

Ethiopia (H+CE) Project

The project of the H+CE is more than a great idea. It is a critical service to those in need and is one that can be duplicated around much of the 3rd world. H+CE is more than feeding people. The project is inclusive of improving the health of those in need by placing additives of a nutritional value in the dehydrated foods, the integration of HIV/AIDs prevention through education and/or other approved methodology, engage in implementing programs that enhance those being served to become self-reliant. The program is inclusive of leadership development, health care, education, and agricultural, economic and community development.

The H+CE project is a model and focal point, as the country is rated the poorest country in the world by the United Nations. The total project is designed to:

- Build a dehydration plant in Ethiopia, where surplus crops are produced. In some areas crops rot in the fields because of lack of infrastructure.
- Introduce dehydration of food.
- Feed the hungry and help them become self-reliant.
- Infuse the dehydrated foods, potatoes and other vegetables, with additives of vitamins and minerals, as determined by the Ministry of Health. Every 10 lbs. of grain must include 1 lb. of dehydrated food and additives to feed famine victims and the malnourished.
- Engage in HIV/AIDs prevention through education and/or other approved methodologies.
- Train and educate indigenous leadership for hunger crises in order to alleviate hunger.
- Respond to disaster needs in East Africa.
- Establish measurable indices and conduct clear evaluations.

The H+CE with a membership of twelve Rotarians, Chaired by Mr. Nahu-Senaye Araya, Past President of the Addis Ababa Rotary Club and Past District Governor of Rotary District 9200 have made significant strides.

The Ethiopia project has achieved outstanding results. The H+CE has been awarded the status of being a Non-governmental Organization (NGO). This in turn provides a corporate status making it possible to own property and assist with the importing of goods and products. Further, the H+CE has qualified and will be participating as a partner in Ethiopia with the Global Development Alliance (GDA) of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The first year's funding is for 1.8 million US dollars starting next year.

Our task is to solicit partners. Thus far we have confirmed partnerships with the West Foundation in Indianapolis, Indiana, in Michigan with the Kalamazoo and Hillsdale Rotary Clubs, in Defiance, Ohio with the Defiance Rotary Club, the five Rotary Clubs around the capital of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, the Ethiopian Ministry of Agriculture, and the Ministry of Health. The President of the Amhara State in Ethiopia has granted the land for the office and factory of the dehydrated food plant. Further, we have proposals in process with the Monsanto Foundation, the Breedlove

Dehydrated Foods, the Oprah Winfrey Foundation and the B & M Development Consultants of Ethiopia.

Partners are needed. Being a partner in the Ethiopia project requires a sizable contribution of funds and the opportunity to bring to the table with the GDA and the H+CE advice and counsel.

The Hunger Plus, Inc. USA and the H+CE are most grateful for all of the assistance we have already received. Thank you!

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