## INTERGOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTION FOR THE USE OF MICRO-ALGAE SPIRULINA AGAINST MALNUTRITION

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IIMSAM'S SHEIKH ZAYED CENTRE'S TRAINEE MR. DICKSON OKOTH AGOGO A CIVIL SERVANT FOR THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, SPEARS HIS OWN SPIRULINA PROGRAMME IN TAITA KENYA SAVING LIVES! BY INNITIATING A LIFE SAVING SPIRULINA PROGRAMME IN TAITA TAVETA COUNTY — NEIGHBOURING VOI IN THE COAST REGION - THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA.



From left to right Photo:In dark-red shirt: Mr Dickson Okoth Agogo of Taita Taveta County-Republic of Kenya.



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IIMSAM trained Mr. Dickson Okoth Agogo makes good of the Spirulina production (cultivation), distribution and information dissemination skills gained from IIMSAM training the year 2015 to help save lives of residents of Taita Taveta County. The county situated in the coastal region of the Republic of Kenya neighboring Voi is 800 Kilometers from IIMSAM Zayed Center in Kisumu.

It has according to National Drought Management Authority of Taita Taveta malnutrition levels from sample children of 5 years and less of 2.5 to 3%. The figures are definitely much higher for other sample categories. Dickson works with the Ministry of Agriculture, Department of extension services Taita Taveta. He was inspired by the knowledge he has on the capability of spirulina as a handy solution to health problems, above all the fight against malnutrition hence his direct contribution in seeing the residents of the county live to the standards of individually achieving a more fulfilling healthier life. This was a difficult personal and fiscal challenge that he overcame with tenacity and the willingness to help an impoverished and malnourished population.

He reports a popular Spirulina feeding programme with high demand for the same in the region. He has managed to cultivate, produce and or harvest in the magnitude of an average of 5 Kilograms of wet Spirulina daily which is 500 doses at the service of a total 200 beneficiaries to consume in a day thus about 65 adults and 135 children in the ratio 1:2. He has been seeking support and has been instrumental though making frantic efforts to raise funds to expand the programme to meet the rising local demand. Availability of resources will help more than quadruple the distribution of Spirulina to the needy. This is an opportunity for IIMSAM to expand beyond Kisumu within Kenya.

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