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Project for urgent famine support in Fyel Wuha Kebele of Woreda Tselemti, Tigray, Ethiopia

1. Context

Abraham's Oasis (AO) is well known in Tigray as an organisation that cares for highly vulnerable children, orphans, abandoned, abused and street children. AO also helps children of subsistent farmers in the immediate area as well as destitute families in two towns.

It is because of the work done well that AO has been requested to support students from areas seriously affected by famine in order that the children will be able to continue their education and not drop out because there is no food.

The Woreda of Tselemti is one that we are familiar with as one of the more remote and troubled communities within the North-western Zone and where AO works.

2. Problem Statement

In 2015 selected areas of Ethiopia received late rains disturbing the natural balance of crop planting and harvesting. Some areas were able to compensate for the tardiness of the rains. In Tselemti they have had little to no rain.

The children unless helped soon will drop out of school simply because they do not have the energy to attend any more. The regional government has asked us to help one area named Fyel Wuha (Goat Water). There is a population of five thousand eight hundred (5,800) of which one thousand seven hundred (1,700) are students.

The secondary school students number four hundred (400), two hundred forty nine (249) male and one hundred fifty one (151) female. There are two elementary schools totally one thousand three hundred pupils of which seven hundred seventeen (717) are boys and five hundred eighty three (583) are girls.

3. Abraham's Oasis local partner

AO will work with the Parent Teacher Association to monitor the correct distribution of supplies to the concerned children for the next five months.

4. Recommended Solution

The Education Bureau and Offices have ensured adequate school supplies for the concerned children, therefore this is not an option for AO.

What the population have requested is rice and unrefined wheat flour, no doubt because these are easy to cook. World Food Programme had been helping them with food supplies but they have stopped this in the whole of Tigray. Therefore the people are hurting.

We are concerned for the children and would like to provide them with high energy biscuits for each day simply to help them in school. These are available in the market and we can easily obtain cartons of them.

The carton contains one hundred fifty (150) packets of four substantial high energy biscuits that would provide one student with some sustenance while at school for five months. The cost of one box is US\$ 15.

The total supply will be bought and submitted to the PTA who would provide regular reports and stock taking to AO.

5. Budget:

- Capital, high energy biscuits (cookies)
 - Cost of carton = US\$ 15 x 1,135 = US\$ 17,025 would be sufficient for five months.
 - US\$ 12.00 will cover one child for five months.
- The cost of transport to Fyel Wuha: US\$ 250
- The DSA for driver and loaders and unloaders: US\$ 50
- Administration cost 15%: US\$ 2,600
- Miscellaneous: US\$ 75

US\$ 20,000 for the whole period or US\$ 4,000 per month

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