



Annual Report 2022

We work for Children, Change and Sustainable development.

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EDA envisions bright future for children.

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To improve the well begin of vulnerable Children,
Youth and women through promoting right based
and community led development approach.



Executive Directors' Message



Dear friends, donors, and development partners of Emmanuel Development Association (EDA)

The increasing complexity of social issues is placing a greater burden not only on governments but also on the Private sector, CSOs and individuals in Ethiopia. The COVID-19 pandemic, IDPs due to conflict also aggravated the development challenges and negatively influenced the operation in EDA's intervention areas, particularly in the northern part of the country

Many people nowadays agree that it is not possible to solve the problems by relying on public, INGO, and CSOs services alone.

In response, international and local actors are contributing to mitigating and addressing the complex issues at all levels. There is also a growing movement to join hands and work together toward achieving society's problems by mutual support to voice together in the CSOs sector through the direct involvement of the CSOs Council to harmonize the existing economic and social challenges.

The Emmanuel Development Association's (EDA's) most valuable asset is the network of people, the target community, and the local organizations that we have created through our activities over the past 24 years. We know from experience that bringing people together and empowering them creates synergies and sustainable solutions.

In the review year, more people were committed to doing something to solve the society's problems and showed an increased interest in activities that make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children, women, and youth in Ethiopia. Our traditional donors have become more involved in activities that reflect their desire to address the needs of the IDPs in our operation areas, in addition to their support for the regular programs. Volunteer advisors from Canada, in particular Mrs. Margaret Vokes, has played a significant role and contribution to EDA in business development and fundraising activities for women and children in Ethiopia.

In 2022, our priority was solving actual problems on the ground by engaging researchers and volunteers to arrive at possible solutions and to initiate and implement projects at all levels. Furthermore, EDA has worked to apply the knowledge and experience we have gained over the years and, in collaboration with others, works to solve the issues that confront our society today. In the same fiscal year, EDA served 333,102 vulnerable children, women, and youth in the areas of education, livelihood, nutrition, WASH, the human rights program, and emergency response.

The current organizational expansion from Ethiopia to Afghanistan was also intentionally shown to share EDA's best practices with the Afghanistan community in collaboration with WHL, a local NGO that could be worth mentioning in the coming year.

Last, but not least, I want to take this opportunity to thank and highly appreciate the EDA's donors, executive board, staff, and volunteers for their great and significant contribution towards the success of the organization in the review year of 2022.

Thank you,

Dr. Tessema Bekele,
Founder and Executive Director

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In 2022, Emmanuel Development Association implemented 17 different types of projects in collaboration with various international and national stakeholders in selected zones and woredas of Amhara, Oromia, Sidama, and SNNP regional states, as well as Addis Abeba city administrations. Our passion is to provide comprehensive, quality, community-led and sustainable development projects.

The following pages cover a selection of summery of EDA projects and its major accomplishments over the past year

Community Based Child Development

The project has been implemented in Oromia region, East Shoa zone of Bora woreda with the technical and financial support of Canadian Feed the Children (CFTC). The project aims to address problems associated with poor quality education, food insecurity, and the insufficient capacity of local institutions and structures representing poor people, as well government offices.

Major Accomplishments

Improved seeds were provided to 705 farmers to cover 6 hectares of farm land and harvest 120 quintals of wheat; improved mango and avocado seedlings were introduced to 68 women farmers, and they were trained on agronomic practice and smart agriculture. Training on compost preparation was provided for 128 men on the importance of a balanced diet; and practical demonstrations for 442 mothers to improve food utilization.

60 reflect group leaders received leadership training on how to handle and manage teams or reflect groups and finances; three women's reflect groups (70 members) developed action plan to engage in small ruminant husbandry, and two women's reflect groups (50 members) on small scale business were formed.

Construction material support was provided to construct one block ECCE center with four classrooms for Jarawayo primary school. 200 infant chairs, 80 tables, and various teaching aid materials were also provided to the school.

16 target ECCE facilitators and 40 primary school teachers received capacity building training. In addition, 200 sponsored children received school supplies such as exercise books, uniforms, and school bags.

To strengthen the community's capacity, EDA established 26 Reflect groups with weekly meetings lasting one hour and savings programs. 442 mothers are involved in these 560 households.

The project directly addressed a total of 6,168 beneficiaries. 4,922 children (2572 girls and 2350 boys) and 1246 parents (805 women and 441 men) were directly addressed and 24,672 beneficiaries were indirectly reached.



Ending the Exploitation of Child Domestic Workers

The project's goal is to help change of attitudes and behaviors toward child domestic workers (CDWs) and to strengthen mechanisms to support CDW program initiatives. The project is implemented in Addis Ababa, Nifas silk lafto and Lideta sub cities with the technical and financial support of Freedom Fund Ethiopia.

Major Accomplishments

- A capacity-building training on the rights and protection of CDW was provided for 61 (31 boys and 29 girls) employer's children.
- A training session on the rights and protection of CDW was provided for 78 employers.
- Capacity-building training was provided to 58 (F = 13 and M = 45) selected government stakeholders on how to report cases of sexual exploitation and abuse, as well as how to provide legal services to survivors.
- Biannual and review meeting was held with 34 (F = 13 and M = 21) concerned stakeholders.
- Training on CDW rights was provided to 60 Iddirs leaders (F = 18 and M = 42).
- Platforms and learning alliances are formed with 59 relevant stakeholders (F = 20 and M = 39).
- A total of 148 CDWs received training on how to report sexual abuse and violence.
- 148 CDWs received training on children's rights, hygiene and health, communication and leadership skills, and how to foster interpersonal connections.
- An experience-sharing program was carried out with 148 CDWs and 30 ex-CDWs.
- Capacity-building training on how to handle CDW reports and referrals was provided to selected schools (89/39 F and 50 M/PTA).
- To encourage employers to send CDWs to school, educational materials such as an exercise book, pencil, and pen were provided for 136 CDWs.



Accelerated Learning for Africa



Accelerated Learning for Africa (ALFA) is one of the projects being implemented in Akaki Kality Sub-City in collaboration with Geneva Global to benefit a total of 4653 (male = 1979, female = 2670) direct and indirect beneficiaries, including children and mothers.

Major Accomplishments

- ALFA Volunteers, 31 ALP teachers, 68 ABL class teachers, and school were recruited, and trained to improve their facilitation skills and 540 (M = 190, F = 350) children were enrolled in the ALFA classes; 246 (M = 98, F = 148) in full adoption classes; 162 (M = 55, F = 107) in customized adoption classes; and 823 (M = 6312, F = 6511) in ABL classes. Four classrooms have also been renovated to make them friendly for the children
- The project provided 2856 different classroom supplies, 744 reference books to 15 ALFA classes in three languages (English, A/Oromo, and Amharic).

Bizuye Tadesse, a mother of two, enrolled in EDA projects seven years ago while working as a daily laborer. After 5 years, she has graduated from the project and is now engaged in the sheep fattening business. She is standing in a house she built herself, which is worth ETB 8 million. She is an inspiration to many mothers.



Second Chance Education

Since the 2020-21 academic year, Emmanuel Development Association (EDA) has been implementing the Second Chance Education Program in Akaki Kality and Lemi Kura Sub City, Addis Ababa City, Ethiopia. The project aims to provide education for out-of-school children who missed their first chance to return to the formal school system or a ten-month catch-up non-formal education program that bridges the gap out-of-school children face in joining formal schools and helps them complete grades 1-3 and start formal school equally with their peers and become hopeful.



Major accomplishments

- The target students reading and writing skills have improved and their self-confidence to read and write is increased
- 35 facilitators and four supervisors were hired and 889 F = 574 M = 324 Students have enrolled in 32 second chance classes.
- A total of 1,014 F = 625 M = 389 ALP students registered and 30 ALP classes were established.
- 4,000 Manila papers, 64 colas, 160 scissors, 800 meters of rope, 32 first aid kits, 135 slate boards, 96 gross chalks, 64 dusters, 35 gowns, 420 soft towels provided for the second chance and ALFA classes
- 43 primary school principals, WEO experts, and sub-city experts received capacity-building training.
- A total of 2,016 supplementary reading books in 63 different titles (35 English, 32 Afan Oromo, and 28 Amharic) were purchased and distributed for all SC classes.

Addressing Harmful Traditional Practice

"Addressing Harmful Traditional Practices among Women and Children," funded by Health Partners of International Canada (HPIC), is being implemented in Minjar Shenkora woreda with special emphasis on addressing the issues of HTP. The purpose of the project is to improve the socio-cultural malpractice that negatively impacts the health and rights of women and girls in target local communities.

As the project entry point and the strategic approach; a community conversation has been devised to address the malpractice and improper attitude towards HTP. By using community conversation sessions as an approach employed both in urban and rural settings, it will have a significant impact on the local people. In doing so, religious leaders, key influential people, community leaders, and traditional healers have been actively involved.

Hence, training focusing on HTP and associated health risks has been delivered for health extension professionals, who in turn provide training and awareness for local people. To improve the service delivery system in the health facilities, the project has supplied basic biomedical facilities. About 4000 posters and leaflets have been disseminated to educate the local community.

Major accomplishments

- 1,500 community dialogue participants graduated and provided service for the community.
- 4,000 posters and leaflets were distributed for community members and schoolgirls.
- 800 girls aware on HTP.
- 2 Health facilities supported with medical equipment
- Two women with fistula cases received free medical treatment from the government health facilities and financial assistance from the project.
- 30 health professionals trained on HTP and associated health risks.



Biruh Tesfa -community Based Child Sponsorship

Since 2015, Emmanuel Development Association (EDA) has been implementing the project in Debre Town with the technical and financial assistance from Menschen für Menschen - Switzerland. The project addresses 1,200 sponsor children, 120 adolescent youth, 663 families of direct beneficiaries, and 499,564 beneficiaries as indirect project beneficiaries, focusing on education, food and nutrition, health care, shelter care service, sustainable livelihood, sustainable youth livelihood intervention, and CBOs.

Major Accomplishments

- 888 children received educational materials and school uniforms.
- 458 reference books supported to eight project target schools.
- 150 adolescent youth were given hygiene and sanitary supplies.
- 150 children received supplementary and reference books.
- 96 teachers and 48 PTA members were trained on gender mainstreaming, reproductive health, GBV, and mentorship.
- Eight child rights clubs were established, and 40 club leaders received leadership and child rights training.
- 11 children were provided with medical treatment.
- 1,200 vulnerable children were supported with sanitary materials.
- 60 handwashing facilities are provided for households with large families.
- Two blocks are under construction for eight poor households for shelter.
- 162 parents of children, school communities, school club leaders, waste collectors, and waste collector cooperatives were trained on solid and liquid waste management and disposal.
- 100 malnourished children received supplementary food to improve their overall health conditions.
- 83 parents received training on vegetable gardening and distributed improved seed varieties.
- 200 parents were trained on nutritious food, home management, food preservation, and cooking to improve family health.
- 498 members of the SHG received training on business skills, market assessment, mentorship, and financial and marketing skill development as well.
- 172 leaders of SHGs and SACs were trained on cooperative leadership and bookkeeping skills.
- 1,992,000 ETB has been injected into the revolving seed fund for 498 members of the SHGs.
- 2,261,097 ETB loan disbursed to 437 SHG and SAC members.
- 40 community leaders, community volunteers, religious leaders, and CCCs received training on the National Strategy and Action Plan on Harmful Traditional Practices (HTPs) against Women and Children in Ethiopia.



Strengthen Health Care Service for Mothers, Newborns and Children



EDA has supplied medical equipment for 10 health centers and 2 hospitals in the Oromo Special Zone of the Amhara Region with the grant assistance of Children Believe.

The donation has been made to address the damaged and looted health facilities due to the armed civil war and violence that have occurred in the region. The support mainly includes biomedical equipment of laboratory materials, electronics, and biomechanical equipment of items with twenty types, such as delivery coaches, delivery sets, patient beds, examination coaches, infusion stands, microscopes, stethoscopes, electrical vacuums, weighing scales and autoclaves.

Training was organized and provided for 27 health professionals and biomedical staff on the proper arrangements, materials usage, and access to biomechanical, laboratory, and electrical uses of biomedical equipment with the view to improving service quality and long-term sustainability.

Economic Empowerment Project for Social Protection and Support Systems for People with Disabilities

The "Economic Empowerment Project for Social Protection and Support Systems for People with Disabilities" is a project that is designed to address the core problems related to the economic and attitudinal challenges that prevent people with disabilities from participating in social, political, and economic activities in their community as equally as other people. The project also aims at creating an environment for amplifying the voices of people with disabilities and breaking down barriers that prevent them from participating in the economy, having access to information, financial credits or loans, business development training and market relevant skills, job opportunities, and inclusive working places. The project is being implemented in the SNNP region Wolayta zone, Damote Gale Woreda, with financial support from Light for the World (Lfw), with the goal of assisting 150 people with disabilities in obtaining economic opportunities and strengthening the systems of the target TVET, MFI, and SMEs in providing quality services to people with disabilities in the target woreda and kebeles.



Major accomplishments

Target OPDs, CBOs, and FBOs members, government staff, officials, community volunteers, and representatives of persons with disabilities from the woreda and kebeles equipped with advocacy skills to promote the rights of persons with disabilities to have decent jobs under the same conditions as their non-disabled peers.

150 persons with disabilities were trained on business development services, entrepreneurship, and employability skills, provided with startup capital, and engaged in different income generating activities.



All needy persons with disabilities provided with assistive devices like wheel chairs and crutches. The target TVET center, MFI, and SME offices at the wereda and kebele levels received technical and financial assistance to include skill needs and demands, remove physical, product, and attitude barriers, and create access for inclusive information on business skill development and job opportunities for people with disabilities.

Achieving Reduction of Child Labor in Support of Education/ Arise

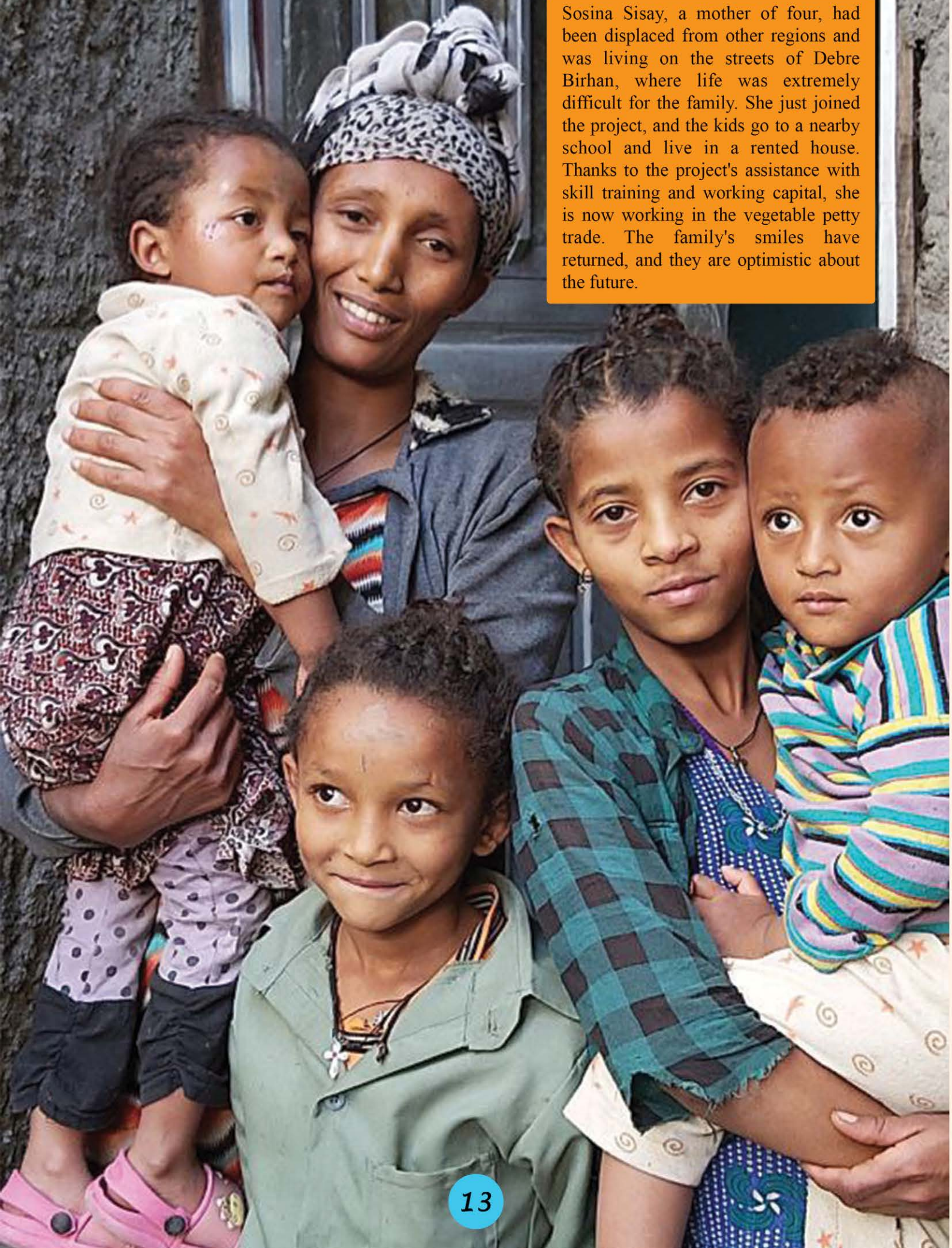
The ARISE project is being implemented in the Sidama and SNNP regions of Hawassa, Zuria, and Dugna Fango woredas with the goal of reducing and eventually eliminating child labor. The project aims to raise awareness about child labor, improve school infrastructure, engage government stakeholders in promoting and improving the regulatory framework by facilitating joint labor inspections with the woreda office, and provide access to livelihood opportunities for target children's parents.



Major Accomplishments

- More than 1500 community members were educated about child labor through edutainment events (drama, circus, and musical entertainment).
- Information on child labor and the importance of child education is promoted through 8000 posters and a radio program in collaboration with Dehub FM 97.1.
- More than 4,500 children are provided with scholastic materials and pursue their education properly.
- Separate latrines for boys and girls are constructed, and class rooms and libraries are renovated to make the school environment friendly to the target school students.
- The target schools are provided with 143 desks, 4 shelves, 160 chairs, 70 tables, and 796 reference books
- 90 relevant government stakeholders, including women, children, youth, social affairs, justice, police, and job creation offices, have joined forces to monitor child labor in industries, farms, and other services.

Sosina Sisay, a mother of four, had been displaced from other regions and was living on the streets of Debre Birhan, where life was extremely difficult for the family. She just joined the project, and the kids go to a nearby school and live in a rented house. Thanks to the project's assistance with skill training and working capital, she is now working in the vegetable petty trade. The family's smiles have returned, and they are optimistic about the future.



Combating Modern Slavery



This project is implemented in SNNP region in Hadya Zone Hosanna and Soro Woreda with the financial support of Action aid Ethiopia. The objective of the project is to support the local government in implementing and taking measures to prevent, identify, and address modern slavery, human trafficking, and child labor, and to protect and monitor vulnerable groups and victims of modern slavery. The project also targeted businesses and communities in the target area to prevent, identify, and tackle the use of human trafficking and forced labor, including the worst forms of child labor, in their operations and supply chains. The project also targeted vulnerable individuals and groups that are more capable of resisting recruitment into human trafficking and child labor.

The project addresses the problems of women at risk of trafficking and/or exploitation, children who are at risk of exploitation, and, in reported cases, children who are engaged in domestic work and trafficked in the project's intervention areas.

Major Accomplishments

- 118 vulnerable women and children, including farm communities, are aware of the risk of human trafficking and are equipped with life skills (including decision-making and problem solving), how to resist illegal recruitment for trafficking, existing laws that will protect them from abuse, and their rights to defend themselves against any illegal acts.
- Awareness-raising training was conducted for 300 community members, representing Idirs, FBOs, survivors, potential migrants, and concerned government stakeholders, on human trafficking, migration, and related violations of human rights.
- The national partnership coalition to prevent modern slavery supported itself with stationery, computers, and printers to document the profiles of survivors and extend their services to the victims effectively.
- 300 vulnerable women and girls were provided with entrepreneurship skill training and granted startup capital to engage in IGA.



Better Migrant Management Phase II

Better Migration Management (BMMII) is implemented in the SNNP region, Wolayta Zone, Sodo Town, with the financial support of the British Council. The main objective of the project is to improve the management of safe, orderly, and regular migration and support the local authorities in addressing the smuggling of migrants and the trafficking in human beings within and from the region, zones, and woredas.

The main tasks of the project for the year were to contribute to the development of policies, recommendations, and legal frameworks on migration governance, control illegal human trafficking by building the capacity of law enforcement bodies, and provide better support for migrants and returnees who were victims of human trafficking.

Major Accomplishments

- A platform composed of 20 members representing migrants, potential migrants, and returnees
- Facilitation skills training; training on migration policy issues and advocacy, and media and communication skills training are provided for the platform members to help them formulate their policy recommendations.
- Members of the platform have identified improving development to reduce irregular migration and expand job opportunities; improving recruitment processes for foreign employment; improving access to services for returnees; preventing malpractices, including corruption in the provision of services and protection of return migrants; improving the accountability of government departments that work to prevent irregular migration; and improving the conditions of internal migrants.



Education Focused for Marginalized Girls

The program is being implemented with the technical and financial support of the Protestant Agency for Diakonia and Development (PADD), with an emphasis on educating marginalized and disadvantaged girls in Minjar Shenkora Woreda since 2020.

Because of the local community's misconceptions about women and girls in the project area, the community undermines the social, cultural, and economic roles of girls and women. As a result, girls are frequently denied access to education and face high dropout rates due to early marriage.

To address this issue, EDA intervened in Minjar Shenkora woreda with a program focusing on girls' education and addressing harmful traditional practices among women and girls.

Major Accomplishments

- 160 disadvantaged schoolgirls were supported with educational materials.
- 685 disadvantaged schoolgirls received various sanitation materials.
- 118 girl mentors participated in mentorship training, and the trained mentors reached 300 marginalized schoolgirls.
- 102 school girls reached through life skills training.
- 127 school boys were trained on gender issues and girls' education.
- 118 child right club members trained on child rights and girls' education.
- 30 girls' parents supported with seed money to work on small and micro businesses.
- 90 influential community members were trained on girls' education and HTP, reaching a total of 1,200 people.
- 127 PTA and KETB members were trained on participatory school governance and resource mobilization.



Family Focused HIV Prevention, Care and Treatment Services



The project is funded by USAID/ADA, which is implemented, focusing on delivering family-focused HIV prevention, testing, treatment, and access to a comprehensive program for 13,750 vulnerable children in the towns of Debre Berhan and Shoa Robit.

EDA, as part of its child protection efforts has supported a total of 13,750 orphans and vulnerable children. The project aims to provide services and build stability and resilience of children and their families exposed to, living with, at risk of, or affected by HIV/AIDS. Accordingly, 11,744 OVCs and their families know their HIV status and took appropriate action. The project provided HIV/AIDS care, health, nutrition, economic security, education, protection and psychosocial services

Major Accomplishments

- 772 HIV-risky clients were tested for HIV, and 68 clients were found to be positive and linked to health services.
- 289 HIV-positive clients have been served with community drug refills and accessed various services.
- 633 clients have been served with different case management services such as interventional adherence service, cervical cancer screening service, bidirectional referral, and enhanced adherence counseling services.
- 72 HIV-positive clients who interrupted treatment have become re-engaged in anti-retroviral therapy treatment.
- 24 HIV-positive clients with high viral loads accessed enhanced adherence support and their viral load
- 3,118 beneficiaries accessed health insurance services through the program.
- HIV risk assessment was conducted for 5,572 OVCs (336 with HIV risk, 291 referred for testing, 157 tested and received).
- Primary prevention training was conducted for 4,799 girls and boys aged 9–14.
- 435 project target caregivers received emergency food support.
- 1,021 caregivers trained on VSLA and 54 VSLA groups established.
- 473 OVCs received scholastic materials.
- 487 targets were provided with cash support and asset transfers



Promotion of Safe Migration

Promotion of safe migration is implemented in Haike town in the South Wollo zone with the technical and financial support of the Freedom Fund, with the aim of promoting safe migration in the target area. The project's main goal is to provide assistance to potential migrants and returnees in order to reduce the vulnerability of unsafe migration and its associated risks.

Women and girls have continued to migrate as domestic workers as a result of poverty and the desire for better employment, despite knowledge of the dangers of unsafe migration in Middle Eastern countries. The project has highlighted and delivered pre-departure information, provided the knowledge and skills of the language, home management, norms and values, and other relevant information regarding countries of destination. Pre-departure information and skill training could potentially reduce the risk of abuse, exploitation, and injury to potential migrants.

Moreover, an immense effort has been exerted by key multi-sectors to improve knowledge, understanding, and practices of safer migration within the local communities with regards to the inclusion of returnees in the fight against unsafe migration and human trafficking.

Major Accomplishments

- Twenty community conversation facilitators were trained on safer migration
- 120 community conversation groups were established to reach 3,100 community members on the issues of safe and unsafe migration.
- 37 community-based organizations (CBOs) and different religious leaders were trained on the basic concepts of migration.
- In four target schools, 72 peers formed a peer group that reached 1,864 girls and women.
- 34 media professionals, journalists, and public communication offices were trained on safer migration concepts in collaboration with the University of Wollo.
- More than 215,000 communities were addressed through local FM broadcasts for over 18 weeks, with 30 minutes per week on the consequences of unsafe migration.
- 2,700 leaflets were prepared and distributed for potential migrants with detailed information that community members should have on safe migration.
- 1,800 sanitary pads were delivered for 784 schoolgirls.
- 25 Economic strengthening animators are trained in business development services (BDS).
- 74 target returnees were trained in life skills, business planning, and development.
- 1,110,000 ETB, i.e., 15,000 ETB per individual, were injected as a revolving seed fund for 74 returnees.



Family Helper

The Family Helper Program is a child sponsorship program funded by Children Believe Ethiopia for the last 20 years with the objective of supporting vulnerable children to get access to basic education, health, nutrition, and protection services and to empower their families economically to be self-reliant. The program also aims to strengthen the capacity of early childhood centers and primary schools to create child-friendly environments and provide children with quality education. Moreover, the program provides technical and financial support to community based organizations like Idirs and saving and credit associations to ensure the sustainability of the program in the future.

Major Accomplishments

- 48 (13 male and 35 female) disadvantaged children and youth supported to get vocational, life, and employability skill training to be self- or wage employed.
- Positive parenting skills, learning through play techniques, and communication skills were taught to 270 parents, school teachers, and community members.
- 8,052 educational materials and school fees were provided for 895 (male 442, female 453) sponsored and community children.
- One block with eight rooms of pit latrines constructed for girls at Atse Tewodros primary school provided supplementary food for 51 (31 male and 20 female) malnourished sponsored children and community children.
- 1099 community members (male 456, female 643) trained on exclusive breast feeding, infant feeding, early child nutrition, and raising awareness on health issues through continuous community consultation sessions.
- 691 (male = 333, female = 358) sponsored children provided with medical treatment.
- 250 households (109 men and 141 women) were given food and sanitizer supplies as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Awareness on child protection, gender, and reproductive health was conducted through mini-media clubs for 23,723 (male 11,182, female 12,541) students in eight government primary schools.
- 1000 pullets were distributed to 100 sponsored children's families for income-generating activities, and 22 (male 1, female 21) sponsored children's families were provided with startup capital.



Etagegn Wolderufael is a mother of three who was living on the street when she enrolled in the project seven years ago. Now she has graduated from the project, has her own house, and works in the dairy business with three cows. She is helping two needy children in the community go to school.



Safeguarding Children and Adult at Risk

Emmanuel Development Association (EDA) has been implementing seventeen months (Oct 2021- March, 2023) Safeguarding Children and Adult at Risk (SCAR) project funded by the British Council through CSSP2. The project seeks to build the capacity of target civil society organizations (CSOs) to better understand/ internalize, implement and comply with safeguarding policies, standards and procedures, requirement as well as prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment (PSEAH) and contribute towards creating stronger better, responsive and accountable CSOs on Safeguarding.

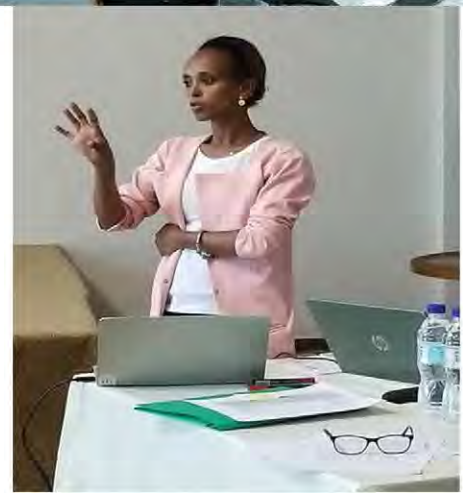
The planned project targets are 44 CSOs that operate in various regions of the country including Addis Ababa city administration, Amhara, SNNPR, South West Region, Afar and Benshangul Gumuz Regional states. Out of 44 target CSOs, 23 were reached through various awareness raising trainings and practices and the remaining CSOs are to be reached in the next year. As a result of the set objectives and activities, the following achievements were apprehended.

- Target CSOs conducted capacity assessment to strengthen safeguarding capacities and practice and were able to identify their gaps on the policy, procedures & practices.
- CSOs awareness on safeguarding children and adult at risk has increased: SG policy developed/ updated, code of conduct signed by all staff including volunteers & third parties, commitment statement updated and demonstrated in a visible place in both local & international languages, risk mitigation plan developed to asses risks to ensure safe programing and supported to have consent form for pictures/audio/video.
- CSOs initiated a standard safe recruitment practice that includes a safeguarding statement from job advertisements to staff exit and consistently embeds safeguarding in all the recruitment process.
- CSOs right holders' awareness on safeguarding issues increased and started reporting complains.
- CSO council member's awareness on safeguarding children and adult at risk has increased.

- Guided target CSOs to identify safeguarding risks associated with every project to ensure safe programing at the start of the project and commit to reviewing them regularly.

- Safe and accessible community based compliant reporting and feedback mechanism developed and placed in a visible place. As a result CSOs has started receiving and managing Safeguarding cases.

- As a safeguarding capacity building organization that is committed and striving to making safeguarding as organizational culture, awareness on safeguarding was created to all staff including board and volunteers, Safeguarding policy and procedures were updated and implemented, compliant handling mechanism procedure developed and some emerging cases reported and timely responses were given as per the nature of the cases, with the support of the Freedom Fund, safeguarding in IT, media, communication, monitoring and evaluation and research activities a practitioners guide document is prepared and code of conduct posters were shared to Akaki Program area and Amhara Region.



Child Education and Sponsorship Project in Wolayta Soda Town



Emmanuel Development Association (EDA) has begun a new partnership with Woord en Daad to implement an education and sponsorship project in Wolayta Soda Town. Despite the fact that the project is being implemented at full scale in 2023, we completed the preliminary work and strengthened the partnership in 2022. The project plans to address the needs of 100 sponsored children and their families, focusing on holistic education, food and nutrition, health care, and clothing in an integrated and community-led approach.

Empowerment of Women and Girls' Victims of SGBV in War Affected Communities



The Packard Foundation/CCRDA support is a Humanitarian Emergency Relief support for women and girls victims of war due to violence committed by terrorist TPLF and OLF Shene in Ataye and Shewarobit towns.

Initially 88 women and girls victims of sexual and gender based violence in the have been identified in collaboration with town's CCC and stakeholders. Following the identification, the victims provided with psychosocial support, trained on business development skills, accessed revolving fund and engaged in to small business and income generating activities. The amount of the revolving fund injected for individual beneficiaries are worth of birr 15,000.

Volunteers' Message,

Margaret Vokes



I had the privilege of working as a Volunteer Advisor with Emmanuel Development Association (EDA) for about a year beginning in 2021. The original assignment was to assist in conducting a feasibility study and business plan to support EDA's health clinic over five years. That was just the beginning of a longer-term relationship that included identifying new sources of project financing and helping to develop strategic working partnerships. It was a positive, life changing experience for me.

As an individual whose professional career always focused on international business development, both trade and investment related, I was deeply impressed by the humanitarian and development work undertaken by EDA which prioritized on quality education, child protection, WASH, community health, economic empowerment, and others. work undertaken by EDA. The importance of aid objectives far surpass those motivated by profit, and led me on a new and fulfilling path of life: helping to improve the lives of people in need around this world. Today, my life revolves exclusively around international development and aid work with various organizations, on a volunteer basis. I am eternally grateful to have had the opportunity to work with and learn so much from EDA. Our partnership will, I am confident, continue and grow over time. My life is vastly richer for the experiences and relationship with EDA.

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