Key Issues

- The Government of Ethiopia takes the lead with ETB700 million for emergency response.

- Donors called to extend additional funds to ensure a timely response to the deteriorating humanitarian situation throughout the country.

- As of June, 139,783 SAM cases registered in 2015, a 9.2 per cent increase compared to the same time last year.

Upcoming Event

- World Humanitarian Day on 19 August (#sharehumanity).

WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY #SHAREHUMANITY IN AUGUST

Government earmarks ETB700 million for emergency response

The Government allocated ETB700 million (~US$33 million) to initiate response where the humanitarian situation is deteriorating most rapidly; most worrying are Zone 3 of Afar region and Siti zone of Somali region. Between January and June, 139,783 SAM cases were registered nationwide, which is 9.2 per cent higher compared to admissions the same time last year (the June 2015 data does not include Afar and Somali regions, which have yet to submit June reports). The increase in admission is attributed to failed seasonal rains and the impact on food security and malnutrition levels.

The Government has called on donors to extend additional support to ensure a timely humanitarian response. Urgent food, nutrition, water and agriculture sector interventions face discouraging shortfalls that are compounded by weather forecasts that indicate the El Niño phenomenon will continue to negatively impact rainfall patterns well into 2016. For more information, contact ocha-eth@un.org

HRF leading the nutrition response
According to the Emergency Nutrition Coordination Unit (ENCU), nine agencies are implementing twelve nutrition projects in hotspot priority one *woredas*, the vast majority funded by the OCHA-managed Humanitarian Response Fund (HRF). Thirteen of the 97 nutrition hotspot *woredas* are not yet responded to, the majority in Afar and Somali regions. Some fifteen additional project proposals are being reviewed by the HRF (10 projects) and Goal-OFDA (5 projects).

Meanwhile, between January and June, 346,244 people benefited from Targeted Supplementary Feeding (TSF) program, 51.8 per cent children under-5 and 48.1 per cent pregnant and breastfeeding women.

Intervention	Priority one *woredas*	Covered (%)	Priority two *woredas*	Covered (%)
TFP	97	96%	191	80.4%
TSF	97	42.2%	191	9%
GFD[1]	97	58.8%	191	57.1%

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Water trucking not a sector priority, but needed in some areas

Afar region is in its peak dry season. Water sources are depleted and affected communities left without access to potable water. The most affected are 11 *woredas* in Zone 1 and Zone 3. While the WaSH sector priorities are construction and rehabilitation of non-functional water supply systems, in the immediate, water trucking is the only solution in these hotspot areas. As of 4 August, 12 water trucks were supported by the Afar Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Food Security Coordination Office (DPPFSCO), leaving a gap of 19 trucks. The regional DPPFSCO officially requested the federal Disaster Risk Management and Food Security Sector (DRMFSS) for support to cover the water trucking gap and to continue the operation of the 12 trucks deployed. DRMFSS established an incident command post and deployed staff to coordinate the response. UNICEF allocated US$12,000 to support the response.

Elsewhere, drought conditions continue in parts of East and West Hararge zones of Oromia region, especially in Mieso *woreda* and in 14 *woredas* of SNNPR where recent rains were not enough to refill surface water sources. Two water trucks (of 10 requested for Oromia region) provided water to communities in Kumbi and Meyu *woredas* of East Hararge zone. In SNNPR, water trucks supported more than 20,000 people and more than 9,000 livestock in Mareko *woreda* of Gurage zone. Some 95,100 people in 44 *kebeles* of Siti zone (Somali region) require immediate water trucking support; 186 out of the 817 *kebeles* in the region are at high risk of water shortage. For more information, contact awesterbeek@unicef.org

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[1] General Food Distribution