

LETTER FROM THE HUNGER PROJECT – BENIN

Dear Partners, Investors and Friends from the Netherlands,

Some of you have recently been in a trip to Benin from March 16 to 23. It was an exciting moment for all the population of the epicenters visited and particularly for the population of Gohomey epicenter who felt privileged to organize and host the inauguration ceremony of their epicenter. It was also an exciting moment for all the staff of THP-Benin who has the opportunity to take note to of your feedback.

We discussed and deepened issues related to the “Tipping point” with Mr Carel van Bemmelen and Ms Evelijne Bruning who could stay longer after the visit. We also mentioned how important it is to better communicate about the “Why” of our work, our results and impacts in other to sustain the trend to the “Tipping point”. We were happy to realize that some outcomes could already be recorded in relation to the “Tipping point”. Some of them are:

- The decision to replicate THP-Benin strategy in nutrition in the Central part of the country. This decision has been recently made by the medicine Doctor coordinating thirty one (31) Health Centers managed through the Ministry of Health in that part of the country.
- More and more stakeholders are interested in processing Moringa leave into powder
- Two (02) NGOs (“Illeman NGO” and “Tomorrow Children”) and some entrepreneurs have been trained by THP-Benin to replicate the processing technology of Moringa leave in to powder.

Some other outcomes are to be recorded to show and share more about how the epicenter strategy is making impact and how other stakeholders are willing to replicate it.

I’m pleased to mention that THP-Benin have recently signed an agreement with a governmental Agency (ABERME) in charge of providing solar panel energy to health units in rural areas. Through this agreement, THP-Benin epicenters where health units are operational will be equipped with solar panel at a lower cost than before. This will enhance the operational standard in the epicenter and will also create enable conditions for running ICT activities. A recent report have been developed and shared on the progress on ICT and we are really happy with this project which is bringing an additional dynamic for youth mobilization in the epicenters.

Many thanks to you all, partners, investors and friends from the Netherlands. I’m looking forward to meeting some of you who are in the trip starting next week.

Warm regards,

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