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Famine relief in Somalia

On March 9, 1965 the EEC Commission decided to finance, through the new European Development Fund, emergency aid to the population of Somalia. The EDF Committee had expressed a favourable opinion at its sixth meeting on this measure, which was proposed under urgent procedure. The amount of the aid is 1.785.000 Somali shillings or about 250.000 u.a. (= US\$).

An appeal had been addressed on December 26, 1964 by the Prime Minister of Somalia to the Heads of Governments of States having diplomatic relations with Somalia, and a request for extraordinary aid was submitted to the EEC Commission on January 5, 1965.

The famine, caused by the 1964 drought, has struck five of the eight regions of Somalia with a population totalling some 700.000. Emergency measures have already been taken with the help of various countries and international organizations; the additional contribution from the EEC will be used for the purchase and distribution of food and pharmaceutical products and the purchase of road tankers to transport water to distant centres.
