

ANTICIPATORY ACTION

STRENGTHENING PREPAREDNESS AND BUILDING RESILIENCE

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Introduction

In Southern Ethiopia's South Omo zone, families in Bena Tsemay and Malle districts face the harsh reality of recurrent drought. With each failed rainy season, food insecurity deepens, malnutrition rises, and diseases spread. These shocks are worsened by global climate shifts like El Niño and La Niña, leaving already fragile communities even more vulnerable. To reduce the impact of such crises, World Vision Ethiopia, implemented an Anticipatory Action (AA) project that shifts from reactive aid to proactive preparedness.

Impact at Glance



4,748

People supported



Small ruminants (goats)
provided to protect livelihoods



Conducted feasibility study to
identify vulnerabilities



Strengthened risk forecasting
and communication

The Project

WV Ethiopia, with €120,000 support from Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH) launched an Anticipatory Action (AA) initiative in South Omo to:

Strengthen Early Warning Systems

- Improve the accuracy and timeliness of climate and hazard forecasts through local data collection and community reporting.

Support Community preparedness

- Provide training for the community and disaster management committees to coordinate local response actions before any kinds of hazards strike.

Build Resilient Livelihoods

- Provide small ruminants and promote climate-resilient agricultural practices to reduce livelihood vulnerability.

Lessons Learned from Anticipatory Action

- **Paradigm Shift:** AA moves from reacting to crises → acting early to reduce losses.
- **Preparedness Takes Time:** Building systems requires investment and commitment.
- **Community Awareness:** Local people understand hazards and should shape solutions.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Government and community collaboration ensures sustainability.
- **Clear Communication & Roles:** Strong coordination speeds up action and avoids duplication.
- **Inclusion & Accountability:** Feedback loops corrected targeting errors, revising 17 households to ensure fairness.
- **Continuous Learning:** AA protocols improve with each experience, strengthening future responses.

Why It Matters

Anticipatory Action reduces disaster impacts before they happen. With planning, partnerships, and proactive support, vulnerable families in Ethiopia can break the cycle of crisis and build lasting resilience.



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