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Application For Project Financing in Eritrea

It is with pleasure I take this opportunity to write this letter. The idea of writing to you came after watching your TV appearance on a Saturday morning some weeks ago where your activity in Ethiopia was featured.

Since the 1984/85 campaign to help the hungry in Ethiopia was launched I have developed interest through my Eritrean contacts in Stavanger and some countrymen who have visited the area. As a subscriber of the scientific journal "The New Scientist" I was also able to gather information from experts about the root causes of the problems and its effect on the people and land independent of politics.

As you may well know the catastrophe in Ethiopia is both natural and man made. And the main victims of both are the Eritreans who live in the northern part of what is known today as Ethiopia. Despite this irrevocable fact they have benefited very little of what is supposed to be the biggest collection of aid in our time. This is because the central government is using famine as weapon in its war effort against the people it has unlawfully occupied. That is why the famine was created and all news blocked out until European cameramen succeeded to bring it to our screens. These facts are now coming to the surface. (ref. Det Beste of December 1986 by Medicine without borders. War and Draught distributed by E. Tesfaye, Digraanesv. 15,4000 Stavanger. Breakfast in Hell a diary of Red Cross doctor's experience in Ethiopia.)

Back to the main purpose of my letter, I would like to mention to you some projects anticipated to relieve the people from the effects of war and draught. The needs and options are enormous but I will mention two alternate projects we have been concentrating lately. These are feasible development projects which, if money is granted it can be a milestone in Norwegian artists contribution to the real victims of the war and draught.

The alternate projects which studies have already been made but awaiting for financial sources are:

1. Construction of a bio gas plant near a hospital involving 25 cattle intended to provide energy out of the available source of dung by means of fermentation. Cost ca. 320.000 Norwegian Kroner
2. Purchase of a Norwegian made communication equipment which can provide easy and direct tele link between various agricultural and field and social workers in the region. Cost ca.250.000

Detailed information can be transmitted for evaluation when requested.

Could you please study these proposals and revert. Any single cent given to the Eritreans creates many cents. Besides it provides relief and happiness both to the donor and recipient. Every donor has seen the results of his/her donation. That is a well known record among those who operate in Eritrea. We look forward for a positive and early response.