

TABLE FOR TWO

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Number of meals shared to date (as of July 31st, 2011):

9,224,585 Meals (TFT International)

36,323 Meals (TFT USA)

(Enough to feed 42,000 children for an entire school year)

Dgum Primary School in Koraro (Tigray Region), Ethiopia

School meals provide much needed food security in a region susceptible to climate change

In recent years, Ethiopia has suffered greatly from the negative effects of climate change. Approximately 80% of the workforce is engaged in agriculture with many of them subsistence farmers, working on just 1 hectare (~2.5 acres) of land. For these smallholder farmers that barely produce enough in a good year, variations in the climate from year to year often lead to disaster. For example, Ethiopia experienced a severe drought during the rainy season (June-Sept) in 2008, destroying entire harvests in some regions and leaving families with nothing for the upcoming year. School meal programs play a critical role in ensuring food security in countries such as Ethiopia that are especially vulnerable to variations in the climate.



Corn and soy beans

In the Millennium Village of Koraro (where TFT and the World Food Programme support the school meal program), a corn soya blend (“CSB”) is served for lunch. In a region where nutrient intake is often insufficient at home, the CSB provides much needed calories and nutrition.

A Message From TFT Executive Director Masa Kogure

The Tigray region of Ethiopia has experienced severe droughts over the last few years. Crop yields have plummeted, and as a result children in the region have not had access to sufficient food. TFT – in partnership with Millennium Promise – launched the school meal program earlier this year. Although it has only been a few months, children have slowly started returning to school.



(TFT Executive Director Masa Kogure)

The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

- Capital: Addis Ababa
- Ethnic Groups: Oromo, Amhara, Somali, and others
- Languages: Amharic, Oromigna, and others

The oldest independent nation in Africa, with a history dating over 3000 years. Its capital is host to the African Union (AU) and other international and regional organizations.



“Do you want an orange?”

In order to supplement the nutritional value of the school meals, TFT funds have been used to purchase 2 oranges per week for each student. On the right, Mr. Gabrakida is seen picking some oranges from his fruit garden – a result of painstaking work digging a borehole to supply sufficient water. He is now able to produce a surplus, which he sells on the market to earn cash.



- What is TABLE FOR TWO (TFT)? -

TFT is a social enterprise that simultaneously addresses malnutrition in sub-Saharan Africa and obesity (or “overnutrition”) in the U.S., Japan and other rich nations. TFT designates healthy menu items at restaurants, corporate cafeterias and university dining halls, with 25 cents of the proceeds used to provide one school meal to children in Ethiopia, Uganda, Rwanda and South Africa.

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