

## Emergency Centre for Locust Operations (ECLO)

### Situation Report No 9

13 December 2004 – 7 January 2005

#### 1. Overview of the situation

- In West Africa, some swarms moved along the Southern Circuit migration route and invaded Gambia, southern Senegal, Guinea Bissau and perhaps northern Guinea. Late forming swarms from summer breeding in the Sahel reinvaded parts of south eastern Mauritania and eastern Senegal.
- Intensive control operations have declined during the month of December 2004 in Morocco, Algeria and Mauritania.
- Swarms were scattered throughout western Libya. In adjacent areas of northeast Sudan, two swarms laid eggs while local breeding was in progress in northwest Somalia.
- There have been numerous reports of immature adult groups and swarms in northern Egypt, Western Desert and the Sinai Peninsula during December 2004.
- Small immature adult groups were present on the northern Red Sea coast in Saudi Arabia.

#### 2. Funding situation

- As of 5th January 2005, FAO has received **63.1 million** in cash, to which the Organization has added **US\$6 million** of its own funds.
- **US\$10.2 million** has been pledged but not yet received
- **US\$1.0 million** is currently being negotiated with donors

#### 3. Assistance provided by FAO

##### **3.1 Aircraft**

- One additional aircraft has been positioned in Senegal, with provision to undertake cross-border spraying operations into Guinea, Guinea Bissau and the Gambia. It is foreseen that the contract will be extended until the end of January 2005.
- From mid-December, an aircraft was positioned in the Gambia to conduct spraying operations over one month period.
- Contract extensions are being implemented with three companies to continue spraying activities in Mauritania utilising two aircraft until mid-January 2005 and with one helicopter remaining until late January 2005.
- In Morocco, the two aircraft FAO mobilized in late November 2004 completed their assignment at the end of December 2004.

### 3.2 Pesticides

- To date, FAO has ordered 2.6 million litres of pesticides
- 2.1 million litres of pesticides have already arrived in country.
- Total value of orders: US\$ 17.9 million

**Table I - Pesticides; quantities arrived in country and to be delivered (in transit)**

<b>Recipient country</b>	<b>Quantities (in litres) Arrived in country</b>	<b>Quantities (in litres) in transit</b>
Algeria	800	-
Chad	65,000	-
Eritrea	15,000	-
Mali	131,800	-
Mauritania	986,350	95,000
Morocco	14,000	393,000
Niger	270,450	-
Senegal	543,750	-
Tunisia	96,600	-
Yemen	15,000	-
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,138,750</b>	<b>488,000</b>

On December 23, 2004 an aircraft made available by the Government of Belgium transported 12 150 litres of pesticides on loan to FAO from the government of Algeria for the Desert Locust control operations in Mauritania.

### 4. Conference on Desert Locust in Senegal

At the initiative of the Senegalese government a Technical Conference on the Desert Locust will be held in Dakar from 11 to 13 January 2005. Three FAO staff member will present papers.

### 5. Bilateral

- Under an agreement between USAID and FAO, 10 000 litres were taken from USAID remaining stocks of pesticides in Senegal and were shipped over to Gambia to assist in controlling a locust outbreak.
- The Australian High Commissioner to Ghana, has provided an unspecified amount to Concern Universal and a group of six NGOs in the Gambia for the purchase of equipment for a community based response to locust invasion.

<b>Information:</b> The latest information on the Desert Locust situation, operational activities and donor funding can be found on FAO's locust web site: <a href="http://www.fao.org/news/global/locusts/locuhome.htm">http://www.fao.org/news/global/locusts/locuhome.htm</a>	
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