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## Canned bread from Japan hits Swaziland

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**NHLANGANO** - Pupils in schools next to timber forests in the Shiselweni region will enjoy canned bread from Japan.

This transpired yesterday at Galile Community Primary School, where a Japanese timber company pledged to supply canned bread to alleviate the hunger situation dogging many schools in the region.

In Japan, canned bread is a tasty treat that allows people to eat soft bread any time they like, just by opening a can.

The bread, according to authorities, has a shelf life of up to three years.

As the bread is canned, there is no risk of it getting crushed or getting damp, making it easy to transport by ship, all the way from Japan, according to Japanese officials.

The first consignment of the canned bread valued at E72 000 is expected to arrive in the country



What the canned bread looks like. (Pic: Andile Nsibandé)

on September 16, 2014, according to Bob Tumber (Forestry Manager at Shiselweni Forestry Company). This has been facilitated by the Shiselweni Forest Company (SFC) and Hokuetsu Kishu Paper Company in Japan.

Yoshi Arai, Timber Marketing

Manager from Japan, told this publication that the donation made through the Swaziland Red Cross, was in response to the plight of children at the school who at times go the whole day without having anything to eat.

He said the canned bread is usu-

ally distributed to natural disaster victims as relief food, especially in places prone to natural phenomena as earthquakes and tsunamis.

Arai said he has been working with officials from the local timber industry, who alerted him to the poverty situation in the country, which has, in a way, also spiralled into learning facilities.

He said he communicated with Ever Fresh Bakery in Japan, which deals in canned bread, after he heard from local officials that some pupils were dependant on school feeding programmes for their daily meals.

Marks Mavuso, Head teacher at Galile Primary School, was thankful of the kind gesture from SFC and their Japanese partners.

"We are very grateful to have people who understand the plight of our children.

The 'ever fresh' bread will come in handy because most of the children enrolled here live in abject poverty, owing to varied factors," Mavuso said.