisms to expedite the implementation of the strengthened humanitarian response. This will include: prioritization of humanitarian relief cargos; the establishment of fast-track customs and clearance procedures; timely procedures for endorsing new operational partners in the region; and the establishment of streamlined and

accelerated procedures for securing visas and work permits for the necessary international personnel.

## 5. MODUS OPERANDI

- **REGULARITY OF MEETING** – The Special Committee will meet on a weekly basis at 14:30 each Monday in the DPPA Conference Room. Once operational response has been satisfactorily strengthened the regularity of the meeting will be reviewed by the Committee.
- **CHAIR** – The Special Committee will be chaired by the Deputy Director General of DPPA.
- **SECRETARIAT** – DPPA, supported by OCHA, will serve as the Secretariat for the Special Committee.
- **COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION FLOW** – The Special Committee has a responsibility to ensure that all key decisions that have been endorsed are communicated effectively to regional level. Both the Regional President and DPPB will be fully informed of the action plans that have been approved so that they can oversee implementation. The Committee will also task the relevant line Ministries to ensure implementation of action plans through concerned regional bureaus. The DPPB and regional bureaus will be expected to report back to the Special Committee on a regular bi-monthly basis (see information flow described in that attached annex).
- **REPORTING** – The Special Committee will prepare a brief and focused bi-monthly report on progress of the work of the Committee. Regional counterparts (DPPB and other regional sectoral bureaus) will be expected to report to the DPPA and concerned Line Ministries respectively on a bi-monthly basis.

8 August 2008

Annex 1

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