

UNICEF HUMANITARIAN ACTION

Ethiopia

SUMMARY FOR 2005

Critical Issues for Children and Women

Severe droughts in Ethiopia have led to a major humanitarian crisis in 2002-3, which has affected some 13.2 million people directly, especially women and children. The forecast for 2005 is already alarming, with a possible worst case scenario which would see the same levels of humanitarian needs as in 2003.

The burden of this crisis and the general state of poverty, poor health, fast spreading HIV infection and growing number of orphans and weakened income status of the country are felt most acutely by children and women. UNICEF is a major advocate for strong multi-sectoral approach in the country.

Planned Humanitarian Action for 2005

UNICEF is an active member of the UN Senior Disaster Management Team, and continues to develop key partnerships with NGOs, Line Ministries and other UN agencies, particularly WFP in addressing health and nutritional needs of 7 million young children and pregnant women over the next 3 years.

Health and Nutrition: UNICEF will deliver basic services such as vaccination, vitamin A, de-worming as well as supplementary feeding. UNICEF will also prevent and control meningitis, diarrhoeal diseases and malaria throughout the country.

Water and Environmental Sanitation: UNICEF will rehabilitate and maintain water schemes, drill additional boreholes, and provide water tankering in the most affected areas. Sanitation activities and hygiene education will also be supported.

Education: UNICEF will ensure the continuity of basic primary education in the most affected region, provide access to basic education to children internally relocated, and strengthen capacities of teachers, school principals and lower level education personnel.

Gender and Child Protection: UNICEF will support prevention, tracing, care, reunification and reintegration of separated children. UNICEF will also develop child friendly spaces and train teachers and health staff on response to violence and abuse.

HIV/AIDS: UNICEF will build the capacities of HIV/AIDS counterparts, procure relevant HIV/AIDS materials, establish anti-AIDS youth clubs, and provide psychosocial care and support for orphans and affected families.

Mine Risk Education: UNICEF will develop sustainable Mine Risk Education project in the most mine and UXO affected areas. UNICEF will also build capacities of government institutions dealing with Mine Action.

Estimate of UNICEF financial needs for 2005*	
Sector	US\$
Health and Nutrition	20,600,000
Water and Environmental Sanitation	10,200,000
Education	5,100,000
Child Protection	1,500,000
HIV / AIDS	654,900
Mine sector	200,000
Total	38,254,900

** Note that these figures are tentative as of mid-October 2004 since the relevant need assessments and consolidated sectoral amounts will be finalized for the 2005 consolidated Appeal in December 2004.*