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For a long time Lions International has been addressing its humanitarian aids with an updated and more effective operating method by choosing the priorities according to the principle of turning the humanitarian aids into investment actions.

This direction does not exclude the realization of emergency actions or simple assistance, such as the World Food Program, but most available resources are targeted to those that we call “humanitarian investments”. Based on this principle, recently the European Lions meeting in Trieste recommended to dedicate the utmost attention to the situation and to the chances of women that in most countries assure the farming, without receiving particular help or support.

Being not able to influence customs and traditions of so many countries and wanting a change in the female role within the family and the society, the only real support that can be given to women in agriculture is to provide them with simple and easy to use working tools so they can improve people’s conditions and in the meantime, guarantee some improvement in the everyday life of women working in the agricultural field.

In fact, besides the farming a woman must look after her family, cook and do all the housework.

The technological transfer is normally meant at a higher knowledge level than the one possessed by women farmers, hardly finding a chance for real implementation, while starting from the realistic situation it is necessary to proceed step by step.

The first level of intervention may be realized as follows:

- supply of solar cooking stoves to allow meal preparation without need of fuel
- supply of solar energy lamps, easy to use, based on the battery charge through a solar cell during the day for night utilization
- Watering remains the primary need also for cultivation and therefore the construction of wells has been started for a long time in several African countries. But it is necessary to leave the rudimentary technology for the solar energy pumps.

In few words, there should be a transfer of the most updated methods of solar energy starting from the examples mentioned above, expecting a constant development of the technological level by programming a series of interventions during the years.

The project has been introduced to the Lions International Europa Forum in collaboration with important technological centers and has found deeply concerned the African lions, with whom it will be possible to realize in the various involved countries, activities in joint venture.

The goal set by the European Lions is to find some co-partnerships with other International Non-Governmental Organizations and therefore with Food and Agriculture Organisation so that the project may be really implemented.

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