

# TFT TABLE FOR TWO Site Report

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When I visited Hawzen District where school food service had been suspended, I strongly felt "I must go take care of it". Thanks to all of your understanding and support, we were able to start to deliver hot meals to around 16,000 children. We were able to see pleasant smiles again on children's faces in Hawzen District.  
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Donation total (As of August 25, 2010)

## 5,122,655 meals

Approximately 23,300 children can have school meals for one year

## Report on the Expansion of Recipient Areas; Ethiopia

### 4 Countries Connect to Your Table

TFT started to help school food service in Ethiopia in September 2010. It was our first time expanding the number of supporting countries since TFT had started its activities. Every single meal from all of you made us expand its coverage. TFT will continue to deliver school lunch to four countries, including the existing ones - Uganda, Rwanda and Malawi.

#### Drought Endless, School Meals Sacrificed

Ethiopia suffers a serious drought now. A chronic water shortage causes not only a lack of safe domestic water, but also a weakening of the agriculture which has sustaining a half of its economic infrastructure, causing a severe food shortage. TFT is starting to support some villages in Hawzen, Tigray.

These villages used to be actively foster of agricultural development in order to achieve economic independence, and establish a cycle of catering school lunches with local agriculture products.

Later on, however, the most severe drought in the nation hit the area. As a result, the harvest dropped to less than 20% of its normal yield. The whole area is now facing a risky food crisis. Such a situation forced a suspension of the school food service.

TFT considered Hawzen District to be a recipient of bringing back the school meal system, and so we visited there before deciding. There were around 55,000 people living in 11 scattered villages covered with rocky desert.



↑ This river dried up a few years ago  
↓ Crops are irrigated manually



We saw caravans commonly being used as a major form of transportation, which made us feel like we were in another world.

← With empty stomachs, children are taking a class



#### Children and Life in the Villages

There are around 16,000 elementary school children in the area where TFT started to support this time. Since everyone in the district is suffering from food scarcity, it is quite hard to get food even at home. They now only eat Injera, a hard-baked crepe made of teff flour. Many hungry children walk a few kilometers to go to school under the burning sun. It is not unusual that children faint in classrooms due to nutritional deficiency. This natural disaster is leading to a collapse of educational opportunity for children little by little as it affects school food service. You can save their situation by purchasing TFT's healthy meals from now on. Please support this emergent TFT for children in the fourth recipient country.

#### "I don't know how to keep on living"

Said a farmer in a village in Hawzen District. He provides for his wife and five children. He makes his living by farming, and so also suffers damage from the recent droughts. Due to a dramatic drop in the crop harvest, his children are always hungry, and all of his family members are not given enough to eat.



#### [Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia]

- Capital: Addis Ababa
  - Ethnicity: around 80 ethnic groups such as Oromo and Amhara
  - Language: Amharic and English
- It is the oldest independent country in Africa. It has more than 3,000-years of history. The capital has many international and community-based organizations such as the African Union.



## TFT brings future for children in Africa.

TFT supports school meals in Uganda, Rwanda, Malawi and Ethiopia.