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## **Millions of Ethiopian Children at Risk: International Crisis Aid Sends Relief**

*Six million children are in danger of starvation without immediate help, states UNICEF*

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**SAINT LOUIS, Missouri (May 22, 2008)** — Six million children in Ethiopia may starve to death from malnutrition without immediate help, UNICEF reported Tuesday. International Crisis Aid will begin immediately to supply food aid to those most in danger.

International Crisis Aid (ICA), a St Louis-based humanitarian organization, has operated in Ethiopia since 2003, making the agency perfectly positioned to begin immediate food distributions in several areas within the country.

“I have never seen so many severely malnourished children since ICA began feeding people during the 2003 famine,” said ICA Medical Director Dr. Henok Ghebrehiwot after a recent ICA food distribution in Ethiopia. “Malnutrition can be fatal to children, especially at this level.”

Failure of rains, widespread drought and soaring prices of food, fuel and fertilizer are blamed for this new famine in Ethiopia. As these conditions and other negatively-contributing factors continue, the death toll from malnutrition is expected to increase unless aid is provided.

“ICA has been here for children in Ethiopia for half a decade now and we will continue to be here to provide help,” said Pat Bradley, President of ICA. “With the help of our partners and friends, we will be able to reach out with help and hope to the tiniest victims of hunger there.”

Individuals, foundations or companies interested in becoming involved in relief efforts with International Crisis Aid are encouraged to contact the agency at 1-888-740-7779 or by email at [info@crisisaid.org](mailto:info@crisisaid.org).

### **About International Crisis Aid (ICA)**

International Crisis Aid is an international relief and development organization based in St. Louis, MO. Our purpose is to assist in sustaining life, bring encouragement to those suffering and to assist in facilitating with other relief organizations bringing necessary materials, foods and medicines to people who are in crisis situations where life and death situations exist. To accomplish this vision we will continue to target our efforts in no-go zones where other organizations cannot or will not go. Our programs and services have reached out to children and families in need from Cambodia, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Pakistan, North Korea, Indonesia and Sudan. These programs include feeding, medical, orphanages, disaster relief, girls' schools, community development, rescuing girls from sex-trafficking, water projects, etc. For more information on International Crisis Aid, please visit [www.crisisaid.org](http://www.crisisaid.org)