

... WITH A PASSION FOR FEEDING THE HUNGRY



Hunger Plus Inc. was recently contracted by the United Nations Development Programme to evaluate its projects on South Cooperation funded by the Government of Japan. The aim was to generate lessons learned for future use in implementing projects of similar needs and objectives. A total of 52 projects, worth an estimated USD 28 million were evaluated. The report was successfully completed and is now available for reference. The main finding of the report was that most of the poor and hungry in the developing world are effectively assisted when they participate in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of these projects and especially when they are empowered enough to own and especially continue project activities well after the project had ended. This is especially the case when project objectives and goals are demand driven and are based on appropriate actions plans for their realization. It was also determined that project efficiency was greatly enhanced where the private sector, civil societies and the respective governments and government institutions were involved in the project formulation and implementation process.

The assignment was carried out by Dr. Ben Okumu in close collaboration with Hunger Plus Inc Chairman, Mr. J.B Roberts. Apart from the UNDP Special Unit on South Cooperation, the report will be very useful to the Government of Japan in streamlining its funding priorities and refocusing the same to result in a faster attainment of the respective Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in Sub Saharan Africa and Asia. It will also be useful to experts involved in poverty and hunger alleviation activities in much of the world. In this regard, Hunger Plus, Inc. has made a significant and bold step to share her immense experience and expertise in development activities with the rest of the world. It is noted that further assignments have been awarded to Hunger Plus that will result in generation of two more reports before the end of the year.



For several years you have been a voice for America's Second Harvest – The Nation's Food Bank Network and the more than 38 million Americans living on the brink of hunger by advocating for an enhanced tax deduction for in-kind donations to charities. Your hard work paid off in August when President Bush signed into law the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-280), which includes a landmark food donation provision that gives all business taxpayers a real incentive to donate rather than dump excess food. For the first time, all business taxpayers including farmers, food manufacturers, ranchers and restaurants can reap the same tax deduction for food donations as large corporations – the cost plus half the fair market value, not to exceed twice the cost. This new legislation is estimated to bring more than \$250 million worth of new meals to low-income Americans over a 24 months period. To learn more, please visit www.hungeractioncenter.org



Christmas is a season of hope, a season of love, and therefore it is also a season of promise. For many of those who are being served by Hunger Plus, Inc. these are the only possessions they have, and if these are lost, all for them is lost. Our job at Hunger Plus, Inc. is not just to feed people, but to also encourage them, and to encourage those who serve them... often under difficult and dangerous circumstances. Your encouragement, prayers, gifts, and your counsel continue to provide promise for the future. We solicit your prayers that we will be able to appropriately serve those of all faiths and creeds since hunger knows nothing of the prejudices associated with men. We believe the real hope of Christmas is love in action, and we thank you for the love that you have extended to us so that we, in turn, can share it with a hungry world.

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