

# Food Sustainability in Famine Affected Areas

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Members of the community have been trained in upkeep of the pumps so that they can maintain them in the long term.

↙ **This project offers practical assistance in eight districts regularly affected by food shortages due to drought. Three separate studies helped identify the most vulnerable communities and their critical needs. The key project strategy focuses on providing water for irrigation of traditional and other crops to improve food and income security. Other strategies focus on sanitation, health, basic education and livestock management for these communities.**

↙ **Update from Project Manager, Fekadu Reda, April 2010.**

We are happy to inform you that in March the Tufa Irrigation Scheme became fully operational after two years of electric power holdup. The Ethiopian Government has agreed to provide electricity mains but after the transformer installation in December 2009, we were delayed due to shortages in government stock. Finally the electro-meter was installed in February, and on March 5 we tested the power after two days adjustment work from Australian volunteers.

The pumps ran successfully for one full hour in the presence of the district development officer, the local community and their leaders, SIM staff, and district electricity technicians.

After the testing, the community leaders expressed appreciation to SIMaid and its supporters, and WA Watercorp, for fulfilling the promise made some years ago.

Community members have since been trained in care, handling, and operating the power and the pumps.

Project staff must now produce a report so that the Government can take over the project in July 2010.

The people of Tufa finally have water for their crops and will no longer be slaves to famine.



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