



Key Events

- Assistance to conflict-affected communities in Nogob is on-going after more than two months delay. The dispatch of relief food by DRMFS for 2,372 people in Meyu Muluke *woreda* is complete, while the ration for the 1,925 people in Kubi *woreda* is en route. IOM is waiting for the UNDSS security assessment and clearance today, to start dispatching the NFIs. Some 2,372 people in Meyu Muluke and 1,540 people in Kubi require NFI support.
- The polio caseload in Ethiopia increases to six. Reported measles cases in SNNPR are also increasing.
- Half ration of CSB for sixth round relief food assistance. Delays in fifth round distribution.

Health Update

Two additional polio cases reported bring the polio caseload in Ethiopia to six. The cases were reported from Geladi (five cases) and Bhok (one case) *woredas* of Doolo zone, Somali region. Both *woredas* share borders with Somalia where the polio outbreak in the region started in May. The Ethiopian government, in collaboration with partners, continues to strengthen community based surveillance and to implement polio immunization activities. The national polio immunization campaign (NID) was completed in all regions except in Somali. The campaign targeted some 13 million children under-5, apart from Geladi and Bhok *woredas* where an estimated 20,000 children under-15 years, are being immunized. A second round of NID is planned for 15 to 18 November. In addition, 28 border vaccination posts were established in both Benishangul Gumuz and Somali regions. The posts are vaccinating children under-15 years crossing to and from Sudan and Somalia, respectively. At present, 58.3 per cent of the global polio caseload (338 cases) are in the Horn of Africa region, including Ethiopia, Somalia (174 cases), Kenya (14 cases) and South Sudan (three cases). A Joint WHO/UNICEF Horn of Africa Polio Outbreak Response - Sub-regional Action Plan is being developed.

Elsewhere, measles cases continue to be reported from Wolayita zone of SNNP region, with 536 cases and eight deaths reported in Kindodidaye *woreda* and 38 cases in Sodo town *woreda* as of 21 October. Active case search, case management, as well as non-selective vaccination campaign are on-going to curb the spread of the disease. The vaccination campaign targets children under-15 years in the affected *woredas* and their surroundings. Delays in vaccine delivery, late case detection and notification present challenges to the outbreak response. For more information, contact: who-wro@et.afro.who.int

Nutrition Update

In East Hararge zone, Oromia region, new admissions of children suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM) to therapeutic feeding programs (TFPs) further decreased to 2,403 admissions in September down from 2,774 in August (13.4 per cent decrease at 99 per cent reporting rate). Admissions had decreased by 24 per cent between July and August, following a consistently increasing TFP admissions trend seen in the zone since February. Consumption of green harvest and on-going relief and TSF programs are attributed to this decrease. Despite the decrease, the rate is seven per cent higher compared to the SAM caseload at the same time last year. Looking at *woreda*-specific trends, preliminary reports of an ad hoc emergency nutrition survey conducted in Deder *woreda* by GOAL reveal that the nutritional situation in the *woreda* is poor with high GAM (8.3 per cent) and SAM (0.6 per cent) prevalence. However, crude and under-5 mortality rates are normal, below the national and sphere standard emergency thresholds. Results of similar surveys conducted by the Oromia ENCU in Kersa *woreda* and IMC in Fedis *woreda* are expected soon. In Amhara region, the DRMFS's ENCU is closely monitoring the situation in North Gonder zone following reports of deteriorating nutritional situation. For more information, contact isaackmanyama@yahoo.co.uk

Relief food update

The Food Management Taskforce's prioritization committee allocated food for the sixth round relief food at full basket and ration. However, the severe resource shortfalls for the TSF program (3,771 MT), resulted in a DRMFS decision to divert 1,200 MT of relief CSB to TSF programs. The sixth round relief food assistance will therefore be made at full basket and full ration for all commodities, except for CSB which will be at half ration for all beneficiaries.

Meanwhile, distribution of the third round (93 per cent), the fourth round (84 per cent) and the fifth round (18 per cent) is on-going. Delays in the fifth round distribution are attributed to necessary retargeting with the first round of the new Humanitarian Requirements Document. For more information, contact wfp.addisababa@wfp.org

WaSH Update

Good rains received over the past weeks eased water shortages throughout the country. In Oromia region, zonal authorities ceased water trucking operations in Meyu *woreda* of East Hararge zone (two trucks) and Dawe Sarar *woreda* of Bale zone (one truck) following the replenishment of water sources in the areas. Similarly, the water trucking need in Somali region (nine trucks) is expected to cease or decrease following the start of the *deyr* (October to December) rains last week. The Government and WaSH partners continue to implement longer term solutions to chronic water shortages, including the construction of new and rehabilitation of non-functional water schemes. For more information, contact awesterbeek@unicef.org

No information received from agriculture and education sectors this week