



*Mr. Tamagn Beyene, President of Global Alliance and WV Ethiopia
National Director Edward Brown on MoU signing ceremony.*

WV Ethiopia, Global Alliance signs MoU to rehabilitate IDPs and Returnees in Gedio-Guji Zones

WV Ethiopia signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Global Alliance for the Rights of Ethiopians (GARE) to provide integrated services and emergency supplies to Internally Displaced Peoples (IDPs) and returnees in Gedio –Guji Zones on 15 May 2019 at Skylight Hotel in Addis Ababa.

The MoU identifies common priorities, including provision of shelter, livelihoods, peace- building, and non-food items (NFI) assistance to 70,072 most vulnerable IDPs and returnees.

To address the pressing need of the targeted population, GARE donated US\$1.1 million equivalent to 31,400,700

Birr while WV United States contributed US\$200,000 equivalent to 5,717,220 Birr to cover operational costs.

“Our mission is to contribute to Ethiopia in which there is hope for children in the midst and aftermath of humanitarian emergencies, their rights and needs,” said Tamagn Beyene, President of Global Alliance.

WV Ethiopia National Director Edward Brown said “GARE is putting Prime Minister Dr. Abiy’s call on the diaspora to help the homeland into action,” adding that the project has the potential to be a model for a new era of partnerships with NGOs, civil society and government.



WV Ethiopia National Director and delegates of Global Alliance pays visit to Geddo-Guji IDPs and Returnees



■ Mr. Tamagn Beyene giving speech at Geddo-Guji IDP site.

Mr. Edward Brown, WV Ethiopia National Director and Mr. Tamagn Beyene, President of Global Alliance for the Rights of Ethiopians paid a working visit on 21 May 2019 to Geddo-Guji Zone returnees following the signing of Memorandum of Understanding to rehabilitate Internally Displaced Peoples (IDPs) and returnees in Geddo-Guji Zones on 15 May 2019 at Skylight Hotel in Addis Ababa.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Edward Brown, said "World Vision has been in Ethiopia since 1971 in good and bad times. It was here before the crisis happened in Geddo-Guji and we will be here after the crisis is resolved. We will continue providing support in every district of Geddo and West Guji to the internally displaced people and returnees with everything we can."

He further said that World Vision is excited to see people

are safely returning to their homes adding that World Vision is closely working with the government and partners such as Global Alliance to get people back to a safe and secure situation.

Mr. Tamagn Beyene, Global Alliance President on his part said, "Your grief is our grief. It touched and moved the heart of every Ethiopian all over the world. In a bid to share your burden, every Ethiopian were willingly participated in contributing funds to rehabilitate your life and show their presence with your side at your bad times. I am now glad to see you together. Your challenge will not live with you forever. We will do all the best to rehabilitate you."

Mr. Edward and Mr. Tamagn Beyene provided blankets and floor mats to returnees at the end of the visit.

World Vision Ethiopia Staff join the national cleaning campaign



World Vision Ethiopia staff took part at the National Cleaning Campaign under theme "Clean your streets - cleansing towards a positive spirit and action" on Sunday 14 April 2019.

The cleaning campaign took place following the public call by Prime Minister Dr. Abiy Ahmed with three core initiatives:

"We clean because we all deserve to live in dignity and in environments that nurture our well-being, we clean for our health and because it is our responsibility to do so and let's distance ourselves from hatred and take time to cleanse our spirits as we clean Ethiopia."

The National Director of WV Ethiopia, Mr. Edward Brown on his part said, "As World Vision, we strive to create a better living environment in all aspects of life for children and families. We do this in our regular development programmes as well as local and international initiatives that are in line with our core values and goals."

"It is a great opportunity for me and for our staff to come together and clean our streets and village. It is my prayer and hope that this will be a regular trend at the national level," says World Vision staff Mr. Samuel Tsehay.

Staff at the national, regional and clusters offices joined the campaign at their respective areas.



“It Takes a World to End Child Marriage” campaign launched in the Southern region of Ethiopia



World Vision Ethiopia in collaboration with the Southern Nations and Nationalities and Peoples' Region (SNNPR) launched “It Takes a World to End Child Marriage” campaign on 21 May 2019 at Haile Resort in Arba Minch town in the presence of representatives from the Regional Women, Children and Youth Office, President of the Regional Supreme Court, religious organizations and World Vision Ethiopia senior leadership team.

At the opening ceremony of the campaign, Mrs. Atsede Ayiza, SNNPR Women, Children, and Youth Office delegate said, “All the communities and concerned government bodies should work hand and glove to eliminate early child marriage. Children are tomorrow’s leaders, ministers, presidents; we have to work against harmful things that stop them from achieving their goal.”

Mr. Otto T. Farkas, WV Ethiopia Director of Resource Development and Donor Liaison said, “As a humanitarian organization, World Vision focuses on the most vulnerable children all over the world. We appreciate that SNNPR is our partner in tackling this serious concern. This campaign is considered to be a catalyst to the changes in the issues of millions of children in the region.”

World Vision Ethiopia operates in 14 zones and 32 districts of the SNNPR promoting child protection, inclusive basic services (disability), and gender mainstreaming and tackling child trafficking and child marriage with a budget of more than US\$29.5 million.

“It Takes a World to End Child Marriage” campaign was started in 2017 and will continue to be launched in all regions of Ethiopia.



■ *Mr. Otto T. Farkas, WV Ethiopia Director of Resource Development & Donor Liaison giving a speech.*

World Vision Ethiopia inaugurates development projects at Kolfe Keranio Sub City of Addis Ababa



World Vision Ethiopia inaugurated development projects in education and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH) at Selam Ber Primary School of the Kolfe Keranio Sub City in Addis Ababa.

The project includes construction of additional school blocks with full package of teaching aid, supply of clean water, latrine block, and hand washing facilities.

The project intervention is said to benefit more than 1,200 kindergarten age children. The WASH projects were implemented in collaboration with Splash International.

World Vision Ethiopia’s WASH Director, Abraham Asmare and staff of Kolfe Keranio Area Programme were in attendance, along with invited guests from government, parents, and members of the school community.

Students added color to the event by singing songs about sanitation, hygiene, and hopes about a better future.



■ *Children celebrating the newly inaugurated water facilities.*



Central regional office conducts special conference event at Bishoftu –

WV Ethiopia Central Regional Office conducted a training conference with Cluster Programme Offices (CPOs) and Area Programme (APs) teams on strengthening Knowledge Management and MEAL operations from 16-18 April 2019 at Bishoftu town.

There were a wide range of presentations along with intensive discussions and practical exercises on Knowledge Management operations and Learning Journey that created well founded awareness to how best our organizations leverages its knowledge internally and externally in building and maintaining competitive advantage through utilization of knowledge and through collaboration practices in innovation.

On occasion, a booklet entitled 'TELLING OUR STORIES' was inaugurated, the first of its kind to be launched at CRO

level that contains a collection of 28 impact stories from AP in order to enhance the culture of documentations and sharing best practices.

Mr. Berhanu Fufa, CRO Associate Director said, "As World Vision's team, we have to praise God who provided us direction, skill and wisdom to produce the first volume of our IMPACT Series. Our trust rests unto God to reach the ambition of having robust knowledge management system."

The event further dwelt on MEAL, conflict resolutions and peace building and staffs safety and security concerns related to field staff, bringing together leading teams and field practitioners to exchange and share experiences from all aspects of programme operations.

World Vision Ethiopia hosts Humanitarian International Non governmental Organizations meeting



■ Partial view of Participants of the meeting.

World Vision Ethiopia hosted the monthly HINGO meeting with International Nongovernmental Organization on 12 March 2019 at its head office in Addis Ababa.

"This was the most positive promising HINGO meeting I have ever seen" said WV Ethiopia National Director, Mr. Edward Brown. "With the new government leadership, we are all optimistic about a new era in NGO-government relations in which we all work together to serve all Ethiopians."

Jima Dilbo, Civic Society Organizations Agency Director General said, "The agency has a purpose of creating a conducive environment for the full exercise of freedom of association, maximizing public benefit, enhancing the culture

of philanthropy and voluntarism in the society."

More than 30 participants from different Humanitarian International NGOs such as Save the Children, Catholic Relief Service, Action Aid, Christian Children's Fund of Canada, UNHCR and others have attended the meeting.

At the end of the meeting, the participants paid a heartfelt tribute by lighting candle for those who lost their life due to the crash of Ethiopian Airlines flight ET 302 on 10 March 2019.

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