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ETHIOPIA: U.S. PLEDGES MORE FOOD AID

The United States said it would send 250,000 metric tons of additional food aid to try to avert a famine. The United Nations estimates that about 12.6 million people need food aid in Ethiopia and another 3.1 million need close monitoring. The donation brings the amount of food pledged by the United States since last year to more than a million tons and comes days before President Bush is to make his first official trip to Africa. (Reuters)

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