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ADDIS ABABA, OCTOBER 7TH, 1985.

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MSF MEDICAL COORDINATOR

TO: COMRADE SHYMALIS
WOLLO ADMINISTRATOR
DESSIE, WOLLO REGION.

DEAR SIR,

I WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY A FEW POINTS, CONCERNING THE VISIT OF MSF MISSION IN KELELA, ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 4TH, 1985.

YOU GAVE MSF, THE ORAL AGREEMENT ON FRIDAY, JUNE 21ST, 1985 TO OPEN IN KELELA, BORENA AWRAJA A DRY SUPPLEMENTARY FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMME.

. WE WERE NOT ALLOWED TO ORGANIZE A WET FEEDING PROGRAMME IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY GATHERING OF PEOPLE AROUND THE VILLAGE

. WE WERE NOT SUPPOSED TO DO ANY GENERAL DISTRIBUTION. DURING THE RAINY SEASON, THE ROAD FROM AKASTA TO KELELA WAS CLOSED AND NO FOOD ARRIVED. (WE HAVE SINCE PARTICIPATED TO A FOOD FOR WORK PROGRAMME TO BUILD A NEW ROAD). WE FACED VERY IMPORTANT LOGISTIC PROBLEMS THAT WERE PARTIALLY SOLVED, USING HELICOPTERS AND MULE-CONVOYS. WE OPENED THE MSF CENTRE (ID. REPORT NO 1). ACCORDING TO " A GUIDE TO EMERGENCY FEEDING " PUBLISHED BY UNI MINISTRY OF HEALTH, (PAGE 95), AND TO WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION PUBLICATION " L'AIDE NUTRITIONELLE AUX POPULATIONS DANS LES SITUATIONS D'URGENCE " (PAGE 70), WE PREPARE PREMIX OF HIGH ENERGY MILK, AS IT IS EXPLAINED :

BRIED SKIMMED MILK = 6 PARTS = 265 G FOR ONE CHILD
OIL = 2 PARTS = 90 G
SUGAR = 1 PART = 45 G FOR ONE DAY

WHICH GIVES ABOUT 2000 KCAL IN 400 G OF PREMIX. THESE 400 G OF PREMIX HAS TO BE ADDED TO 4 TIMES ITS VOLUME OF WATER IN ORDER TO OBTAIN 2 LITERS OF HEM. WE ALSO USE FAFFA OR CSM MIXED WITH DSM. THEREFORE, ACCORDING TO THE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS ADMITED IN ETHIOPIA, WE ARE ACHIEVING OUR PROGRAMME PROPERLY.

THE PROBLEM WE FACED WAS THE LACK OF GENERAL DISTRIBUTION IN TOWN. THE FOOD WAS IN FACT SHARED WITH THE FAMILY MEMBERS. WE WERE AWARE OF THIS. NOW GENERAL DISTRIBUTION IS ABOUT TO SATRT, THE PROBLEMS SHOULD BE DECREASING.

EVEN SO, THE CHILDREN UNDR 60% OF W/H WILL HAVE DIFFICULTIES TO GAIN WEIGHT, BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO BE CLOSELY LOOKED AFTER. THE OPENING OF A SMALL THERAPENTIC FEEDING CENTRE FOR THE CHILDREN BELOW 60% IS A SOLUTION, ONLY 100 CHILDREN COULD BE ADMITED, AT FIRST, IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY GATHERING OF PEOPLE AS YOU HAVE MENTIONED THIS PROBLEM. THE MSF AIM IS TO HELP THE DROUGHT AFFECTED PEOPLE.

SINCERELY YOURS,

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