

The Relief Society of Tigray (REST) Approves around 2 Billion ETB for 2015 FY

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For the implementation of 27 different projects in 34 rural wereda of Tigray regional state, the Relief Society of Tigray (REST) as strong local nongovernment organization in Ethiopia, approved 1, 547, 147, 623 ETB in cash and the remaining amount in kind (food related grains and diets) for the fiscal year of 2015. With this amount of money around 2 million Tigrayan individuals will be secure from natural as well as social shocks either in agriculture and environmental rehabilitation development, rural water supply development, irrigation development, health services, education and other integrated social protection provisions. Mr. Tekleweini Assefa, executive director of the sole indigenous in Tigray, mentioned that there are technologically advanced machineries already assigned in the field to perform quality work within the time frame which accorded with REST partners.



According to the budget plan which presented by the planning and coordination department in the annual review meeting of program implementation performance, human resource and the organization's status of the year 2014, REST primed more than 73 metric tons of grains, vegetable oil and pulses to be considered as food for work mechanism in drought stricken parts of the region.

In the year of 2015 FY some 20 development partners are in line to work with REST in 34 operational weredas of the regional state. REST in collaboration with partners, donors, the regional government of Tigray and mainly the people of Tigray will lead

the development mission of the year. REST staff cordially invited by the executive director to be in the front line in order to achieve the desired outcomes.

Mr. Tekleweini Assefa, with his prowess stage management became proactive to navigate the arena of the question and answer session. He addressed well to answer all the questions which were pivotal to all people who are working within the



organization, REST. Furthermore, he emphasized that these technologically advanced machineries which can fit with our ragged topography are already standby for the field work assignments. Among the environmentally important machineries which some of them are represented in the photos as REST's right hand equipments are; the excavators, bulldozers, loaders, compactors, tractors, dam trucks and rig machines with composers to dig boreholes for drinking water in all the region's extreme lowlands and highlands, in addition to the newly introduced agriculture based technologies, are also assigned to the field to accomplish standard work in the budget line as per the agreement reached with REST partners.