

# SHASHAMANE LAND GRANT REPORT

"The Key to the attainment of any Goal lies in One's ability to learn to direct One's objectives towards clearly defined ends and to pursue them in an orderly, rational and co-ordinated fashion'

This Report shall focus on the objective Reality, as it really exists, the possibilities, the limitations, the options and feasible Solutions.

The Shashamane Community has grown dramatically over the years, with Idren and Sistren from the Four Corners of the Earth, fulfilling the Prophecies that from the North, the South, the East and the West, Emperor Haile Selassie I will gather H.I.M. Children Home.

There are at least 13 Elders over 65 years ; approximately 96 Idren and Sistren between 40 – 64 years of age. There are variably at least 72 Youths between 18 – 35 years and the younger Youths, collectively number at least 94 Youths.

The greater majority of Idren and Sistrin have come in since the Centenary, but there has been a great influx over the past five years.

The greater majority of Idren and Sistrin have been able to acquire properties and built Homes for I and I Selves, which are reasonably comfortable. Most of these Homes are just sufficient for their families, but as Rastafari there will always be certain space available, though limited.

In I and I immediate Community, there is the "Lily of the Valley", which has been built by a Rasta Family, it is a Five Star Hotel with 30 rooms. In the City, there is the 'Rift Valley" Hotel that has been constantly expanding and presently has 100 rooms available. It is also owned by two Rasta Families. In the Town, there are several medium size Hotels that mostly cater for overnights. Whatever must be realized however is that most of these Rooms will most probably have already been booked.

The businesses that are otherwise functional are a Soya Factory, an Agro-Industry, a Bakery, a couple craft shops and an IT Café. A particular Sister and Idren also run a Soya Products Shop and small Guest House.

Presently in Shashamane, the only Lands that are still available for Development is in the Industrial area, which is specific to the building of factories. To obtain permission to develop any such venture, One has to obtain an Investment Permit from the Federal Investment Bureau in Addis Ababa, which will only approve your Project if One is able to show proof of financial capacity. This was the Procedural format that the Rasta Idren who built the Hotels had to fulfil.

These are some of the objective Realities that confront I and I now in Shashamane. This is an insight in to the actual Reality of Shashamane. The present area that is now occupied as Shashamane Woreda Administration has been designated as a City by the OROMIYA CENTRAL COUNCIL, in collaboration with the Urban Planning Institute of the Federal Government. Furthermore, Shashamane has over the past two years been upgraded to a Regional Capital for the West Arsi Zone.

Over the past three to five years, there has been a systematic implementation of a Master Plan, that has sectionalized every area of land amongst the local Community. There are certain lands that are on the frontline that have been designated for Commercial Development, virtually all these Lands have been

developed or are in construction. Several four storey buildings have been set up as Shopping Malls. Shashamane is the fastest growing Town after Addis Ababa.

The area that was allocated as the Land Grant has been totally taken over. This area is within the scope of the Master Plan and has been systematically divided in 200m houselots, which are all completed or in later stages of construction. Most of these Homes are built with local techniques. All of I and I live within this Community and face the same Reality. Some of I and I have been able to hold on to certain lands that have been in I and I control for over fifteen years. It can be realistically speaking, I and I collectively own no more than fifty hectares.

Most of I and I who today have a House living in, had to acquire these properties. There is NO FUNCTION OF THE LAND GRANT ANYMORE. It is not being envisaged or contemplated to move anyone or in any way facilitate the further allocation of lands. This is the REALITY.

There are no collective Farms in I and I Community, some of I and I have small portions of land that is used for home gardens. There are no suitable lands for Agricultural development within a radius of 250 kilometres from Shashamane. Presently, I and I research has revealed that it may be only in the Dawro region or in the further outreaches of Bale that lands may be available. The Reality is that most of the Lands are occupied by the rural farmers, in the Bale region, the Government own thousands of hectares of land, certain Investors from Addis Ababa also own such vast acreages, which are all totally planted in wheat. In particular, one Investor has 10 Tractors and 18 Combine Harvesters.

This is the stark Reality, I and I are late in Coming Home, over the past five years, most of the suitable Lands have been taken over and developed. Several flower companies have over the past three years, taken over the remaining suitable lands  
In certain select areas, One may still be able to secure certain smaller pieces of land, at least thirty hectares, but usually on a short term basis.

“Where there is no Vision, the People perish”  
IPATRIATION IS A MUST. IT IS THE HISTORICAL RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL OF I AND I TO GATHER I AND I RESOURCES AND COME HOME. THE TIME IS NOW. THERE ARE SET THRONES OF JUDGEMENT UPON BABYLON, COME OUT OF HER, I PEOPLE.

The Hotter the Battle the sweeter the VICTORY. There are other areas along the Takezze River, along the River Nile in the Bahir Dar Area, certain Idren are presently building in that area. There is Jimma, Bonga , Benj Maji, Kaffa, these are agricultural lands, a bit far, over 500 kilometres west of Addis Ababa . This is the REALITY, I AND I WILL HAVE TO GIRD I AND I LOINS AS KING DAVID HAS INSTRUCTED.

I and I cannot complain, there are limited opportunities in Shashamane, but there is still scope for development. I and I need to build a University College, that would incorporate the highest levels of intellectual pursuit and research. There is an Immediate need for a High School and a Technical College. A Herbal Research Centre, Oil Processing factories, for edible Oils and Essential Oils, I and I need to build Clothes Manufacturing factories, both in knitwear and textile. I and I need to get involved in Ceramics, similarly full fledged food processing plants will also have to be set up. For all these Visions, there are practical ways and means to get Land to build these edifices. The Clinic that has been started must be completed. These are objective Realites that can be set up to sustain economic stability and ensure employment for I and I People

This is the Reality, this is not no bed of Roses. It is an upful Task, if I and I can identify the availability of ensured Capital or work out ways and means to obtain the necessary funds that His Majesty instructed I and I...“Money is as important to a Government, as Blood is to the Human Body”. Let I and I Pray that it is not only 500 Repatriates, but HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS, MILLIONS OF I AND I, FOR THIS IS THE PROPHECY and THESE ARE I AND I PRAYERS. It is no turning Back.. MILLIONS OF I AND I. THIS IS THE VISION, THIS IS THE TASK AT HAND. THERE IS NO MORE TIME TO GESTICULATE. .

HIS MAJESTY, EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE I IS THE CONQUERING LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH, LET I AND I STUDY H.I.M WORKS AND FACE THE REALITIES OF THESE TIMES. THE STRUGGLE HAS JUST BEGUN, I AND I WILL HAVE TO BE STRONG

The highest levels of diplomatic ability has to be activated to negotiate I and I Selves through the corridors of the System, I and I cannot be dumb or lacking, the TALKING must be over. There are set objectives, realistic strategies with immediate implementation must be the Course of Action. It is the Greatest Work that I and I as A People are about to Manifest, there must be no doubt, no delay. There is no OBSTACLE that can Hinder I and I Movements, the Victory has already been Won, it simply is that I and I have DELAYED FOR TOO LONG. I AND I MUST STEP IT UP AND BE ON THE MOVE

Blessed are I and I who walketh in the path of the godly, and sitteth in the seat of the righteous, having found the Glory of the Irritation of HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY, EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE I, and on H.I.M. HOLA LAWS DO I AND I IRRITATE WITH EACH AND EVERY DAY, SO THAT , I AND I WILL BE LIKE THE HOLA SENSEMILLA TREE THAT GROWETH BY THE RIVER NILE, bringing forth it's BUDS in due Season, and whatsoever I and I do shall PROSPER, and the LOCKS OF I AND I HEAD SHALL PROSPER THROUGHOUT ALL GENERATIONS.

Let I AND I fortify I and I selves in Prayers and Hola Irration, this is a Blessed Work