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Every day, millions of children in Ethiopia go to school hungry, hunger and malnutrition have many deleterious effects on the health and education of children.

The Vegan Compassion Group has, now for many years supported vulnerable school children in Ethiopia through the financial support it gives International Fund for Africa (IFA). Funds were used to serve two vegan meals to students at Hana Primary School in Addis Ababa.

It is also with great pride that we share with you that IFA was singled out as serving nutritious meals and therefore requested that we focus more on the very young as they are more vulnerable to the consequences of undernutrition. Therefore, at the beginning of the 2019/20 academic year our focus was on kindergarten students.

Another major highlight for IFA this year was the recognition award we received from the Deputy Prime Minister of Ethiopia on a nationally televised ceremony for the projects we implemented in Addis Ababa



Seble Nebiyeloul – Co-founder and Country Director receiving the award from the Deputy Prime Minister of Ethiopia

Suffice it to say, IFA and its beneficiaries have faced many challenges brought on by the global pandemic of COVID 19. School closure forced the suspension of most of our programs. Nevertheless, we shifted to providing the very vulnerable at Hana PS with take home rations – a service that was well received.

This report for the shortened academic year of 2019/20, covers the School Health and Nutrition Program – focusing on the school feeding and the income generating mushroom farm that IFA launched in March 2020.

We want to credit our supporters, such as the Vegan Compassion Group, one of our main multiyear funders and show that the awards and the various recognitions IFA receives are due to their standing with us.

Overview of International Fund for Africa

International fund for Africa (IFA) is registered and licensed by the agency of charities and societies as a foreign charity in accordance with the charities and societies proclamation no 621/2009 since August 30, 2010 under charity number 1970. IFA has been executing its project in three regions of the country (Addis Ababa, Amhara and Oromia) since August 2010.

IFA's vision is to build a world where the wellbeing of every woman and child is a reality.

IFA's mission is to ensure that every infant and child in Ethiopia has the chance to grow and realize his or her full potential. By saving lives at birth, treating sick children and adults, and working in partnership with families, communities, institutions, government and non-governmental organizations, IFA seeks to help people help themselves.

IFA's values are:

- **Capacity building** – every year various capacity building trainings in nutrition, hygiene and sanitation are provided for beneficiaries to strengthen the ability of individual, communities and institutions make effective use of resources and achieve their goals
- **Gender Empowerment and Equality** – schoolgirls are supplied with reusable sanitary pads to prevent them from dropping out of school and maintain their school attendance so that their future economic productivity and health related outcomes are ensured

- **Evidence based** – school meals are plant-based and designed to align with evidence-based practices that are research driven to ensure better effectiveness and greater accountability to promote human, animal and environmental
- **Collaboration** – IFA establishes multi-sectoral partnerships in the schools between communities, public, private, and non-government organizations to realize shared goals
- **Holistic** – the wellbeing of school children is promoted in a holistic manner by addressing nutrition, health, sanitation, environment and education related needs of especially the marginalized and vulnerable one to foster inclusive growth that is realized by working towards shared goals that pertain to the whole rather than piecemeal development.
- **Sustainability** – IFA is in the process of launching income generating schemes - a mushroom farm and two bakeries to cultivate self-sufficiency, social responsibility, and stewardship of resource, by engaging all stakeholders to deliver sustainable development.

Introduction

IFA continues to implement its flagship program – the School Health and Nutrition Program (SHN), which is first and foremost a school-based program with an emphasis on a healthy and well-balanced plant-based nutrition with the goal of promoting good health and learning capacity among students.

IFA’s SHNP has 4 components:

- School Feeding and Nutrition
- School Eye Health
- School WASH
- Sustainability through income generating activity

IFA’s main reason for investing in school health is because it is a cost-effective way of reaching school age children who are one of the most underserved population group; this group can be well served through simple health interventions using existing infrastructure of schools. Furthermore, it is also well documented that improvements in health result in improvements in educational outcomes.

Objectives of the SSHNP

IFA’s SSHNP objectives are:

1. *Nutrition & Health Related*

- reduce hunger and nutritional deficiencies

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- Increase use of diversified source of food in school meals
 - Increase use of fresh fruits, vegetables and proteins
 - Incorporate essential health and nutrition interventions, such as deworming combined with sensitization on hygiene, education, and prevention

2. Education Related

- Improve school attendance
- Improve educational achievements
- Provide social protection for vulnerable households by providing school meals and incentivizing parents to send their children to school

3. Sustainability Related

- Raise the awareness of teachers and parents concerning eyesight-related problems
- Capacity building trainings for parents and SHN committee
- Operationalizing the two income generating bakeries and launching a mushroom production farm

Main Activities

The activities accomplished in 2019/20 academic year in the area of school meals included the following:

IFA in compliance with the Ethiopia National School Health and Nutrition Strategy, continues to implement and strengthen the school feeding and nutrition program in four primary schools, three in Nefas Silk Lafto Sub-city of Addis Ababa and one rural school in Jihur, Northern Showa, Amhara Region.

1.1. Names and locations of the school

- Agazian No.2 Primary School (APS); located in Woreda 08
- Lafto Primary Scale (LPS); located in Woreda 12
- Hana Primary schools (HPS); located in Woreda 01
- Jihur Primary schools (JPS); located at Moretina and Jiru Woreda Kebele 01

1.2. Number of beneficiaries

IFA was given recognition by the relevant school and district level managers as serving nutritious meals and was therefore asked to focus on kindergarten school students who are more vulnerable to food security threats.

- Direct beneficiaries – increased to 1000 this academic year as the focus shifted to KG students in Addis Ababa. When there is left over food, meals are provided to children who are on the waiting list
- Indirect beneficiaries:
 - **20 women** from the community were provided with gainful employment as cooks for the school feeding program
 - All the families whose children are enrolled in the school feeding program

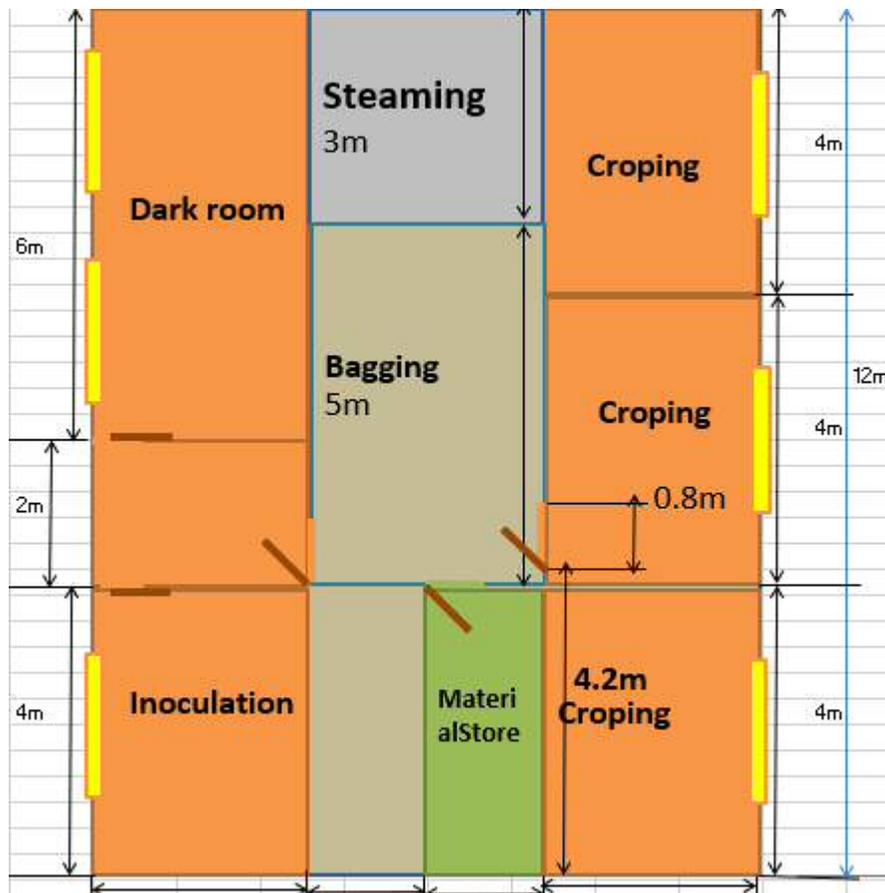
1.3. Activities

- Capacity development for 20 cooks – ongoing training on nutrition and hygiene
- Revision of school meal menu based on nutritional value and diversified source of food
- Dispensed deworming tablets to prevent parasitic infestation – biannual dispensing was interrupted due school closure related to COVID 19 at the end of March 2020
- Provided two nutritious school meals (breakfast and lunch) on school days
- Provided 10 kg multi grain take home rations for 124 student at Jihur Primary school

Sustainable Projects

In March 2020, IFA launched a Mushroom production income generating activity where 100% of the profit generated from the sales of mushroom will be donated back to the School Health and Nutrition program to purchase food items and other related costs. We plan to add mushroom to our menu when schools resume in 2020/21.

The mushroom farm is setup using repurposed containers that can be easily transferred when IFA obtains its own property.



Design of IFA's Mushroom Farm

Outcomes and Achievements

The following achievements were made in 2019/20:

- Nutrition & Health Related for 1000 students:
 - Reduced hunger and nutritional deficiency
 - Improved energy levels of beneficiaries
 - Improved hand washing practices
- Education Related:
 - Improved learning and attentiveness in class observed by teachers among beneficiaries receiving school meals and vision care
 - Improved school attendance of students
- Sustainability Related:
 - Ownership of the SHNP by the SHN committee
 - Establishment a mushroom farm

Expenditure

IFA received the following amount from the Vegan Compassion Group (VCG)

Total Transferred in US Dollar	Total Transferred in ETB
6,296.68	187,864.60

*The exchange rate was 29.8355 ETB as of September 24, 2019

The expenditure summary is captured in table below:

Name of Funder: The Vegan Compassion Group							
Name of Grantee: International Fund for Africa							
Name of School: Hana Primary School							
Description/Budget Items (1)	Total Grant/Budget received (Birr) (2)	Total expenditure at the end of the previous reporting period (Birr)(3)	Expenditure during reporting period (Birr) (4)	Total Expenditure at the end of this reporting period (Birr) (5=3+4)	Remaining budget (Birr) (6=2-5)	Remaining Budget (British Pound)	Remaining Budget in % (7=6/2*100)
Food Commodities	187,864.60	-	188,042.51	188,042.51	- 177.91	- 6.54	-0.09
Summary Totals	187,864.60	-	188,042.51	188,042.51	- 177.91	- 6.54	-0.09
Prepared by:				Approved by:			
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Signature				Signature			
Date	30/07/2020			Date			
Position	SSHN Coordinator			Position	Program Director		

The expense breakdown is detailed in table below:

SHNP - School Nutrition and Feeding Program				
Name of Grantee: International Fund for Africa (IFA)				
Name of Funder: Vegan Compassion Group				
Name of School: Hana Primary School				
Date	Purpose of Expenditure	Budget Head/Ref No.	Model 19/ Voucher No.	Expenditure
7/10/2019	Vegetable for October 2019	HPS-V-01	591465	3,988.77
31/10/2019	Bread for October 2019	HPS-B-01	591459	4,500.00
31/10/2019	Soya bean for October 2019	HPS-SS-01	FS No. 00000522	2,585.57
Subtotal October 2019				11,074.34
28/11/2019	Vegetable for November 2019	HPS-V-02	591460	17,039.55
30/11/2019	Bread for November 2019	HPS-B-02	591456	5,280.00
31/11/2019	Soya bean for November 2019	HPS-SS-02	FS No. 00000374	2,908.76
30/11/2019	Oil for November 2019	HPS-O-01	FS No. 00000920 & FS No. 00000930	4,011.98
Subtotal November 2019				29,240.29
31/12/2019	Vegetable for December 2019	HPS-V-03	591482	26,283.25
31/12/2019	Bread for December 2019	HPS-B-03	591495	14,133.80
Subtotal December 2019				40,417.05
31/01/2020	Vegetable for January 2020	HPS-V-04	591492	10,174.05
31/01/2020	Bread for January and February 2019	HPS-B-04	0117	8,273.40
31/01/2020	Cereals from January to March 2020	HPS-C-01	FS No. 00010908	48,900.02
Subtotal January 2020				67,347.47

31/02/2020	Vegetable for February 2020	HPS-V-04	757268	18,699.00
31/02/2020	Bread for February 2020	HPS-B-04	0123	8,312.20
14/02/2020	Soya bean and oil for December 2019	HPS-SS-04	FS No. 00001122	2,908.76
Subtotal February 2020				29,919.96
21/03/2020	Oil for March 2020	HPS-V-02	003968	10,043.40
Subtotal March 2020				10,043.40
Grand Total				188,042.51
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Date	<u>30/7/2020</u>	Date	<u>30/7/2020</u>	
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Acronyms				
HPS-V-01	Hana Primary School Vegetable	HPS-SS-01	Hana Primary School Sosi Soya	
HPS-C-01	Hana Primary School Cereals	HPS-O-01	Hana Primary School Oil	
HPS-B-01	Hana Primary School Bread			

Pictures



KG students at HPS



Distribution of Take-Home Rations at Hana PS



Mushroom Farm Incubation and fruiting Room



Conclusion

For the coming academic year IFA, in collaboration with its partners, donors and relevant stakeholders, will continue providing school meals and the promotion of sustainable practices such as the use of plant-based school meals.

We look forward to more fruitful years of partnership.