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TALKING POINTS FOR THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR RELIEF, DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND REFUGEES

I welcome you all to this function when we as the Ministry for Relief, Disaster Preparedness and Refugees are flagging off relief food meant for people who were severely affected by hunger in Karamoja Sub region. This is food that was procured from the 20BN that Office of the Prime Minister received this quarter out of the 135BN that was approved by Cabinet.

The dry season in Karamoja Sub region started to unfold in December, 2021 but it however, worsened in February, 2022. As Office of the Prime Minister, we immediately commenced relief food distribution following early warning alerts from UNIEWS at the beginning of this year.

According to the Integrated Phase Classification (IPC) report of April, 2022, 41% of the population were food insecure. Between March to July 2022, we have been able to dispatch 51,240 bags of maize flour -50 kgs each and 25,620 bags of beans- 50 kgs each to Karamoja Sub region. This is approximately 2,562 MT of maize flour and 1,281 MT of beans.

From the 135 BN that was earmarked to address the problem of hunger in Karamoja Sub region, 20 BN was released by Ministry of Finance Planning and Economic Development to OPM this quarter. As such, the procurement process for relief food immediately started and food has now been procured.

Below is the food allocation plan for Karamoja Sub region

S/N	DISTRICT	DELIVERY POINT	MAIZE FLOUR (kgs)	BEANS (kgs)
1.	Abim	S/county Hqrs	100,000	50,000
2.	Amudat	S/county Hqrs	100,000	50,000
3.	Kaabong	S/county Hqrs	294,500	147,250
4.	Karenga	S/county Hqrs	100,000	50,000
5.	Kotido	S/county Hqrs	405,600	202,800
6.	Moroto	S/county Hqrs	268,000	134,300
7.	Nabilatuk	S/county Hqrs	200,900	100,450
8.	Nakapiripirit	S/county Hqrs	150,000	75,000
9.	Napak	S/county Hqrs	100,000	50,000

In summary, a total of 84 trucks and 2562 MT of maize flour and 1,281 MT of beans have been dispatched to the region.

At this juncture, I wish to thank our Development Partners who have continuously supported government to save the people of Karamoja from hunger.

I now take the pleasure to officially flag off the relief food meant for Karamoja sub region.

FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY



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