Report on the Expansion of Recipient Areas; Ethiopia

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.

**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.

TFT brings future for children in Africa.

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