

Degu Samrawi

Project Title: Addis Ababa Feeding Program: Nourishing Communities for a Brighter Tomorrow



1. Introduction:

Addis Ababa, the capital city of Ethiopia, is home to six to seven million people. Among the resident's significant population facing food insecurity and poverty. According to the estimation of Addis Ababa City Administration, Feeding Program Agency office 500,000 to 700,000 people don't get one meal per day. In response to this pressing need, the city administration invited organizations from all walk of life to give hands. Based on this call of the government, currently 20 feeding centers are providing one meal per day for 1500 poor people in average (only 30,00 people or less than 5% is covered so far). We, therefore, propose to provide one meal per day to 400 underprivileged communities of Addis Ababa in Akaki Kaliti sub-city where already the government has built and furnished the feeding hall with kitchen. Implementation of a feeding program aimed at providing nutritious meals will be continuously monitored and evaluated by the Agency. Selection of beneficiaries will be made by the Women and Children office of the sub-city. This project seeks to alleviate hunger, improve health outcomes, and foster community solidarity.

2. Objectives:

- To provide daily nutritious meals to impoverished individuals and families in Addis Ababa.
- To address immediate food insecurity and malnutrition issues among vulnerable populations.
- To promote community engagement and solidarity through collective efforts to combat hunger.
- To empower beneficiaries with the resources and support needed to break the cycle of poverty.

3. Target Population: The feeding program will primarily target:

- Homeless individuals and families living on the streets.
- Orphaned children and vulnerable youth.
- Elderly individuals living in poverty
- Internally displaced people.
- Marginalized communities with limited access to food resources.

4. Implementation Plan:

- Location: is already pre-arranged by the Agency and all physical facilities are put in place in Akaki Kaliti sub-city identified as strategic locations in Addis Ababa where the program will operate, ensuring accessibility for the target population.
- Meal Preparation: Women with 12 members established association to supply food items and prepare nutritious meals meeting dietary requirements in fully equipped kitchen provided them. The Association of women is formed through the Addis Ababa Feeding Agency and provided with seeding money to startup

the business. They supply the food items, prepare the meals and serve the beneficiaries and they collect their revenue every fortnight from Degu Samrawi.

- Distribution: Feeding will take place at the Akaki Kaliti feeding centers to beneficiaries once a day, only during lunchtime.
- Training beneficiaries: Recruit and train volunteers from the beneficiaries to assist with life skills and other engagements.
- Monitoring and Evaluation: Implement a robust monitoring and evaluation framework to track the program's impact, ensure accountability, and identify areas for improvement.



5. Sustainability Plan:

- Community Partnerships: Forge partnerships with local businesses, NGOs, and government agencies to secure sustainable funding and resources.
- Income Generation: Explore opportunities for income-generating activities within the program, such as vocational training for beneficiaries, product sales and vegetables farming.
- Advocacy and Awareness: Advocate for policies and initiatives that address the root causes of poverty and food insecurity, raising awareness among stakeholders and the wider community.

6. Budget: The budget for the feeding program will include expenses related to:

Cost title	Number of beneficiary per day	Cost per person per day in Birr	Total cost per year in Birr	Total budget in Euro	% of budget
Food procurement and preparation	400	30	4,380,000	650,000	98.6%
Operational costs (transportation, utilities, etc.). (1%)				6500	0.98%
Volunteer training and support (30-40 beneficiaries)				1500	0.2%
Monitoring and evaluation activities				500	0.07%
Administrative expenses				500	0.07%
Total Budget				Euro 659,000	100

7. Expected Outcomes:

- Improved nutritional status and health outcomes among beneficiaries.
- Reduced incidence of hunger and food insecurity within target communities.
- Enhanced community cohesion and solidarity through collective action.
- Empowerment of individuals and families to break the cycle of poverty through access to regular meals and support services.

8. **Conclusion:** The Addis Ababa Feeding Program represents a crucial initiative to address the urgent needs of impoverished communities in the city. By providing daily meals and fostering community engagement, this project aims to create a more equitable and resilient society where every individual has access to the basic necessities for a dignified life. We call upon stakeholders, donors, and partners to join us in making this vision a reality and building a brighter future for Addis Ababa's most vulnerable populations.