

THE FAMINE IN ETHIOPIA : FACTS AND FIGURES

HOW SERIOUS IS THE PROBLEM ?

- With over 5 million people and 9 regions out of 14 affected, the present famine in Ethiopia is the most deadly in the country's history.

- During the last three year famine has been constantly on the rise. Figures given by the regime itself show that the number of famine stricken people was 2 280 000 for 1978, 3 000 000 for 1979 and 5 089 000 in 1980. The number of regions affected has increased from 4 in 1978 to 9 in 1980.

WHY DID IT HAPPEN ?

- The present disaster is caused more by political and military factors than by national calamities. Famine strikes hardest in regions where chauvinist repression and wars are devastating the country.

- War, repression, exile etc., have decreased the peasant working force by 16% and brought about a sharp decline in agricultural production.

- War and repression have completely disrupted the distribution mechanisms (transport, storage, marketing etc.) and have thus made it difficult to distribute any available assistance to those in need.

WHY WILL FAMINE CONTINUE ?

- The prospects are grim because the military dictatorship continues its policy of war and repression which are generating the famine situation.

- The situation is further agravated by the embezzlement of relief funds and by the diversion of relief material to support the famine generating wars.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP ?

Send letters and/or telegrammes of protest to the PMAC expressing your opposition to the famine generating wars and the embezzlement of relief funds at the following address :

PMAC P.O.Box: 5707, Addis-abeba ETHIOPIA

Participate in our life saving campaign by sending your donations to :

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