



Intergovernmental Institution for the use of Micro-algae Spirulina Against Malnutrition
Permanent Intergovernmental Observer with 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”
“Bu dünyada Tanrı'nın ekme ek dışında bir formda g or unemeyeceđi kadar a  insanlar vardır”

Mahatma Gandhi

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IIMSAM`s Official Press Release

IIMSAM- Soley Institute initiates global **‘SPIRULINA- AID’** to eradicate Malnutrition, achieve Food Security and bridge the Health Divide, along with the **Humanitarian Aid Department of the European Commission (ECHO)** that will provide the logistical support to the IIMSAM Emergency Team in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and East Africa



(Dr. M. Mustafa Kizililsoley of the Soley Institute and IIMSAM Expert & Facilitator)

(United Nations Headquarters, 20th November 2008) In response to the IIMSAM`s Director General appeal for Emergency Assistance to the IIMSAM/KKEO Emergency Relief Programme for the Maniema Region in the Democratic Republic of Congo- an IIMSAM Treaty Official Member State; and to realize its ambition of a world free of malnutrition and hunger by mainstreaming the use of Spirulina as a tool of policy and practical significance, IIMSAM/KKEO along with its Official Working Partner in Turkey, the Soley Institute would initiate a global SPIRULINA-AID programme that will encompass the wide distribution of Spirulina for the victims of severe malnutrition and starvation.

IIMSAM/KKEO-Soley Institute will be distributing high quality dry Spirulina on behalf of IIMSAM to approximately **1000 families** designated by the IIMSAM/KKEO Emergency Relief Team for the DRC and approved by the Soley Institute for a period of 6 months starting **1st January 2009**. In addition, State of the Art Spirulina Cultivation Centre that will be established to build lasting capacities and capabilities that would not only contribute towards eradication of malnutrition in the region but also securing UN MDGs and contributing towards sustainable development.

EMERGENCY STEPS INITIATED BY THE IIMSAM-DIRECTOR GENERAL TO COMMENCE THE EMERGENCY PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

IIMSAM-KKEO team led by **Mrs Els Wjt Mulder**- Director IIMSAM-KKEO of Kenya, IIMSAM Spirulina Expert **Dr. Jean Louis Vidalo** from Switzerland, **Dr. D. Agobe** and **Prince Fundi** of the Maniema region would be visiting the Democratic Republic of Congo on the 28th of November 2008 to facilitate the operations for the distribution of **medical supplies** and the **Water Purification Systems** to alleviate the immense sufferings of the local population in a prompt and an effective and efficient manner.



The Interagency Working Group, Disaster Preparedness for Central & East Arica, Humanitarian Aid Department of the European Commission(ECHO) will provide the logistical support (by flying our team and supplies of water purification system, medical supplies etc, so that it can provide relief aid to the affected areas where IIMSAM has an emergency mandate in any of the following countries:

- Countries covered in the GLR: Uganda, Burundi, Tanzania, DRC, CAR, ROC
- Countries covered in the HOA: Sudan, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia
- Countries covered in southern Africa: Zimbabwe, Zambia, Madagascar, Mozambique, Malawi, Lesotho, Swaziland



H.E. Ambassador Remigio Maradona, Director General-IIMSAM stated- *I take this opportunity to congratulate Dr. M. Mustafa Kizilsoley and the Soley Institute for initiating the global **SPIRULINA AID** programme which in essence is a mechanism to deliver **LIFE AID** to the peoples of the world. I am confident that this relief delivery platform comprising IIMSAM-KKEO, Soley Institute and other stakeholders like ECHO that would transform into action the aspiration of the **UN Secretary General H.E. Ban ki Moon** to have 'real commitment and real action' to address the need to feed the hungry at Berne, Switzerland. Spirulina that was hailed as '**best food for the future**' at the 1974 United Nations World Food Conference holds key not only to deliver nutritional security to the peoples of the world but also secure the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.*



What is the European Commission's humanitarian aid?: The European Commission's Humanitarian Aid department (ECHO) is a service under the direct responsibility of Commissioner Louis Michel. Since 1992, the Commission, through ECHO, has funded relief to millions of victims of natural and man-made disasters outside the European Union. Aid is channelled impartially to the affected populations, regardless of their race, ethnic group, religion, gender, age, nationality or political affiliation. Part of the Humanitarian Aid department's mission is to raise public awareness of the issues at stake.

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