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**Inter-Governmental Institution for the use of Micro-algae Spirulina Against Malnutrition
Inter-Governmental Observer to the United Nations Economic and Social Council**

“There are people in the world so hungry that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread”

"Hay personas en el mundo tan hambrientas que Dios no puede a parecerles a ellos más que en la forma de pan"

" Il y a des gens dans le monde qui sont si affamés que Dieu ne peut leur apparaître que sous la forme d'un pain."

"هناك كثير من البشر يتضورون جوعا في العالم، حتى إن رحمة الله لا يمكن أن تظهر لهم إلا في شكل خبز"

Mahatma Gandhi

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IIMSAM'S SPIRULINA LIFE SAVING FEEDING PROGRAMME DESPITE ITS LIMITED RESOURCES BRINGS EMERGENCY RELIEVE TO THE SEVERELY MALNOURISHED IN THE TURKANA REGION OF KENYA WHERE THOUSANDS ARE SUFFERING FROM SEVERE MALNUTRITION



Principal Adviser on Institutional Advancement in African to the Secretary-General of IIMSAM Mrs. Elhaan Egeh distributing to the severely malnourished in the Turkana Region IIMSAM Plans a Permanent Presence there in the offing.



IIMSAM/Photos: Some of the thousands of locals in the Turkana Region who desperately need help. IIMSAM team on the field feeding Spirulina.

(IIMSAM Headquarters, New York 19th November 2010) The Intergovernmental Institution for the use of Micro-algae Spirulina Against Malnutrition following up on a fact finding mission led by Mrs. Elhaan Egeh the Secretary General's Institutional Development Adviser in Kenya and upon her recommendations to begin an immediate distribution initiative of Spirulina in the Turkana Region of Kenya where severe and acute malnutrition is a way of life. IIMSAM's small team led by Mrs. Egeh reached the Turkana Region on 18 of November after a 350kms drive from the **IIMSAM Dar Al Muamineen Spirulina Feeding Centre in Kisumu, Kenya.** Despite IIMSAM's meager resources Spirulina was distributed to an handful of the

thousands who needed in this region, there are over 300,000 refugees in this region from Sudan, Ethiopia and other places.

IIMSAM's Officials met with District Commissioner who welcomed the IIMSAM Team cordially. The IIMSAM Team was asked us to attend a District Steering Group Meeting (DSG), it consists of all the IGO's, NGO's, Governmental Institutions and Religious Organizations in the area. Any new organization that comes to this area has to be introduced in these meetings. The District Commissioner is on board in welcoming IIMSAM to this part of the country, so is Dr. Gilchrist, the Medical Officer in Lodwar District Hospital in charge of Public Health and Sanitation. Dr. Gilchrist's number one priority is to fight MALNUTRITION.

IIMSAM also in addition to the feeding programme conducted a trial Spirulina feeding program with Child Fund. They were very eager to learn that Spirulina can make a difference.

IIMSAM East & Central Africa Spirulina Feeding Programme to alleviate severe malnutrition and hunger especially at a time when Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki announced a national emergency and declared that over **10 million people** don't have enough food to eat. Reports from an International rescue Committee survey show that an alarming **22%** of children under the age of five are malnourished in the worst affected areas of the country by the current food crisis. The IRC's survey in the **Kakuma division, Turkana north**, found that almost **40%** of local people were surviving on just one meal a day. Malnutrition rates among children under the age of five were **22%** which is significantly much higher than the standard rate of **15%** which the World Health Organization uses to determine an emergency situation.

IIMSAM aspires to make Spirulina which was described by the *United Nations world Food Conference of 1974 as the 'best food for the future'*, as a key driver to eradicate malnutrition, achieve food security, and bridge the health divide with a special priority for the developing and the least developed countries. IIMSAM's East & Central Africa Spirulina Feeding Programme uses Spirulina to eradicate various pathologies and deprivations associated with malnutrition amongst disabled children and others suffering from malnutrition.



H.E. Ambassador Remigio Maradona, Secretary General-IIMSAM stated- I commend Mrs. Egeh from taking a swift action at the field level in order to save lives that are suffering from severe malnutrition in this harsh environmental region of Turkana, Kenya. I appeal to not only to our IIMSAM Donors, Supporters, Goodwill Ambassadors and the International Community to assist IIMSAM to carry out its Mandate to combat malnutrition by making Spirulina one of the key drivers in the food security agenda in the halls of the U.N. and other International Organisations who tackle with the issue of food security. We have shown the world through our Spirulina feeding programmes in the Republic of Kenya that despite our meager resources what can be than on pure goodwill and the acceptance of Spirulina as a catalyst in fighting malnutrition." Now it is time for the powers that be, to emulate IIMSAM and save lives with concrete deeds!"

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