# Building Better Lives for Children

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#### WVE awarded 177 million USD from DFAP Grant

World Vision Ethiopia has secured 177 million USD for a five year period (FY 2017-2021), making it the biggest grant from USAID. It is part of 550 million USD grant allocation from USAID/FFP allocated for Ethiopia for four Development Food Assistance Programs (DFAP) including REST, CRS and FH.

The overall aim of the program is supporting four Productive safety net

programs (PSNP) and resilience. It also intends to address capacity development, livelihood/agricultural, market and income improvement in addition to addressing malnutrition, WASH, gender relations and empowerment, climate change vulnerability, natural resource management, public service provision for health and nutrition services, social safety nets, and disaster risk management.

World Vision Ethiopia is the consortium lead for the project that will be implemented in collaboration with CARE and the Organization for Rehabilitation and Development in Amhara (ORDA) in 15 districts of Amhara, Oromia, and the Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples' Region (SNNPR) states.

The program will enable WVE and its partners to address and reach nearly 420,000 households in the three regions.

#### The newly introduced potato seed brings new hope to Hulla community



World Vision Ethiopia in collaboration with Holeta Agricultural Research Center has started producing improved potato seed on 6.5 hectares of farmland at Hulla District organizing three farmers' associations (about 500 households) from 3 kebeles.

The project was funded by Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) with the view to increasing the productivity of potato seed from 12 tons per hectare to 20 tons per hectare as well as increasing the income of target HHs from USD 4,800 to USD 8,000.

"Despite the huge potato production potential in our district, the production was limited 8 to 12 tons per hectare due to the seed we used to employ was not virus free," said Minday Mitiku, Head of Hulla District agriculture, and natural resources. .....

According to Minday the capacity building and other material supports offered by World Vision helped farmers to develop a real passion to further continue and expand the improved seed production.

The regional government quarantine bureau has granted the potato association certificate of quality assurance to further replicate the seed for marketing purpose. The potato seed multiplication is now under implementation in three of the 31 kebeles.

The potato farmers' associations have collected close to 200 tons in June from 6.5 hectares of land. Shengo Adisu is one of the potato association members. He says, "I used various kinds of potato seeds before. However, the seeds were easily infected by viruses and their productivity decreases in

the next production year. But this one is very special. I am now expecting to collect more than 33 tons per hectare. I expect that my family life will change greatly. I also hope that we will be the source of this improved seed for the entire country."

The District Agriculture and natural Resources Bureau has already arranged 90 hectares of land for the next production season (as of July 2016) and organized 7 cooperatives and expect to harvest about 2,700 tons of potato seed out of the next harvest season. World Vision has a plan to further scale up the multiplication of this potato seeds in the other potato potential areas in the future.

### WVE holds ECD program workshop



WV Ethiopia offers Early Child Development (ECD) capacity building workshop ECD teachers, primary school resource center focal persons, woreda education supervisors, and WVE's education specialists at Adama, Addis Ababa, and Hawassa from 18th July to 5th of August 2016. The workshop was intended equip ECD actors with the skills of learning and

children play material production using locally available resources in order to create a stimulating environment for the children.

World Vision Ethiopia follows Learning Roots Early childhood development (LR ECD) model to address the developmental needs of 3-6 years old vulnerable children; which aims

to enhance the comprehensive development of children and improve parents' skill to impart quality care for their children. Most importantly, WVE is intentionally working to implement community managed cost effective and quality ECD programs to address the needs of children.

"In my 30 years of service in the education sector, I have never seen such kind of practical and easy to do learning materials for preschool aged children utilising the locally available resources. I am now capable of cascading this training and enriching our schools with a multitude of learning materials. I hope WVE will remain our partner in providing quality education," explained Ato Gizachew Abdo, Durame Woreda Education office supervisor.

WVE has been implementing ECD, Literacy Boost, Basic Education and Youth/adolescent ready program models in 52 Area Programs engaging volunteers, communities and government actors to ensure the quality development and education of children.

### WVE's DryDev programme ranks first from five countries in 2016

The Joint Quality Monitoring (JQM) team announced that DryDev Ethiopia stood the first among five DryDev implementing countries (Kenya, Niger, Mali, Burkina Faso and Ethiopia) in performance.

The JQM team is comprised of relevant International Agro Forestry Centre (ICRAF)-head quarter and Ethiopia office, and WVE DryDev program team. The team used the seven DryDev scaling principles, namely: informed by co-learning, contextually appropriate, cost effectiveness and potentially scalable, inclusiveness, environmentally and socially benign, climate smart and

sustainability; and overall programme coordination including budget burn rate to measure programme performance.

The monitoring team purposefully and independently conducted targeted participatory monitoring with the intention of facilitating co-reflection on what has been going well and what has not. Accordingly, Gursum from Oromia Region, Samre and Tseade Emba from Tigray Region were visited for monitoring purposes.

The team observed each work package activities in selected sub-watersheds, discussed with respective Woreda

government sector offices/experts, sub-watershed committee, village saving groups, producer groups and target households thoroughly. Prior to exit in each visited woreda, the team gave its feedback at the district level in the presence of each implementing partners.

Finally, the team presented its views, appreciation of the work to the WVE National Director and other leadership members and asked Ethiopia DryDev team to further promote its achievements through all possible means.

# OUR GOAL

Contributing to the well-being of more than 20 million vulnerable children in the five years national strategy from 2016-2020.

#### WVE staff donates blood for National Blood Bank

World Vision staff donated blood for Ethiopian National Blood Bank at WVE head office on Sep. 21, 2016.

Mr. Edward Brown, the National Director of World Vision Ethiopia, was one of the blood donors; "It is such a wonderful thing being able to save human lives. If I could save someone's life with just one unit of blood, it is an easy way to make a difference. It is also very much in line with World Vision mission and vision to help people and save lives. We hope we do this on a regular basis particularly for children

hospitals as many newborn babies may benefit from a single blood donor as their blood requirements are smaller."

Yohanis Belay was the other WVE staffs whom who found donating blood for the 8th round, "I started blood donation four years ago. I am now donating blood for the 8th time. As World Vision is humanitarian organization and works in health, I am happy to be part of this and save lives of many mothers and children. Saving these lives gives great satisfaction and does not hurt at all," happily explains Yohanis.

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Every year World Vision Ethiopia head office staff donates blood to the National blood Bank. This time around, a total of 106 units of blood were collected from 48 volunteer staff.

Every day, about 800 women die from pregnancy or childbirth-related complications. Severe bleeding during delivery and after childbirth is a major cause of mortality, morbidity, and long-term disability. According to the National Blood Bank of Ethiopia, 87,000 units of blood are donated for transfusion in Ethiopia, although the country needs 200,000 units of blood annually, the National Blood Bank of Ethiopia disclosed.



## WVE constructs and hands over two maternal waiting rooms in Samre District

WVE with the support of Full Life Foundation has constructed two maternal waiting rooms in Samre district which cost about USD 3740nd handed over to Finarwa and Mariam Mako health centers.

The maternal waiting rooms were constructed with the aim of improving the quality of service provided by the health facility for essential obstetric care and thereby reducing new born

and maternal morbidity and mortality rates. The maternal waiting rooms are equipped with bedding materials, kitchen equipment, and food.

The waiting room is targeted to benefit over 5,000 pregnant women who live in Mariam Mako District and adjacent villages with proper pre-natal, delivery and post-natal care services. Moreover, more than 5,000 new-borns will receives appropriate care including

vaccines like Bacille Calmette-Guérin (Tuberculosis) Vaccine (BCG) and Polio vaccine which has to be given to child at birth.

This construction will complement the already commenced efforts of Samere AP and Samere woreda health offices to reduce home delivery and increase delivery at health centre with the assistance of skilled healthcare professionals.

# **OUR VISION**

Our vision for every child, life in all its fullness; Our prayer for every heart, the will to make it so.

# WVE's DROUGHT EMERGENCY RESPONSE

\$43 MILLION



Total WVE Funding to respond to El Nino induced drought in 2015/16 I.8 MILLION



People benefited in FY 2015/16

4 REGIONS



Implemented in Amhara, Oromia, SNNPR and Tigray regions



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