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# 25 year journey to defeat poverty Together in Ethiopia

ActionAid has been engaged development works in Ethiopia since 1989. Currently, it carries out long-term development programmes in the Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples' State, Oromiya, Amhara, Benishangul-Gumuz, Tigray and Gambela regional states. The organization focuses on food security and emergency response, education, women development and accessing public services.

ActionAid works with women, communities, community organizations, CSOs, the Government, and other development actors to end poverty. It facilitates effective partnership with organizations having common vision, values and programmatic agenda. It also provides technical and financial support to community organizations and other partners.

AAE solicits development funds from committed individuals in the United Kingdom, Italy, Spain, Brazil and Greece. Resources are also secured from various sources such as bi- and multilateral foundations/organizations and governments in these countries and beyond.

AAE started with a woreda-based integrated development programme in Dalocha area of the Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples' State. It is now an active anti-poverty player running 15 long-term development programmes, five of which are managed by partners. The organization has significantly contributed towards its vision of a poverty free Ethiopia.

Having worked in over 47 countries worldwide and with various communities in Ethiopia for a quarter of a century now, ActionAid has a wealth of experience, expertise as well as tools and approaches contributing to the national anti-poverty initiatives.

while observing its 25 years of anti-poverty journey in Ethiopia November 2014, AAE would take advantage of the occasion to review and share best approaches and achievements for replication by pertinent development players. The event also offers an opportunity for AAE to reaffirm its commitment to partners, and international communities.



### Message of the Country Director

Year 2014 is nearly completed. In the year, I visited Ofla, Janamora and Decha where ActionAid runs various projects and programmes. My interaction with people in poverty, especially with women in Ofla and Janmora, gave me clear indications that we are meaningfully contributing to people's capability to change their own lives, as well as tackling collectively poverty and patriarchy. Amazing stories of empowered women on dealing with early marriage and domestic violence in Ashengi Korem area of Tigray, women living positively in Mekane Berhan in Janamora, Amahara regional state, impressed me. Women targeted economic intervention including livestock owned by women in both operational areas are giving rise to renewed hopes that we can register successes even in challenging and remote places like the Semien Mountains. The proximity of water supply to the villages has created opportunities for Decha(southern region) girls to spend more of their time in school. AAE also operates in difficult districts in the regional states of Benishangul-Gumuz and Gambela. We believe that we have made substantial contribution to food security, women development, quality education and other areas all of which have transformed peoples' lives.

Likewise, we have adopted a working culture based on improved collaboration, interdependence and synergy among our partners. In the year, we have also put greater emphasis on deepening our organizational culture and enhancing the capacity of leadership and management in which we have demonstrated all-round accountability, down and up.

It is against this background that we celebrate our 25th anniversary in Ethiopia. On this occasion, AAE and its primary constituents as well as other stakeholders have every reason to express their delight over the achievements made at the 28 ares we intervened, regional and national levels.

Below are some examples of AAE success stories in 2014.

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ActionAid Ethiopia (AAE) won a trophy and three certificates of the 2013 annual national Civil Society Organization's (CSOs) Good Practices Day observed in the presence of the Deputy Prime Minster of Ethiopia as Guest of Honour, 13 February 2014.

The award was given in recognition of the performance of Dalocha Development Women Water Association (DAWWDA), a womenled water supply scheme initiated and supported by AAE. DAWWDA is located in Silti Zone of the Southern State. It was awarded among other five CSOs from over 35 candidates. AAE fulfilled the required parameters such as model programme on women leadership, innovativeness, sustainability, scalability, effectiveness, impact, networking partnership. DWWDA won the award mainly because of its tested and proved sustaining supply of clean water for over 15 years under the complete leadership and management of women in the rural and urban villages of Dallocha serving the whole population of over 127,000.

The Good Practice Day was organized by the Consortium of Christian Relief and Development

Association (CCRDA) while the selection of awardees is made by an independent jury with the above parameters following proposal submission, field visits and interview. AAE took a trophy for winning fourth place in the category of best practices competitions for general development works. It also won certificate of excellence for supporting the event and for its long-term partnership with CCRDA.

Ato Demeke Mekonen, Deputy Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, handed over the trophy award to Ato Jemal Ahmed, ActionAid Ethiopia Country Director, during a colourful ceremony. Six organizations including AAE and its two partners, Women in Self Help (WISE) and Agri Service Ethiopia followed AAE in rank. ActionAid's choice for the different categories of awards and its visual presentation at the exhibition staged in the CCRDA compound helped to bolster its visibility and positive image.

The presence of Semira Assefa, DAWWDA Coordinator as a witness and presenter of DAWWDA at the AAE booth added to the credibility and uniqueness of AAE. Our booth was visited by key Government officials,

representatives of diplomatic communities, CSOs and delegates of various institutions gathered from around the country.

High Government officials including the Deputy Prime Minister, Director for National Charities and Societies Agency, State Ministers of Health and Agriculture took turns in addressing the award giving ceremony. All Government officials lauded the contributions of CSO in the national anti-poverty initiatives. They encouraged CSOs to work harder and set examples as best anti-poverty agents.

Also present at the national event which also marked the 40th anniversary of the CCRDA were members of the EU Delegation, other high ranking Government officials, religious leaders and representatives of multilateral organizations and the diplomatic community as well as INGOs and national organizations. Over 500 participants attended the event.

The CSO's Good Practice Day is observed every year with the prime objective of recognizing the Good Practices of CSOs and their role in the anti-poverty movement.



By Yemetaye Tessema

Tebaber The Yem Farmers' Cooperative Union, which supported by AAE, has secured its first track with a carrying capacity of 70 quintals at a total cost of 900, 000 birr. The three year-old cooperative bought the track using its annual profit and a 200,000 birr financial support from Yem Special Woreda Administration.

Communities at Saja, Deri and Fofa towns of yem (special woreda in the southern state) celebrated the triumph with cultural dances and festivities since this is the first track bought by a community-based organization functioning in the area. The dwellers congratulated the executive committee of the union for bringing about such a change in a short period of its establishment.

According to Ato Mebrate Sori' Board Chairman of the Union, the track was initially purchased to solve the problems the union faced in transporting agricultural inputs and outputs to and from the area. He added that the ultimate objective is to win the communities' trust in the union as a trusted and visionary farmers' organization. He added, 'the union has just begun to mount the ladder; our supreme objective is to open flour factories that add value to agricultural primary products and attract better income to our farmers.

Ato Shukru G/Tsadik, manager of Yem Tebaber Cooperative Union, said the track was bought to solve problems of transportation of agricultural inputs to rural kebele administration warehouses. Shukru explains, 'the union has spent over 580,000 birr for transporting agricultural inputs only in Ethiopian budget year. At this rate, the track can repay its debt within three to four years. The union will change the track into a public transport after three years. bought the track after carrying out elaborate feasibility studies. The union has made all the necessary preparations and also put in place designed control mechanisms that provide reliable information for taking appropriate and timely decisions.

Yem Tebaber Farmers' Cooperative Union is one of the communitybased organizations initiated by the Yem CCDP.. The union was established with the main objective of nurturing vibrant communitybased organizations. It was legally registered by SNNPRS marketing cooperative promotion bureau of the southern state in October 2010. Currently, the union primary farmers' has thirteen cooperative associations two cattle fattening cooperative associations with a membership of 5283 (4774 male, 509 female). All along, Actionaid has supported the union in carrying out feasibility surveys, establishing and furnishing offices, carrying out exposure visits to members, conducting training for members of the executive body cooperative leadership and financial management, employing technical staffs including a manager and purchasing a motor bicycle and also injecting a startup capital.

Information obtained from the board reveals that currently the union provides improved seed varieties of wheat, maize, teff, vegetable and fertilizers and chemicals to the primary cooperative associations so that they can distribute them to members on credit. The union also provides consumable items upon request and also collects agricultural produces from members with 10% higher than market price paid by private enterprises. In addition, the union provides up-to-date information on market and metrological information related to seasonal agricultural practices. As a result, the union is bringing about astounding changes in ascertaining sustainable livelihood through protecting farmer's assets, ensuring food security by increasing production and productivity supplying essential agricultural inputs. Besides, the union has created a venue for rural poor to come together and voice their concerns on issues of common interest.

### Country level programme Review and Reflection (PRRP)

By Ambachew Deresse

As part of the organizational process to promote learning, transparency and accountability, AAE organized country level annual PRRP, February 6 to 7, 2014. Participants were drawn from intervention areas, partner organizations at various levels, government stakeholders at local, regional and federal levels, as well as media.

All intervention areas had conducted own PRRP at respective localities, prior to the session. Findings of the sessions inputted the PRRP at country level. These findings, particularly summary of planned actions, budget and respective accomplishments, major changes as a result of our 2013 program innervations and key lessons were also exhibited and viewed participants. The exhibition also

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displayed AAE's outstanding works at grass root levels.

AAE Country Director, Jemal Ahmed opened the session. Presentations were made on key learning from annual PRRP in 2013 and how these learning shaped AAE's decisions. AAE's plans for 2013 and its accomplishments in terms of programme, budget, and organizational development were also presented and discussed. discussions, Following these community representatives, CBOs and key government representatives at various levels spoke on what their organizations benefited working in partnership with AAE's.

Among key issues discussed on the occasion were the need for revisiting CCDP phase- in and phase-out strategies and AAE's partnership engagements with partners, government and community organizations.

Many of the participants expressed admiration to the process of PRRP and raised the need to scale it up to other institutions, partners and stakeholders. They expressed special appreciation to how AAE used feedbacks from previous PRRPs in its actions and decisions during the fiscal year. Organized college and university graduates have launched various projects in Ankober woreda where they are modelling creating jobs and serving their community in transforming their lives.



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# Youth entrepreneurship and environment

The youths are organized under Araya Gabion Producers Association and are engaged in gabion production. The product has already been helpful in land closure and other soil conservation works in various peasants' enclaves in rural Ankober. Araya Gabion Producers Association is one of PADET's initiatives to curb unemployment and poverty among youth in the area.

"Originally, the community including our immediate families were unhappy about our engagement in gabion works. This was because they expected us to find employment with government and non- government or private organizations after graduation as this had been the trend in the past. These days, the attitude of the community is changing as they see our income improving from time to time," said Alemayehu Zeleke, Chairperson of the Association. Alemayehu graduated with BA degree from Axum University and sought no job until PADet intervened in organizing a group of eight youths, including four females.

In addition to proposing the idea of organizing youth around Gabion works, PADet facilitated a training for the youth covering the expense of birr 30,000. The organization also provided the youth with the seed money of birr 137,000. The members had also secured birr 225,000 in loan from the District government which also provided them with a space where they produce and sell their products.

Erosion and land slide have been problems that challenged most parts of Ankober District with its mountainous and ragged features. Hence, the product of the association is marketable among the communities and the District government. The major buyer of the product is the local government, according to Alemayehu.

About one year after starting the gabion works, the youth were able to open a bakery with the profits they made from gabion works. They were also able to repay birr 7,700 of their loan to the District government every month. The team as well hired about four daily labourers every day. The wonderful performance of the group has won PADet respect from the District government and communities. Assefa Hailu is a member of the association who graduated with a BA degree in applied physics about two years ago and is now working in the bakery of the association. He observed that theirs is the only modern bakery in town.

The number of students graduating from colleges and universities is increasing tremendously everywhere in Ethiopia. On the other hand, job vacancies in the formal sectors are too small to accommodate all graduates. One of the major challenges of the country, therefore, is one of deploying its young graduates in productive and paying activities. PADet's response to the problem has, therefore, been instructive to the community, youth and the society at large and of support to the District government.

Speaking on the benefits of PADet's partnership, Ato Wasihun Berhane,Vice District Administrator, commended the office's support in the areas of distributing select seeds of crops and indigenous trees, irrigation development, accessibility and quality of education as well as in initiating



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and supporting income generation activities for women and youth.

The topographic nature of Ankober District is undulant for the most part (92% of the District), and this is another problem. Only eight percent of the area is suitable for agriculture. Land in this area is fragmented, degraded, and unfertile with erratic rains. About 94% of the community totally depend on rain-fed agriculture and pursue mixed agriculture, crop production and rearing of livestock.

Productivity of livestock and crops has been declining because of rain shortage, cattle disease, pest outbreak and shortage of grazing land. To this effect, food insecurity is a serious problem for three to four months annually.

These problems are aggravated further by high population pressure, which increases deforestation with less attention for forestation practices because of shortage of farm land for the young population. The district has a population of 5644 people including 2980 female. Unemployed youth

registered with the district micro finance and urban development office totals 619 including 317 females in towns and 5025 including 2663 females in rural areas.

AAE/PADet support promotion of small-scale irrigation, water shade management, capacity building training on identified need, introduction of improved crop and highland fruit, forest and forage plantation promotion and youth entrepreneurship in target areas in collaboration with relevant sector offices.

# No more migration

Bizunesh Mekonen, a mother of three puts off her plan to flee her village in search of job and subsistence. Here village of Afajehegn in Ankober District of the Amhara Regional State used to depend on rain-fed agriculture.

Having a mountainous and ragged topography, Ankober has been exposed to land degradation and erratic rain that resulted in less productivity before PADet's intervention in 2006. PADet is AAE's long-term partner operating in the intervention area.

Bizunesh said that PADet's advent to her area resulted in her cancelation of the plan to migrate to the nearest town in search of a job as produce from her plot of 300 square meters could not feed her family all-round the year.

Bizunesh, 28, and a mother of three wore a broad smile and a sense of satisfaction as she explained that now she has no worries about what to feed her family, schooling expenses and other needs of her children. "PADet came to all in our village. But I feel like it just came for me. The irrigation project the organization introduced made it possible for us to cultivate and harvest three times a year producing much more than what my family need from year to year. "she said.

Bizunesh rotates crops producing cereals and vegetables. She said that she is now able to save 50 birr every month. "My family now leads a decent life. Besides, I have saved birr 3,000. I have also purchased corrugated iron sheets and other necessaries to construct a bigger house, the construction of which has already begun" she said.

According to Bizunesh and other peasants in her area, the coming of PADet to the area gave an end minimized the cycles of shortages and food insecurity in the villages. To Bizunesh, PADet's intervention brought more than food security, empowering her to access and control assets.

"PADet has also supported us to be organized into a group of three to engage in flock fattening business. We will engage in the business soon," she said.

Bizunesh was married at the age of 16 and she had not

had the opportunity to go to school. She said that she has recently joined an adult education in her area. Bizunesh is thankfull to PADet for bringing awater supply system into her village. According to PADet's Programme Coordinator, Birkneh Tewachew, the organization supported the District government and residents of Afajehegn technically and financially working on the land closure over the last three years. He said that PADET invested a total of birr 1.6 million rehabilitating a gorge created due to irrigation, cumulative effects of recurrent erosion and landslide.

Speaking on the benefits of PADet's partnership, Ato Wasihun Berhane, Vice Chair of the Ankober District Administrator, praised the office's support in the areas of distributing select seeds of crops and indigenous trees, irrigation development, accessibility and quality of education as well as in initiating and supporting income generation activities for women and youth as invaluable.

Despite the fact that Ankober is a historic town, it lacked development including education for long. Household landholding size grew smaller with time because of the topography of the land, and high rate of population growth. Because of this, youth migration to urban areas and the Middle East used to be very common. Migration characterizes both unemployed and married couples who fail to meet family's needs. Mostly, people migrate to Debre Birhan, Addis Ababa, Arsi, Awassa and the Middle East. The situation is now reversed, thanks to AAE and PADet's intervention.





Students in the first pre-school in Gorgo Ankober

Kids beginning three years of age are now going to school in Gorgo area of the Ankober District of the Amhara Regional State. In the past, this was impossible because parents did not send their children until the children reach the age of nine or above. PADet In most rural villages, children under ten stayed at home and supported the household one way or another until they were considered strong enough to travel long distance to the nearest schools in respective areas. Some went to nearby traditional schools around where they studied the Amharic alphabet.

One can infer that the pre-school initiative has helped in reducing child labour as children spend most of the day attending classes.

PADet took the pre-school initiative in 2010. It provided the Gorgo school administration with financial and technical support and introduced the idea of enrolling pre-school age kids. The organization's financial support made possible more classrooms for the pre-school and made other teaching and learning facilities like library possible.

"The organization earmarked over 800,000 birr to the construction of additional blocks. This helped in availing preschool and library facilities as well as additional classes to accommodate more students in the classes up to eighth grade," said the Director of Gorgo School, Ato SisayTisge.

Girl children were forced to quit education soon after joining school as they reached the marriageable age before they make tangible progress in their education. It has already been in the culture of the area to marry girls off at early stage and this made parents think that keeping the girls in school would make them miss marriage. No doubt, children enrolled in time would be in a better level of education understanding to convince their parents against marriage before their completion of schooling.

PADet also availed teaching guides and educational materials as well as desks for the pre-school while it has also been training nine pre-school teachers. Currently, 47 children including 23 females of age three and above are attending the pre-school education.

Replicating the introduction of preschool in Gorgo, the District government has initiated 40 pre-schools in different parts of the District during the last two years. PADet has also been supporting and training teachers for the newly initiated government preschools.

### Sponsorship training

By MekdesTeklemariam

Training on sponsorship operations for all CCDP staff was held on 8 February 2014 at the Ethiopian Red Cross Training Center. Filed operation department took part in the training. The training was meant to refresh participants on community sensitization and education, engaging community/children with child sponsorship and minimum standards of supporter communications mainly, reports, child profiles and photo updates, as well as correspondence management. Participants shared best practices and experiences for learning and improvement.

In addition to listening to presentation on core child sponsorship communication requirements related to quality and deadline, participants also discussed basic sponsorship issues currently challenging CCDPs' performance on the ground. The discussion identified major issues requiring action points to improve performance on sponsorship management while certain action points were also agreed to improve performance.

After a ceremony of thanking each CCDP for its contribution towards servicing supporters in 2013, a certificate of appreciation was given to those who excelled in sponsorship performance. The three exceptional performers on all identified areas of excellence were Seru, Kombolcha and Girar Jarso CCDPs.

In addition, all CCDPs were awarded certificate of appreciation in respective areas of excellence. Accordingly, Janamora was awarded for excelling in child profile, Ofla, Yem, Genna Bossa, Doba, Kameshi in Child messages, Azernet in Photo update, Seba Boru on query and complaints and Ankober, Yem, Kemba and Decha in report production.



'Change begins within one self'

The term feminism is associated with extremism and beliefs that are much detested among the Ethiopian traditional community. Hence, many including the strong advocates of gender equity try to keep the term feminist at bay. The hesitation shown by considerable number of AAE head office staff to immediately raise hands at the question "who is feminist among us?" on the March 8-11, 2014 celebration evidenced this. Clearing this confusion among the participants was, therefore, one of the major deliberations of the day.

The staff also examined women's human rights vis-à-vis the reality and day-to-day life experience of women from different walks of life. Power walk activity was designed and the staff took active part in representing women and girls from urban and rural ranging from orphan and vulnerable girls, girls with disability, youth, widow, informal women vendors, girls forced to join armed conflict, activist and so on. The power walk exercise demonstrated that though all women and girls seem to be endowed with human rights enshrined in International Human Rights Instruments, and the Ethiopian constitution the different socio-economic, cultural and political environments and the hidden and invisible powers hinder their progress

and holds them back from seemingly available opportunities. The fact that concerted actions of various actors are needed to change the situation was appreciated.

AAE Women Development Specialist Eleni Tekalegn, HROD manager Genet Abebe and the CD Jemal Ahmed took turns facilitating the discussions giving explanations demystifying feminism and leading the practical exercise sessions. The event held at the greenery corner of the AAE premise turned out to be one of the most inspiring while it was relaxing at the same time.

Questions raised during the discussion also guided the participants to look inward both as an AAE staff, and as individual citizens. AAE's principles and policies were reiterated reconfirming the organization as one of the most gender friendly. Members of the staff also shared personal experience as expressions of their commitment to gender equality and avowed their continued commitment to the cause.

Reflecting on his over 21 years with ActionAid, Jemal, AAE CD, noted the organization's gender sensitivity as one of the major factors that strengthened his relation with it. He said that AAE has always been gender

responsive and its staffs need to follow suit and model the way in ensuring fair power relations in respective families. Jemal credited his association with AA as factor contributing to the insight and commitment as well as family life style that strikes a balance in power relations at home. Expressing the way his 15 years old daughter has become assertive, he credited and appreciated AA as benefactor.

Wrapping up the event, Jemal further emphasized gender equity as a result of social change. He said, "This may not materialize soon. Yet, as AAE staff, we need to start modeling both in our work place and in respective homes." Jemal further noted investing in respective children in the area as the most rewarding venture and encouraged participants in this regard.

AAE's LRPs also celebrated the International Women's Day, with various partners and grassroots women groups and girls' clubs focusing on women and leadership, women and economic empowerment, and challenging patriarchy and rejecting GBV.

March 8 was celebrated for the 38th time in Ethiopia this year.

### Staff meeting ponders on sexual harassment

AAE head office staff third quarter meeting was held 8 August 2014 with sexual harassment policy and related discussions dominating the session. The meeting started with address by AAE Country Director, Ato Jemal Ahmed, who shared about his visit to AA Italy and the highlights of the ActionAid Directors Forum, held beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2014. He noted that the forum deliberated on new ways of working including the international platform, Federation Leadership Team, greater International Delegation to countries, the rationale for the International Secretariat restructuring. Jemal noted and the major outcome of Action Aid's women rights community survey and the need for the country management commitment to translate the key recommendations.

Following the Country Director's briefings, heads of Programme Development and Quality Assurance, Field of Operation and Finance Departments as well as HROD took turns reporting engagements of respective departments during the period.

The anti-sexual harassment committee gave updates on what has been done in the last six months including reports of incidences and actions taken. Orientation on the AA Anti-Sexual Harassment Policy, related exercises and discussions took a lion's share of the session. After Eleni Tekalign, the AAE Women Development Specialist's brief presentation on the Women's Rights Community Survey done by AAI, participants were introduced to members of the AAE Anti-Sexual Harassment Committee and its deliberations and actions to date. A practical exercise guided by questions accessing the awareness and attitudes towards the prevalence, implications and reactions as individuals and as community in general updated participants on challenges related to the social vice. The process also enlightened participants on what sexual harassment is and acts and implications it involves. The exercise that involved debates on some of the myths related to sexual harassment challenged the general notions that:

- Victims of sexual harassment are all females
- Sexual harassment is rare
- The seriousness of sexual harassment has been exaggerated; most so-called harassment is really trivial and harmless flirtation.
- If the harasser does not do it intentionally, then it does not constitute sexual harassment
- Many women make up and report stories of sexual harassment to get back at their employers or others who have angered them.
- Women who are sexually ha-

- rassed generally provoke harassment by the way they look, dress and behave as the saying goes on, "There's no smoke without fire."
- If you ignore harassment, it will go away.
- Women who dress provocatively want to be looked at.

# General Reflection on the myths mentioned above led to appreciation of the facts that:

- Sexual harassment is rampant and widespread even though many do not report it in the country and in workplaces
- In majority of cases, it is females that face sexual harassment; however men might also encounter sexual harassment
- O It is the effect on the part of the survivor of sexual harassment that would take the central stage and not the excuses given by the harasser; sexual harassment might continue to affect the person experiencing it for a long time. If ignored, the incident might give more power and wrong message to the harasser. It is always advisable to report or inform a close friend and register/take note of the incident and the date as well as to inform clearly the harasser that his/her behavior is unwelcome and unacceptable
- Sexual harassment has the effect of confining and curtailing some of women's rights like women having the absolute right to bodily integrity, freedom of expression, freedom of movement, right to work etc

Question and answer sessions was done. Finally, members of organizing team briefed participants on how & where to report cases of harassment. They emphasized the possibility of orally informing committee members, HROD or CD as preferred.



### Financial management training

#### By Worku Gedlie

A four-day financial management training was provided to staff of AAE and its partners February 4 through 7, 2014. Senior Program Officers, Program/Project Officers from all AAE LRPs as well as Partners plus Head Office staffs were among the participants. Similar trainings had been given in the previous year too.

The major purpose of the training was to discuss challenges and future improvements. According to the preplanned objective, one of the major focuses of the training was capacitating trainees on grant management and budgetary process concepts. The duties and responsibilities of this section were discussed in detail. Data provision and effective communication as well as feedback release gaps from HO Finance were also clearly identified and recommended for improvement.

In clarifying the issue of data reliability and quality, lessons like planning and budgeting, budgetary control, cash flow management, reporting and data reconciliation, grant management, expenditure coding, how to use codes in budgeting and actual expenditure analysis and standardized financial formats were raised and discussed in detail.

Enhancing data inputting quality, meeting deadlines, supporting partners with capacity gaps and systematically shifting towards the organization's policy and procedure are the major issues raised and agreed upon. Participants discussed the Community Based Organizations capacity building training guidance and formed a committee of three members to work on it. The meeting also discussed challenges regarding donor fund reports and agreed to maintain the quality by reconciling with AAE recordings and developing partners' grant database at CCDP level.

Among the major issues requiring improvement in the future were budgeting, re-forecasting, variance analysis, grant assessment, overhead cost management, asset management, use of standardized reporting formats, effective communication and feedbacks, application of organizational level per diem rates throughout the country and continuous capacity support to partners.



### Women water projects in Decha

By Hagos G/Meskel

Two water and sanitation projects were inaugurated, 15 February 2014, in Deshi and Beha areas of Decha District of the Southern State. This brings the number of AAE-supported women-led water projects in the country to ten. Inauguration of the projects financed by the Catalan Government of Spain through Ayuda Accion was held in the presence of the community as well as district and zonal government officials.

The water supply scheme is anticipated to address the dire water needs of the people in general and the pressing problems of women and children in particular. Moreover, the water proximity to the villages will reduce work-load of women, issues of violence against women such as sexual harassment, abduction and rape. This facilitates conditions for girls to attend classes and reduce drop out. The water supply scheme is managed by women who have already formed an association and board at district level. This will sustain the services and enable women to demonstrate their management capacity as colleagues elsewhere.

In his opening remark to the inauguration ceremony, Ato Jemal Ahmed, AAE Country Director, said that the Catalan Government of Spain covered €736,000 which is 80% of the total project cost of €928,069, of which €119,672 - was covered by AAE. The local community made a contribution worth €8,498.

The project benefits a total population of 9,206, 50% of the beneficiaries being women. The project is designed to eventually reach 16,627 people in 20 years' time.

"Women in Decha preferred giving out milk rather than water as the latter demanded more time, labour and dignity" said W/ro Lomitu Abebe, Beha Kebele Water scheme Board Chairperson. She added that water drawing from distant places was the cause for rape and death of women and children in the vicinity. As primary beneficiaries of the water schemes, women in the kebeles are ready to take care of the facilities in close consultation with the District Water, Energy and Mines Office.

Ato Tezera Tamiru, Decha District Deputy Administrator, on his part, emphasized that the community has to take care of the water and should be able to sustain it for posterity.

ActionAid Ethiopia has been initiating women-led water supply schemes in various rural villages of Ethiopia. Women have been supported with the necessary trainings including leadership capacity building to manage Water Development Associations. The women-led Water Development Association is governed by General Assembly and Board Members.

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አክሽንኤይድ ከ1989 ጀምሮ ኢትዮጵያ ውስጥ በልጣት ሥራዎች ሲንቀሳቀስ ቆይቷል፡፡ በአሁኑ ወቅት በደቡብ ፣ በኦሮሚያ፣ አጣራ፣ ቤኒሻንጉል ጉሙዝ፣ ትግራይና ጋምቤላ ከልሎች የልጣት ሥራዎች በማካሄድ ላይ ይገኛል። ድርጅቱ በምግብ ዋስትና፣ በአስቸኳይ ጊዜ ምላሽ፣ በትምህርት፣ በሴቶች ልጣትና በማህበራዊ አገልግሎቶች ልጣት ላይ አተኩሮ ይሥራል።

አክሽንኤይድ ድህነትን ለማስወገድ ከሴቶች፣ በድህነት ከሚኖሩ ሰዎች፣ ከማህበረሰብ ድርጅቶች፣ ከሲቪል ማህበራት፣ ከመንግሥትና ከሌሎች የልማት ተዋናዮች ጋር ይሠራል። መሰል ራዕይ፣ እሴቶችና ፕሮግራሞች ካሏቸው ድርጅቶች ጋር ውጤታማ አጋርነትን ያራምዳል። በተጨማሪም ለማህበረሰብ ድርጅቶችና ሌሎች አጋሮች ቴክኒካዊና የገንዘብ ድጋፍ ያደርጋል።

አክሽንኤይድ የገንዘብ ድጋፍ የሚያገኘው በታላቋ ብሪታንያ፣ ጣልያን፣ ስፔይን፣ ብራዚልና ግሪክ ከሚገኙ በጎ አድራጊ ግለሰቦች ነው። በተጨማሪም በእነዚህና በሌሎችም አገራት ከሚገኙ ዘርፊ ብዙ መንግሥታዊና መንግሥታዊ ያልሆኑ ድርጅቶች ገቢ ያገኛል።

አክሽኤይድ ኢትዮጵያ የልማት ሥራውን የጀመረው በደቡብ ብሔር ብሔረሰቦችና ህዝቦች ክልል በዳሎቻ ወረዳ ነው፡፡ በአሁኑ ወቅት በ 15 በተለያዩ የአገሪቱ ክፍሎች የረጅም ጊዜ የልማት ፕሮግራሞች እያካሄደ ሲሆን ከእንዚህ አምስቱ በኢጋሮች የሚተገበሩ ናቸው። ድርጀቱ ከድህነት የጸዳች ዜጎቿ በክብርና በብልጽግና የሚኖሩባት ኢትዮጵያን የማየት ራዕዩን ለማሳካት ከፍተኛ አስተዋጽኦ ሲያደርግ ቆይቷል።

በዓለም ዙሪያ በ 47 አገሮችና በኢትዮጵያ ውስጥ ከተለያዩ ማህበረሰቦች ጋር ለፍብ ክፍለ ዘመን ሲሥራ የቆየው አክሽንኤይድ የካበቱ ተሞክሮዎች፣ ልምዶች እንዲሁም ለብሔራዊ የፀረ–ድህንት እንቅስቃሴው አስተዋጽኦ የሚያደረጉ አሥራሮች አሉት።

በመሆኑም በኢትዮጵያ የ25 ዓመታት ፀረ-ድህነት ጉዞውን በዚህ ወር ሲያከብር አግባብነት ያላቸው የልማት ተዋናዮች እንዲተገበሯቸው ለማስቻል በተግባር የተፈተሹ ስልቶችንና ስኬቶችን ለመከለስና ለሌሎችም ለመካፌል አቅዷል፡፡ ከዚህም ሌላ ዝግጅቱ አክሽኤይድ ለኢጋሮቹ፤ ለኢትዮጵያውያንና ለዓለም አቀፉ ህብረተሰብ ቁርጠኝነቱን የሚያድስበት ዕድል ይፈዋርለታል።



# የአገራዊ ዳይሬክተሩ መልእክት

2014 ወደ ማስቁ ነው። በዚህ ዓመት አክሽኤይድ ኢትዮጵያ ወደ ሚንቀሳቀስባቸው አፍላ፣ ጃናሞራና ዴቻ ተጉዤ ነበር፡፡ በጉዞዬ ወቅትም ከየአካባቢዎቹ ሰዎች ጋር በተለይ ደግሞ ከሴቶች ጋር ለመነጋገር ዕድሉን አግኝቻለሁ፡፡ ከህብረተሰብ አካላት ጋር በተለይ ደግሞ በአፍላና በጃናሞራ ከሚገኙ ሴቶች ጋር ያደረግጓቸው ውይይቶች ድህነትን በጋራ እየተፋለምንና ሰዎች የራሳቸውን ህይወት እንዲገነቡ ውጤት ያለው ሥራ እየሥራን እንደሆነ አስገንዝቦኛል፡፡ በአሸንጌ ኮረም ያለ ዕድሜ ጋብቻን፤ የኃይል ጥቃትንና ሌሎች ጎጇ ልማዳዊ ድርጊቶችን ለመፋለም አቅማቸውን ያጎለበቱ ሴቶች፣ በጃናሞራ፤ መካነ ብርህን ከተማ የሴቶች ንብረት የሆኑ በጎችን ጨምሮ በሴቶች ላይ ያተኮሩ ኤኮኖሚያዊ እንቅስቃሴዎች የሰሜን ተራሮችን በመሰሉ ሩቅና አስችጋሪ ስፍራዎች ሳይቀር ውጤት ማስመዝገብ አንደቻልን ማሳያዎች ናቸው።

ነጹህ የመጠዋ ውሀ መንደራቸው በቅርብ መገኘቱ የዴቻ ሴቶች አብዛኛውን ጊዜያቸውን በትምህርት ቤት እንዲያሳልፉ ዕድሉን ፌተሮላቸዋል።

አክሽኤይድ በቤኒሻንጉልና በጋምቤላ ክልሎች ካማሺና ኢታንግን በመሳሰሉ አስቸጋሪ አካባቢዎች እንደሚሰራ ይታወቃል። በሰዎች ህይወት ተፈላጊዎቹ ለውጦች እንዲመጡ በምግብ ራስን መቻል፣ በሴቶች ልማት፣ ዋራት ባለው ትምህርት አቅርቦት አስተዋጽኦ በማደረግ ላይ መሆናችንን እናምናለን፡፡

በተመሳሳይም የሥራ አደረጃጀቶቻችን የተሻሻሉ ትብብሮች፣ ቅንጅትና መሻሻልን አሳይተዋል፡፡ በዓመቱ ውስዋ ሁሉን አቀፍ ተጠያቂነትን ያሳየንበትን ድርጅታዊ ባህላችንንና የአመራርና የአስተዳዳር ብቃታችንን ማጎልበት ክፍተኛ ትኩረት የሰጠንባቸው ጉዳዮች ናቸው።

ድህነትን በ*ጋራ የማሸነፍ የ25 ዓመታት ጉዟችንን የምናከብ*ረውም በዚህ ድባብ ውስጥ ሆነን ነው፡፡ በዓሉ በዋናነት አብረናቸው ከምንሥራቸው ማህበረሰቦችና ባለድርሻ አካላት *ጋ*ር ይከበራል።

ቀዋሎ ከ2014 የአክሽኤይድ ኢትዮዽያ የስኬት ታሪኮች ዋቂቶቹ ተዘርዝሪዋል።



የኢትዮጵያ ምክትል ጠቅላይ ሚኒስትር በክብር እንግዳነት በተገኙት ህዳር 13 ቀን 2014 በተካሄደው የ2013 ዓመታዊ ብሔራዊ የሲቪል ማህበረሰብ ድርጅቶች የበት አድራትት ቀን ክብረ በዓል ላይ አክሽንኤይድ ኢትዮጵያ አንድ ዋንጫና ሦስት ሰርተፊኬቶች ተሸልሟል።

በአክሽኤይድ የሚደገፈውና በደቡብ ክልል ስልሔ ዞን የሚገኘው በሴቶች የሚመራው የዳሎቻ ሴቶች የውሀ ልማት ማህበር የዚህ ዓመት የአክሽኤይድ ኢትዮጵያ መወዳደሪያ ነበር። በኢትዮጵያ ካሉ ከ35 ከሚበልጡ ዕጩ ድርጅቶች መሀል ከሌሎች አምስት የሲቪል ማህበረሰብ ድርጅቶች ጋር ተሸሳሚ ሆኗል፡ ፡ አክሽኤይድ የሴቶች አመራር ሞዴል ፕሮግራም፣ ፈጠራ፣ ዘላቂንት፣ ዕድንት፣ ስኬታማ የወጪ አስተዳደር፣ በጎ ተጽእኖ ፣ ተስስርና አጋርነት የመሳሰሉ መለኪያዎችን አሟልቷል።

የዳሎቻ ሴቶች የውሀ ልጣት ማህበር ሽልጣት ለማግኘት ካስቻሉት ልዩ ባህሪያቱ አንዱ በዳሎቻ ገጠርና ከተማ መንደሮች ሙሉ ለሙሉ በሴቶች አመራርና አስተዳደር ከ127,000 በላይ ለሆነው ህብረተሰብ ለ15 ዓመታት ንጹህ የመጠዋ ውሀን በዘላቂነት ማቅረቡ ነው።

የበጎ አድራጎት ቀን በክርስትያን በጎ አድራጎትና ልማት ማህበራት ህብረት የተዘጋጀ ነው፤ አክሽኤይድ በአጠቃላይ የልጣት ሥራዎች አራተኛ በመውጣት ዋንጫ ተሸልሟል።

በተጨማሪም ዝግጅቱን በመደገፉና ከክርስትያን በጎ አድራጎትና ልማት ማህበራት ህብረት ጋር ባለው የረጅም ጊዜ ኢጋርነት የእውቅና ሰርተፊኬት ተሸልሟል። ደማቅ በነበረው ስን ስርአትም የኢትዮጵያ ፌዴራሳዊ ዴሞክራሲያዊ ሪፐብሊክ ምክትል ጠቅላይ ሚኒስትር ክቡር አቶ ደመቀ መከንን ዋንጫውን ለአክሽንኤይድ ኢትዮጵያ ሀገራዊ ዳይሬክተር ጀማል አህመድ አበርክተዋል፡፡ አክሽኤይድና ሁለት አጋሮቹን ራስ አገዝ የሴቶች ማሀበርና አግሪሰርቪስ ኢትዮጵያን ጨምሮ ስድስት ድርጅቶች ለሽልማት በቅተዋል።

አክሽንኤይድ ኢትዮጵያ በተለያዩ ዘርፎች መሸስሙና በዝግጅቱ ወቅት በነበረው ኤግዚቢሽን ላይ ያቀረባቸው ስዕላዊ መግለጫዎች ይበልዋ ትኩረት ሲያሰጡት መልካም *ገጽታውንም* ይበልጥ አሳይተዋል።

በኤግዚቢሽኑ ላይ ለአክሽኤይድ በተከለለው ስፍራ የዳሴውልማ አስተባባሪ ሰሚራ አሰፋ በምስክርነትና በአስረጃነት መገኘቷ አክሽኤይድ በህብረተሰብ ዘንድ መሬት የረገጠ ስራ ለመስራቱ ታማኝነትን ጨምሮታል።

በኤግዚቢሽኑ ስፍራ በመንግሥት ባለስልጣናት፣ በዲፕሎማቲክ ማህበረሰቡ፣ በሲቪል ማህበረሰብ ድርጅቶች፣ ከመላ አገሪቱ በመጡ የተለያዩ ድርጅቶች ተወካዮች ተጎብኝቷል።

ምክትል ጠቅላይ ሚኒስትሩን ጨምሮ ከፍተኛ የመንግሥት ባለስልጣናት፣ የበታ አድራታት ድርጅቶችና ማህበራት ኤጀንሲ **ዳይሬክተር፣ የ**ጤናና የግብርና ሚኒስትር ዴታዎች በሽልማቱ ስን ስርአት ላይ ንግግር አድርገዋል።

በመንግሥት ባለስልጣናት የቀረቡት ንግግሮች የሲቪል ማህበረሰብ ድርጅቶች በብሔራዊው ፀረ–ድህነት እንቅስቃሴዎች ያደረጓቸውን አስተዋጽኦዎቸ አወድሰዋል። የሲቪል ማህበረሰብ ድርጅቶቹ ከዚህም በላይ እንዲሥሩና በፀረ–ድህነት ተወካይነት ምሳሌ እንዲሆኑ አበረታተዋቸዋል።

በተጓዳኝ የክርስትያን በጎ አድራጎትና ልማት ማህበራት ህብረት 40ኛ ዓመትም በዚህ ብሔራዊ ዝግጅት ተከብራል። በወቅቱ የአውሮፓ ህብረት ተወካዮች፣ ሌሎች ከፍተኛ የመንግሥት ባለስልጣናት፣ የኃይማኖት አባቶችና የዘርፌ ብዙ ማህበራት፣ እንዲሁም የዓለም አቀፍ መያዶችና የብሔራዊ ድርጅቶች ተወካዮች ተገኝተዋል። የሲቪል ማህበረሰብ ድርጅቶች የበን አድራጎት ቀን የሲቪል ማሀበረሰብ ድርጀቶች መልካም ተግባራትንና በፀረ–ድህነት እንቅስቃሴው ያላቸውን ሚና ለመዘከር በየዓመቱ ይከበራል።



የአርሶ አደሮች ማህበር ከባድ *ሙ*ኪና ገዛ

በየማታዬ ተሰማ

በአክሽኤይድ ኢትዮጵያ የሚደገፈው የየም ተባበር አርሶ አደሮች የህብረት ሥራ ማህበራት ህብረት 70 ኩንታል የመጫን አቅም ያለውን የመጀመሪያውን ከባድ መኪና በ900.000 ብር ገዝቷል፡፡ ከተቐቐመ ሦስት ዓመት የሞላው ይህ ማህበር ከባድ መኪናውን የገዛው ከዓመታዊ ትርፉ ባገኘው ገንዘብና ከየም ልዩ ወረዳ አስተዳዳር በተሰጠው የ200,000 ብር የገንዘብ ድጋፍ ነው።

በአካባቢው በሚንቀሳቀስ ማህበረሰብ ተኮር ድርጅት የተገዛ የመጀመሪያው ከባድ መኪና በመሆኑ በሳጃ፣ ደሪና ፎፋ አክብረውታል፡፡ ህብረቱ በተቋቋመ በአሞር ጊዜ ውስጥ ይህን መሰል ለውዋ በማስመዝገቡ ነዋሪዎቹ ለአመራሩ ምስጋናቸውን አቅርበዋል።

የህብረቱ ቦርድ ሊቀመንበር አቶ መብራቴ ሶሪ እንደተናገሩት ከባድ መኪናው የተገዛው ህብረቱ የግብርና ውጤቶቹን ለማመላለስ ለገጠመው ችግር መፍትሂ ለማስገኘት ቢሆንም ዓላማቸው ግን የፍቅ ነው። ይኸውም ማህበሩ እምነት የሚጣልበትና ራዕይ ያለው የአርሶ አደሮች ማህበር መሆኑን በማህበረሰቦች ዘንድ አምነትን ለማሳደር ነው፡፡ አክለውም "ዓላማችን ለመሥረታዊ የግብርና ውጤቶች እሴት የሚጨምሩና አርሶ አደሮቻችን የተሻለ ገቢ እንዲያገኙ የሚያስችሉ የዱቄት ፈብሪካዎችን ማቋቋም ነው።" ብለዋል።

የህብረቱ ሥራ ማህበር ሥራ አስኪያጅ አቶ ሹኩር ገ/ጻዲቅ በበኩላቸው ከባድ መኪናው የተገዛው፡፡ "በ2005 የበጀት ዓመት የግብርና ምርቶችን ለማጓጓዝ ማህበሩ 580,000 ብር አውዋቷል። እቃዎቻችንን ራሳችን ብናጓኑዝ ከባድ መኪናው የወጣበትን ወጪ ከሦስት እስከ አራት ዓመት ጊዜ ውስጥ መመለስ ይችላል፣" ይላሉ። ከባድ መኪናው የተገዛው ዋልቅ የአዋጪ ነት ጥናቶች ከተካሂዱና ከባድ መኪናውን ለማስተዳደር የሚገዋሙ ውጣ ውረዶች ግንዛቤዎች ከተወሰዱ በኋላ ነው፡፡ በተጨማሪም ህብረቱ አግባብ ያላቸውንና ጊዜያቸውን የጠበቁ ውሳኔዎች ለመወሰን

የሚያስችሉ አስተማማኝ የቁጥር ስርአቶች እንደነደፈና አስፈላጊ ዝግጅቶችን ሁሉ እንዳደረገ አክለው ተናግረዋል፡፡

ካስጀመራቸውና ምስረታቸውን ልማት አካባቢ ካመቻቸላቸው ማህበረሰብ ተኮር ድርጀቶች አንዱ ይህ ህብረት መሆኑ ይታወቃል። ህብረቱ በ2010 በደቡብ ብሔር ብሔረሰቦችና ህዝቦች ክልላዊ *መንግሥ*ት የገበያና የማህበራት ቢሮ በህግ ተመዝግቧል። ማህበሩ በአሁኑ ወቅት 5,283 (4,774 ወንዶች፣ 509 ሴቶች) አባላትን ያቀፉ 13 መሠረታዊ የአርሶ አደሮች የህብረት ሥራ ማህበራትና ሁስት የማድሰብ የህብረት ሥራ ማህበራት አሉት። አክሽንኤይድ ማህበሩ እንዲቋቋም ከማድረጉ ጀምሮ ማህበሩ የአዋጨነት ጥናት እንዲያካሂድ፣ ቢሮ በመክፌት፣ ቢሮውን በዕቃዎች በማሟላት፣ ለአባሎች የልምድ ልውውጥ ጉብኝቶች በማመቻቸት፣ ለሥራ አመራር አባላቱ በህብረት ሥራ ማህበራት አመራርና የገንዘብ አስተዳዳር ስልጠናዎችን በመስጠት፣ ሥራ አስኪያጅን ጨምሮ ቴክኒካዊ ሠራተኞችን በመቅጠር፣ የሥራ ማስጀመሪያ ካፒታል በመስጠት እንዛ አድርጎስታል።

በተመሳሳይ ከቦርዱ በተገኘው መረጃ መሠረት ህብረቱ በአሁኑ ወቅት ለመሠረታዊ የህብረት ሥራ ማህበራት የስንዴ፣ የበቆሎ፣ የመፍ፣ የአትክልት የተለያዩ የተሻሻሉ ዘሮች፤ 980685 ለአባላቶቻቸው ኬማካሎችን በብድር *እንዲ* የከፋፍለ ያሰራጫል፡፡ ማህበሩ በተጨማሪም በሚቀርቡልት ተያቄዎች መሠረት ዕቃዎችን የሚያቀርብ ሲሆን ከግል ድርጅቶች ከሚከፈለው በ10% በሚበልጥ ዋጋ ከአባላቱ የግብርና ምርቶችን ይሰበስባል፡፡ ማህበሩ ከፍ ብለው ከተጠቀሱት አገልግሎቶች በተጨማሪ ስለገበያው ሁኔታ፣ ከወቅታዊ የግብርና እንቅስቃሴ *ጋ*ር ስለ *ገ*በያና የአየር ንብረት ለውጦች የቅርብ ጊዜ መረጃዎች ይሰጣል፡፡ በዚህም የተነሳ ማህበሩ፣ አስፈላጊ የግብርና ግብአቶች በማቅረብና ምርትና ምርታማነትን በማሳደግ የምግብ ዋስትናና ዘላቂ መተዳደሪያ በጣረ,ጋገጥ ረገድ አስገራሚ ለውጦችን አያስመዘገበ ነው፡፡ ከዚህም ሌላ አባላቱ ተሰባስበው በጋራ ጉዳዮቻቸው ላይ የሚመክሩበት መድረክ ልዋሮላቸዋል፡፡

# ወጣቶች ራስን በመቻልና በአካባቢ የልጣት ሥራዎች

በአንኮበር ወረዳ የተደራጁ የኮሌጅና የዩኒቨርሲቲ ምሩቃን ሥራዎችን በመፍጠርና ህይወታቸውን አየለወጡ ማህበረሰቡን በማገልገል ምሳሌ እየሆኑ ነው።

ወጣቶቹ በአርአያ የክትር ሽቦ አምራቾች ማህበር ተደራጅተው ክትር ሽቦ ማምረት ላይ ተሰማርተዋል፡፡ ምርቱ በተለያዩ የአንኮበር ገጠራማ አካባቢዎችን ከሰውና ከእንስሳት ንከኪ ለመከለልና ለአፈር ተበቃ ሥራዎች ጠቅሟል። አርአያ የክትር ሽቦ አምራቾች ማህበር በአከባቢው ያሉ ወጣቶችንየሥራ አዋነትና ድህነት ለመቀነስ ከሚካሄዱት የባለሙያ*ዎች* ህብረት ለልማት እንቅስቃሴዎች አንዱ ነው።

"ቀዳም ሲል ቤተሰቦቻችንን ጨምሮ ማህበረሰቡ በክትር ሽቦ ሥራዎች ባለን ተሳተፎ ደስተኛ አልነበሩም። ይህም የሆነው ቀድሞ በነበረው ልምድ ከትምህርት ቤት ከተመረቅን በኋላ በመንግሥት፡ መንግሥታዊ ባልሆኑና በግል ድርጅቶች ባለመቀጠራችን ነው። በአሁኑ ጊዜ ገቢያችን ከጊዜ ወደጊዜ እየጨ*መረ መሂዱን* ሲያዩ የማህበረሰቡ አመለካከት እየተለወጠ ነው፣" ይላል የማህበሩ ሊቀመንበር አለማየሁ ዘለቀ፡፡ አለማየሁ ከአክሱም ዩኒቨርሲቲ በመጀመሪያ ዲግሪ የተመረቀ ሲሆን የባለሙያዎች ህብረት ለልማት ካደራጃቸው ስምንት ወጣቶች (አራት ሴቶችን ጨምሮ) አንዱ ነው።

የባለሙያዎች ህብረት ለልጣት ወጣቶችን በክትር ሽቦ ሥራዎች ከማደራጀት በተጨማሪም በ30,000 ብር ወጪ ወጣቶቹ ስልጠና እንዲያገኙ አድርጓል። በተጨማሪም ድርጅቱ ወጣቶቹ *ሥራ* እንዲጀምሩ 137,000 ብር መነሽ ካፒታል ሰዋቶአቸዋል። አባላቱ ከአካባቢው መንግሥትም 225.000 ብር በብድር አገኝተዋል፡፡ ከገንዘብ ብድሩ በተጨማሪ የአካባቢው መንግሥት የሚያመርቱበትና የሚሽጡበት ስፍራ ሰዋቷቸዋል።

የአፈር መታጠብና የመሬት ናዳ ወጣ ገባ የሆነውን አብዛኛውን የአንኮበር አካባቢ ከሚፈታተኑት ችግሮች መሀል ናቸው። በመሆኑም የማህበሩ ምርቶች በማህበረሰቡና በአካባቢው

መንግሥት ዘንድ አሳቸው። እንደ አለማየሁ አባባል የምርታቸው ዋና ሽማች የአካባቢው መንግሥት ነው።

የክትር ገበኛ ሥራዎች ከተጀመሩ ከአንድ ዓመት በኋላ ወጣቶቹ ባገኙት ትርፍ ዳቦ ቤት ከፍተዋል። ከአካባቢው መንግሥት ከተበደሩት ገንዘብም በየወሩ 7,700 ብር ይክፍላሉ። ቡድኑ በየቀኑ አራት የጉልበት *ሥራተኞች መቅጠር ች*ሷል። የዚህ ማህበር እንቅስቃሴዎች የማህበሩን አባላት መጥቀማቸውና ራሳቸውንም መደጎም መቻለ ለባለሙያዎች ማህበር ለልማት በአካባቢው መንግሥትና በማህበረሰቡ ያልውን ተአማኒነት አዳብሮልታል። ከሁለት ዓመት በፊት በአፕላይድ &H.hd የመጀመሪያ ዲግሪውን ያገኘውና በአሁኑ ጊዜ የዳቦ ቤቱ ሥራተኛ የሆነው የማህበሩ አባል አሰፋ ሀይለ ዳቦ ቤቱ በከተማው ብቸኛው ዘመናዊ ዳቦ ቤት መሆኑን ይናገራል።

በኢትዮጵያ በአጠቃላይ ከኮሌጆችና ከዩኒቨርሲቲዎች የሚመረቁ ተማሪዎች ቁዋር በከፍተኛ ሁኔታ እየጨመረ ነው፡፡ በሌላ በኩል በመደበኛው ዘርፍ

ያሉት ክፍት የሥራ ቦታዎች ለሁሉም ምሩቃን የሚበቁ አይደሱም፡፡ በአሁኑ ጊዜ ከአገሪቷ አጣዛፊ ችግሮች አንዱ ወጣት ምሩቃኑን በምርታማና ነቢ በሚያስገኙ ሥራዎች ማሰማራቱ ነው፡፡ በዚህ ረገድ የባለሙያዎች ህብረት ለልማት የሰጠው ምሳሽ ለወጣቱና ለአጠቃሳዩ ማሀበረሰብ ትምህርት ሰጪና ለአካባቢውም አስተዳደርም ደጋፊ ነበር።

የአንኮበር ምክትል አስተዳዳሪ አቶ ዋሲሁን ብርሀኔ ሲናገሩ በአህል ምርቶችና የአገር በቀል ዛፎች ምርዋ ዘርን በማሰራጨት፣ በመስኖ ልማት፣ በትምህርት አቅርቦትና ጥራት፣ እንዲሁም ለሴቶችና ለውጣቶች ገቢ ማስገኛ እንቅስቃሴዎችን በመጀመርና በመደገፍ ረገድ የባለሙያዎች ህብረት ለልጣት አ*ጋርነት ያደረጋቸው እንቅ*ስቃሴዎች ዋቅም ከፍተኛ *መሆኑን* ይናገራሉ።

በወረዳው 5.644 ህዝብ ሲኖር 2.980 ሴቶች ናቸው። በወረዳው ማይክሮ ፋይናንስና የከተማ ልማት ቢሮ የተ*መ*ዘገቡ ሥራ አዋ ወጣቶች በከተማ 619 ሲሆኑ 317 ሴቶች ናቸው፣ በገጠር አካባቢዎች ደግሞ አጠቃሳይ ቁጥራቸው 5,025 ሲሆን 2,663 ሴቶች ናቸው።

የባለሙያዎች ህብረት ለልማት አግባብ ካላቸው ቢሮዎች ጋር በመተባበር በትኩረት አካባቢዎች የአንስተኛ መስኖ፣ የውሀ ከልላ አስተዳደር በተለየ ፍላጎት የአቅም ግንባታ ስልጠና፣ የተሻሻሉ የእህል ዘሮችና የደጋ ፍራፍሬ ማስተዋወቅ፣ የደንና የመኖ እርሻ ማበረታታትና የወጣቶች ሥራ ፈጣሪነት ይደግፋል፡፡



### ቀዬን ትቶ መሄድ ቀረ

የሦስት ልጆች እናት የሆነችው እመቤት መኮንን ሥራና የዕለት እንጀራ ፍለኃ ቀዬዋን ትታ ለመሄድ የነበራትን ሀሳብ በአሁኑ ጊዜ ትታዋለች። በአማራ ብሔራዊ ክልል በአንኮበር ወረዳ የሚገኘው አፋጀኸኝ መንደር የሚተዳደረው በዝናብ በሚመገብ እርሻ ነበር። ታድያ እመቤት በዓመት አንዴ የምታመርተው እህል ቤተሰብዋን የሚመግበው ስ<u>ተቂ</u>ት ወራት ብቻ ነበር።

አመቤት ቀደም ሲል 300 ቅፋር ካሬ ሜትር ከሆነው መሬትዋ ቤተሰቧን ዓመቱን ሙሉ መመገብ ባለመቻሏ ቀዬዋን ትታ ለመሄድ የነበራትን ሀሳብ የባለሙያዎች ማህበር ለልማት በመኖሪያዋ አካባቢ በ2006 እንቅስቃሴ በመጀመሩ አስለውጧታል።

የ28 ዓመቷ አመቤት በአሁኑ ወቅት ቤተሰቧን ምን እንደምተቀልብ፣ የትምህርት ቤት ወጪና ሌሎች የልጆቿ ፍላጎቶች እንደማያሳስቧት ስትናገር ደማቅ ፌገግታና የእርካታ ስሜት ይነበብባታል፡፡ "የባለሙያዎች ማህበር ለልማት የመጣ ይመስለኛል፡፡ ድርጀቱ ያስተዋወቀው የመስኖ ፕሮጀክት በዓመት ሦስት ጊዜ እንድናመርትና ቤተሰቤም ከዓመት እስከ ዓመት ከሚያስፈልገው በላይ ምርት እንድሰበስብ አስችሎኛል፣" ተሳለች።

አመቤት ፕራፕሬና ቅጠሳቅጠል <u>አያ</u>ለዋወጠች ታመርታለች። በየወሩ 50 ብር መቆጠብ ከጀመረች ወራት ተቆዋረዋል። "በአሁኑ ጊዜ ቤተሰቤ የተመቻቸ ኑሮ ይመራል። በተጨማሪም ሃስት ሺህ ብር መቆጠብ ችያለሁ። መኖሪያ ቤቴን ለማሻሻልም የቤት ክዳን ቆርቆሮ ገዝቼ ትልቅ ቤት እየገነባሁ ነው ብላልች።"

እመቤትና የአካባቢዋ አርሶ አደሮች እንደሚመ<u>ሰክ</u>ፉት የባለሙያዎች ማህበር ለልማት ወደ አካባቢያቸው መምጣት በመንደሮቹ በተደጋጋሚ ይከሰት የነበረውን የምግብ እጥረት

በእጅጉ መቀነስ ችሷል። "የባለሙያዎች ማህበር ለልማት በከብት ማድለብ ሥራ ውስጥ እንድገባ ሦስት አባላት ባሉበት ቡድን አደራጅቶናል፣" ትላለች።

አመቤት ትዳር የያዘችው በ16 ዓመቷ በመሆኑ ትምህርት ቤት የመሄድ ዕድል አሳንኘችም ነበር፡፡ በቅርብ ጊዜ ግን በአካባቢዋ የጎልማሶች ትምህርት መከታታል ጀምራለች፡፡ በእሷ መኖሪያ ቤትና የቧንቧ ውሀ ባለበት ቦታ መካከል ነርፍ በፌጠረው **ገደል መንደሯ በሁለት በመከፈሉ ያካባቢው ነዋሪዎች ለችግር** ተዳርገው ነበር። የባለሙያዎች ማህበር ለልማት ይህንን ሽለቆ በአፈር ተበቃ ስራ በማስተካከል ረጅም መንገድ ከመጓዝ ስላዳናት እመቤት *ታመ*ሰግናለች። " ሸለቆው አሁን ሊሞላ ስለተቃረበ በቀላሉ ተሻግረን የቧንቧ ውሀ ማግኘት እንችላለን።" ትሳለች።

የባለሙያዎች ማህበር ለልማት ፕሮግራም አስተባባሪ ብርቅነህ ተዋቸው ድርጅቱ ባለፉት ሦስት ዓመታት መሬት በመከለል ለወረዳው አስተዳደርና ለአፋጀኸኝ ነዋሪዎች የቴክኒክና የባንዘብ ድጋፍ ማድረጉን ይናገራሉ፡፡ ባለፉት 25 ዓመታት በተከሰቱ የማያቋርጡ የአፈር መታጠብና የመሬት ናዳ ድምር ውጤቶች የተፈጠረውን ሸለቆ ለማስተካከል የባለሙያዎች ማህበር ለልማት 1.6 ሚለዮን ብር ማውጣቱንም ይናገራሉ።

አንኮበር ምንም እንኳን ታሪካዊ ከተማ ብትሆንም ለረጅም ጊዜ ትምህርትን ጨምሮ በቂ የልማት እንቅስቃሴዎች ተጠቃሚ አልሆነችም፡፡ ከመሬት አቀግመጡና ከህዝብ ቁጥር መጨመር *ጋ*ር ተዳምሮ የቤተሰብ ማሳ በየጊዜው እ*ያ*ነሰ ሄዷል፡፡ በዚህም የተነሳ ሰዎች በተለይ ደግሞ ወጣቶች ወደ ከተሞችና ወደ መካከለኛው ምስራቅ መሄዳቸው የተለመደ ነው። ፍልሰቱ ሥራ አጦችንና የቤተሰብ ፍላጎት ማሟላት ያልቻሉ ባለትዳሮችን ይጨምራል፡፡ ብዙዎቹ የሚሄዱትም ወደ ደብረ ብርሀን፣ አዲስ አበባ፣ አሩሲ፣ አዋሳና መካከለኛው ምስራቅ ነው።





የአንኮበር ህጻናት በመጀመሪያዎቹ ቅድመ መደበኛ ት/ቤቶች

በአማራ ክልላዊ መንግሥት በአንኮበር ወረዳ በጎርጎ ቀበሌ ከሦስት ዓመት ጀምሮ ያሉ ህጻናት በአሁኑ ጊዜ ትምህርት ቤት መሄድ ችስዋል፡፡ ቀደም ሲል ህጻናት አስር ዓመት ካልሞሳቸው ትምሀርት ቤት አይሂዱም ነበር፡፡ ይህም እውን ሲሆን የቻለው አክሽኤይድ ኢትዮጵያና የባለሙያዎች ማህበር ለልማት፣ ለትምህርት አቅርቦትና ተራት ባደረጓቸው እገዛዎች ነው።

በአብዛኞቹ የገጠር መንደሮች ከአሥር ዓመት በታች የሆኑ ህጻናት በአካል **መንክረው ወደ ትምሀርት ቤት ለመሄድ ረጅም ርቀት መ**ጓዝ እስኪችሉ ድረስ ብዙ ልጆች ቤታቸው ውስጥ በተለያዩ ሥራዎች ሲያግዙ ይቆዩ ነበር፡፡ አንዳንዶቹ የአማርኛ ፊደላት ወደሚያጠኑባቸው በቅርብ የሚገኙ ቄስ ትምህርት ቤቶች ይሄዳሉ፡፡በአሁኑ ጊዜ ማን ህጻናት የቀኑን አብዛኛውን ጊዜያቸውን በት/ቤት ስለሚያሳልፉ ይህ ቅድመ መደበኛ ትምህርት የህጻናት ጉልበት ብዝበዛን ቀንሷል ማለት ይቻላል::

የባለሙያዎች ማህበር ለልማት ቅድመ መደበኛ ትምህርት እቅስቃሴ የጀመረው በ2010 ነው፡፡ ለጎርጎ ትምህርት ቤት አስተዳደር የገንዘብና የቴክኒክ እገዛ ከማድረጉም በሳይ ህጻናት ቅድመ መደበኛ ትምህርት የመከታተላቸውን አስፈላጊነት ሀሳብ አስርጿል፡፡ የድርጅቱ የገንዘብ እገዛ ለቅድመ መደበኛ ትምህርት ክፍሎችን ለማብዛት ተጨማሪ ህንጻዎች እንዲሥሩ ያገዘ ሲሆን እንደ ቤተ መጻሕፍት ያሉ ሌሎች የማስተማር *መማር አገ*ልግሎቶች እንዲጠናከሩ አስችሷል፡፡

"ድርጀቱ ተጨማሪ ክፍሎች ለመሥራት 800,000 ብር አውተቷል፤፤ ይህም ተጨጣሪ የቅድመ መደበኛ ትምህርት ማካሄጃ ክፍሎችን የቤተ መጽሐፍት አገልግሎቶች እንዲኖሩ ከማስቻሉም በላይ እስከ ስምንተኛ ክፍል ድረስ ተጨማሪ ተማሪዎችን መቀበል እንድንችል ተጨማሪ ክፍሎች እንድንሥራ አስችሎናል፣" ይላሉ የጎርጎ ትምህርት ቤት ርዕሰ መምህር አቶ ሲሳይ ጽኋ።

ህጻናት ሴቶች ገና ትምህርት ቤት እንደገቡ በትምህርታቸው እምብዛም ሳይገፉ ትምህርት እንዲያቋርጡና እንድያገቡ ይገደዱ ነበር። ህጻናት ሴቶችን በልጋ ዕድ*ሜያ*ቸው መዳር የአካባቢው ባህል ስለነበር ቤተሰቦች ልጃኅረዶቹን በትምህርት ቤት ማቆየቱ "ቆመው እንዲቀሩ ያደረጋቸዋል" ብለው ያስቡ ነበር፡፡

የባለሙያዎች ማህበር ለልማት በተጨማሪ የማስተማሪያ መመሪያዎች፣ የትምህርት መግሪያዎችና ዴስኮች ያቀረበ ሲሆን ለዘጠኝ የቅድመ መደበኛ ትምህርት አስተማሪዎችም ስልጠና ሰጥቷል፡፡ የጎርጎ የቅድመ መደበኛ ትምህርት መጀመርን በምሳሌነት በመውሰድ የወረዳው አስተዳደር ባለፉት ሁለት ዓመታት በወረዳው የተለያዩ ስፍራዎች 40 ቅድመ መደበኛ ትምህርት ማሪከላትን አቋቁሟል፡፡

### የሴቶች የውሀ ፕሮጀክቶች በዴቻ

በሀታስ ገ/መስቀል

ህዳር 15 ቀን 2014 በደቡብ ክልል ዴቻ ወረዳ በዴሺና በሀ አካባቢዎች ሁለት የውሀና የአከባቢ ጽዳት ፕሮጀክቶች ተመርቀዋል። ፣ ይህም በአገሪቱ በአክሽኤይድ የሚደገፉና በሴቶች የሚመሩ የውሀ ፕሮጀክቶችን ቁጥር አሥር አድርሶታል። በስፔይኑ የካታላን መንግሥት በአዩዳአሲዮን በኩል በተገኘ የ1ንዘብ ድጋፍ የተሠሩት ፕሮጀክቶች በተመረቁበት ወቅት የማህበረሰቡ አባላት እንዲሁም የወረዳና የዞን የመንግሥት ባለስልጣናት ተገኝተዋል።

የውሃ አቅርቦት በአጠቃላይ የነዋሪዎችን በተለይ ደግሞ የሴቶችና የህጻናትን አጣዳፌ የውሀ ፍላንቶች ለማሟላት ታሰበው የተሠሩ ናቸው። በተጨማሪ የውሀ መስመሮች ለመንደሮቹ ቅርብ በመሆናቸው የሴቶችን የሥራ ጫና፣ እንዲሁም ጸታዊ ጥቃት፣ ጠለፋ፣ አስገድዶ መድፈር የመሳሰሌትን ከመቀነሳቸውም በላይ ልጃገረዶች ትምህርት እንዲከታተሉ ሁኔታዎችን በማመቻቸት የትምህርት ማቋረጥ ክስተቶችን ይቀንሳሉ። የውሀ አቅርቦት በወረዳ ደረጃ ማህበርና ቦርድ ባቋቋሙ ሴቶች ይመራል። ይህም የአባልማሎቶቹን ዘላቂ5ት ሲያፈጋግጥ ሴት አመራሮች የአስተዳደር ብቃታቸውን ለማሳየት ያስችሳቸዋል።

የአክሽንኤይድ ኢትዮጵያ አገራዊ ዳይሬክተር ጀማል አህመድ በምረቃው ወቅት ባሰሙት የመክፌቻ ንግግር 928,000 ዩሮ ከሆነው ጠቅሳሳ ወጪ የስፔይን የካታሳን መንግሥት 80% ማለትም 736,000 ሲሸፍን 119,672 **ዩሮ በአክሽኤይድ ኢትዮጵያ ተሸፍኗል**። የአካባቢው ማህበረሰብ ደግሞ ግምቱ አበርክታል።

በተጨማሪ ፕሮጀክቱ 9,206 ሰዎችን ተጠቃሚ ሲያደርባ 50% ሴቶች ናቸው። ይህ ፕሮጀክት በ20 ዓመት ጊዜ ውስጥ የተጠቃሚዎችን ቁጥር 16,627 ያደርሳል ተብሎ ታቅዷል።

"የዴቻ ሴቶች ከውሀ ይልቅ ወተት *መ*ስጠት ይመርጡ ነበር። ምክንያቱም ውሀ የጊዜ፣ የጉልበትና የክብርም ጉዳይ ይበለጠ ዋጋ ያስከፍል ስለነበረ ነው፣" ይላሉ ወ/ሮ ሎሚቱ

### የሴቶች የውሀ ፕሮጀክቶች...



አበበ የበሀ ቀበሌ ውሀ ቦርድ ሰብሳቤ። የውሀ አቅርቦት አገልግሎቶች ዋና ተጠቃሚዎች ሴቶች በመሆናቸው ከወረዳው ውሀ፣ ኤነርጂና ማዕድን ቢሮ ጋር በመተባበር ጥበቃ ያደርጉለታል።

አክሽኤይድ በኢትዮጵያ ልዩ፣ ልዩ የነጠር መንደሮች የውሀ አቅርቦት አግልግሎቶች እንዲጀመሩ ሲንቀሳቀስ ቆይቷል። ሴቶች የውሀ ልማት ማህበራትን ማስተዳደር እንዲችሉ የአመራር ብቃት ግንባታ ስልጠናን ጨምሮ የአስፈላጊ ስልጠናዎች ድጋፍ ተደርጎሳቸዋል።

የዴቻ ወረዳ ምክትል አስተዳዳሪ አቶ ተዘራ ታመነ በበኩላቸው ህብረተሰቡ ለውሀው ዋበቃ ማድረግና ለትውልድ ማቆየት እንዳለበት አጽንኦት ሰጥተው አሳስበዋል።



ብዙ ሰዎች ሴቶች ከወንዶች እኩል መብት ይኑራቸው የሚለውን አስተሳሰብ (feminism) ከአክራሪነትና በኢትዮጵያ ባህሳዊ ማህበረሰብ በእጅጉ ከሚጠሉ እምንቶች ጋር ያያዙታል። በመሆኑም ጠንካራ የጸታ እኩልነት አራማጆችን ጨምሮ ሴቶች (feminism) የሚለውን ቃል ይፈሩታል።

የ2007 የሴቶች ቀን አከባባርን አስመልክቶ መጋቢት 11 ቀን 2014 በተደረገው የዋና መሥሪያ ቤት ሠራተኞች ስብሰባ ላይ "ከመሀሳችን 'Feminist' ማነው?" የሚለውን ጥያቄ ወዲያውኑ ለመመለስ በብዙዎቹ ዘንድ የነበረው ማመንታት ለዚህ ማስረጃ ነው። በተሳታፊዎች ዘንድ የሰፈነውን ይህንን መደነጋገር ማጥራት ከዕለቱ ዓበይት ምክክሮችና ውይይቶች አንዱ ነበር። *ሥራተኞቹ የሴቶችን መብቶች በተለያዩ የህይወት ዝርፎች* ካሉ ሴቶች የዕለት ከዕለት ተሞክሮዎች ጋር በማነጻጻር **ፌት**ሸውታል። በከተማና በነጠር የሚገኙ ሴቶችና ልጃገረዶች ከወላጅ አልባና ተ*ጋላጭ ህፃናት፣ አ*ካል ጉዳተኛ ልጃገረዶች፣

ወጣቶች፣ መበለቶች፣ በችርቻሮ ንግድና በውትድርና የተሰማሩ የሌሎች ህይወት በመዳሰስ የድርጅቱ ሥራተኞች በንቃት ተሳትፈውበታል። ምንም እንኳን ሴቶች በዓለም አቀፍ የሰብአዊ መብቶች ሰንዶች እኩልንታቸው የተረጋገጠ ቢሆንም፤ የተለያዩ የማህበራዊና ፖለቲካዊ፣ ባህላዊና ፖለቲካዊ ምህዳሮች ጉዟቸውን እያደናቀፉ የተመቻቹ የሚመስሉ ዕድሎችን እንዳይጠቀሙ ወደኋላ ይጎትታቸዋል። ሁኔታውን ለመለወዋ የተለያዩ ተዋናዮች ያሳሰለሱ ጥረት አስፈላጊ መሆኑ ግንዛቤ ተወስዱል።

የአክሽኤይድ ኢትዮጵያ የሴቶች ልማት ባለሙያ እሌኒ ታረቀኝ ፣ የሰው ኃይል ልማት ሥራ አስኪያጅ ገነት አበበና አገራዊ ዳይሬክተሩ ጀማል አህመድ ውይይቶቹን ተራ በተራ በመምራትና የ(feminism) እንቆቅልሾች የሚያብራሩ ገለጻዎችንና ተግባራዊ እንቅስቃሴዎችን *መ*ርተዋል።

# "ለውጥ ከራስ…"

በውይይቱ ወቅት የተነሱ ተያቄዎች ተሳታፊዎቹ እንደ አክሽኤይድ ሥራተኛና እንደ ዜጋ ራሳቸውን እንዲያዩ አድርጓቸዋል። የአክሽኤይድ መርሆዎችና ፖሊሲዎች እንደገና ተልትሸው ድርጀቱ ከፍተኛ ጸታዊ ወገንተኝነት ካላቸው አንዱ መሆኑን ዳግም አረጋግጧል። በተጨማሪም ተሳታፊዎቹ ዓሳማውን ለማስፈጸም ቁርጣኝነታቸውን እንደሚቀጥሉ ቃል ገብተዋል።

*አገራዊ* **ዳይሬ**ከተሩ ጀማል አህመድ አክሽንኤይድ የቆዩባቸውን 21 ዓመታት መለስ ብለው ሲያስታውሱ ደርጅቱ በጸታ ላይ ያለው ትኩረት ቆይታቸውን እንዲያራዝሙ ካደረጓቸው ዓበይት ምክንያቶች አንዱ መሆኑን ይገልጻሉ።

አክሽኤይድ ምንጊዜም ለጸታ ጉዳዮች ምላሽ ሰጪ መሆኑን ጠቅሰው ሥራተኞቹም ይህንኑ ተከትለው በየቤተሰቦቻቸው ያሉ የስልጣን ማንኙነቶችን በዚሁ መልክ ማዋቀር እንዳለባቸው አሳስበዋል። ጀማል ከአክሽንኤይድ ጋር ያላቸው ግንኙነት ቤት ውስጥ የኃይል መመጣጠንን ሳስከተሉ አርቆ አስተዋይነትና ቁርጠኝነት እንዲሁም ለቤተሰብ የኑሮ ዘይቤ ምክንያት መሆኑን ይናገራሉ።

የ15 ዓመት ሴት ልጃቸውን ተንካሬ በመዋቀስ አክሽንኤይድ አስተዋፅዎ እንዳለበት ገልጠዋል። ዝግጅቱን ሲያጠቃለሱም ጀማል ጸታዊ ፍትህ ለማህበራዊ ለውዋ *ምክንያት* መሆኑን አጽንኦት ሰጥተውታል።

"ይህ በፍጥነት ሳይከ<u>ሰ</u>ት ይችላል። ሆኖም የአክሽኤይድ ሠራተኞች እንደመሆናችን በሥራ ቦታችንና በየቤታችንም ተግባራዊ ማድረግ መጀመር አለብን" ብለዋል፡፡ ጀማል በተጨማሪም በህጻናት ላይ ትኩረት ማድረግ ከፍተኛ እርካታ የሚሰጥ መሆኑን ጠቅሰው ተሳታፊዎችም በዚህ ረገድ እንዲተጉ አበረታተዋል።

የአክሽኤይድ የአካባቢና ልማት ፐሮግራሞችም በሴቶችና አመራር፣ በሴቶችና ኤኮኖሚያዊ ተንካሬ፣ ላይ በማተኮር ከተለያዩ አጋሮችና በዝቅተኛ የኑሮ ደረጃ ካለ የሴቶችና የልጃኅረዶች ክበባት ጋር መጋቢት 8 የዓለም አቀፍ የሴቶች ቀንን አክብረዋል።

መጋቢት 8 ዓለም አቀፍ የሴቶች ቀን በኢትዮጵያ ለ38ኛ ጊዜ ተከብሯል።

# ዓመታዊ ተሳትፋዊ ግምገማና መማማሪያ ሂደት

በአምባቸው ደረሰ

አክሽኤይድ ኢትዮጵያ አመታዊ አገር አቀፍ የመጣጣር፣ ግልጽነትንና ተጠያቂነትን የማራመድ ድርጅታዊ ሂደቱን ህዳር 6 እና 7 ቀን አካሄደ። ተሳታፊዎቹ ደርጅቱ ከሚንቀሳቀስባቸው አካባቢዎች፣ በተለያዩ ደረጃዎች ካለ አጋር ድርጀቶች፣ በአካባቢ፣ ክልሳዊና ፌዴራል ደረጃ ካሉ ባለድርሻ አካሳትና ከመገናኛ ብዙኃን የተውጣጡ ነበሩ።

ከስብሰባው ቀደም ብሎ የምንቀሳቀስባቸው ክልሎች በሙሉ በየአካባቢያቸው የየራሳቸውን ተሳትፏዊ ግምገማና መማማሪያ ሂደት አካሂደዋል። በእንኚህ ስብሰባዎች የተደረሰባቸው ውጤቶችም ለአገር አቀፉ ተሳትፏዊ ግምገማና *መማጣሪያ ሂ*ደት ግብአቶች ሆነዋል፡፡ እንኚህ በተለይ በታቀዱ እርምጀዎች፣ድርጅታዊ ዕድንት፣ በጀትና ተያያዥ ስኬቶች፣ የ2013 የፕሮግራም ስራችንን ተከትሎ በተገኙ ዓበይት ለውጦችና ቁልፍ መማማሮች የተደረሰባቸው ውጤቶች ለአይታ ቀርበውም በተሳታፊዎቹ ተንብኝተዋል።

ስበሰባው የተከፈተው በአገራዊ ዳይሬክተሩ በጀማል አህመድ ነው። ከ2013 ዓመታዊ ተሳትፏዊ ግምገጣና መጣጣሪያ ሂደት የተገኙ ቁልፍ መጣጣሮችና እንኚህም የአክሽኤይድ ውሳኔዎች ላይ ስላሳደሯቸው ተጽእኖዎች ገለጻዎች ተደርገዋል። እንኚህን ውይይቶች ተከትሎ የማህበረሰብ ተወካዮች፣ ሲቪል ማህበራትና በተለያዩ ደረጃዎች የሚገኙ ቁልፍ የመንግሥት ተወካዮች ድርጅቶቻቸው ከአክሽኤይድ ጋር በመሥራታቸው ስላገኟቸው ዋቅሞች አስረድተዋል።

በጊዜው ውይይቶች ከተደረጉባቸው ቁልፍ ጉዳዮች መሀል ማህበረሰቡን ያማከለ የልማት ፐሮግራሞች የመፈጠርና የእንቅስቀሴ መጠናቀቅ ስትራቴጂዎች መከለስ አስፈላጊነትና አክሽኤይድ ከኢጋሮች፣ ከመንግሥትና ከማህበረሰብ ድርጀቶች ጋር ያሉት የአጋርነት ግንኙነቶች ይገኙበታል።

አብዛኞቹ ተሳታፊዎች ለተሳትፏዊ ግምገማና መማማሪያ ሂደቱ ያሳቸውን አድናቆት ገልጸው ወደ ሌሎች ተቋማት፣ አጋሮችና ባለድርሻ አካላት የማሳደግን አስፈላጊነትም አንስተዋል። አክሽኤይድ በበጀት ዓመቱ ሳካሂዳቸው ተግባራትና ለደረሰባቸው ውሳኔዎች ካለፉት ተሳትፏዊ ግምገማና መማማሪያ ሂደቶች ያገኛቸውን ምላሾች ለተጠቀመበት ዘዴ ልዩ አድናቆታቸውን ገልጸዋል።



### የሥራተኞች የሩብ አመት ስበሰባ

የአክሽኤይድ ኢትዮዽያ ዋና መሥሪያ ቤት ሠራተኞች የሩብ ዓመት ስብሰባ ነሐሴ 8 የተካሄደ ሲሆን የድርጅቱ የጸታዊ ጥቃት ፖሊሲና የተያያዙ ውይይቶች ተደርገዋል.፡፡

ስበሰባው የተጀመረው በአገራዊ ዳይሬክተሩ ጀማል አህመድ ንግግር ሲሆን እሳቸውም በአክሽንኤይድ ጣልያን ስላደረጉት ጉብኝትና ከሰኔ 23 ቀን 2014 ጀምሮ እዛው ስለተካሄደው የዳይሬክተሮች ፎረም ማብራሪያ ሰጥተዋል፡፡ ፎረሙ የዓለም አቀፍ መድረክ፣ የአክሽኤይድ ፌዴሬሽን አመራር ቡድን፣ ወደአገራት ደረጃ ከፍ ያሉ የልዑካን ቡድኖች፣ ለአለም አቀፍ ሴክረታሪቱ መልሶ ማዋቀር አሳማኝ ምክያቶችና የሴቶች መብቶች ማህበረሰባዊ ጥናት ዓበይት ውጤቶች፣የአገራዊ አስተዳደሮች ቁልፍ ማሳሰቢያዎችን በተግባር ለማዋል ያሳቸው ቁርጠኝነትን የመሳሰሉ አዳዲስ የአሠራር ዘይቤዎችም ውይይት እንደተደረገባቸው ገልጸዋል::

ቀዋሎም የፕሮግራም ቀረጻና የዋራት ማረጋገጥ ኃላፊዎች፣ የመስክ እንቅስቃሴ እና የፋይናንስና፤የሰው ኃይል ልማት <u> ጎላፊዎችን ጨምሮ መምሪያዎቻቸው በሩብ</u> አመተ ያከናወኗቸውን ተግባራት በየተራ አስረድተዋል፡፡

የድርጅቱ ፀረ-ጸታዊ ጥቃት ኮሚቴም ስለተልጠሩ ክስተቶችና የተወሰዱ እርምጃዎችን ጨምሮ ባለፉት ስድስት ወራት ስለተሥሩ ሥራዎች ማብራራያ ሰዋቷል፡፡ ስለአክሽኤይድ ፀረ–ጸታዊ ጥቃት ፖሊሲ ገለጻዎችና የተያያዙ ውይይቶች የስብሰባውን አብዛኛውን ክፍል ወሰደዋል፡፡ የአክሽኤይድ ኢትዮጵያ የሴቶች ልማት ከፍተኛ ባለሙያዋ እሴኒ ተካልኝ በድርጃቱ ስለተካሄደው የሴቶች መብቶች ተናት አጭር መግለጫ ከሰጠች በኋላ ተሳታፊዎቹ የፀረ–ጸታዊ ጥቃት ኮሚቴው ስላካሂዳቸው ምክክሮችና የተግባር እርምጃዎች ገለጻ ተደርጎላቸዋል፡፡

በስርጭቱ፣ በእንድምታዎቹና በምላሾቹ ላይ ግንዛቤዎችንና አመለካከቶችን በገመገሙ ዋያቄዎች የተመራው ተግባራዊ ልምምድ ተሳታፊዎቹ ከማህበራዊ መዋፎ ልማድ ጋር ስለተያያዙ ፌተናዎች የቅርብ ጊዜ መረጃዎች እንዲያገኙ አስችልቸዋል፡፡ ሂደቱ ተሳታፊዎች ጸታዊ ዋቃት ምን እንደሆነና የሚያካትታቸውን መገለጫዎች፣ ድርጊቶችና ውጤቶች ግንዛቤ እንዲያገኙ አድርጓቸዋል፡፡



ከጸታዊ ዋቃት ጋር የተያያዙ አንዳንድ አፌ ታሪኮችንና ክርክሮችን ያካተተው ልምምድ የሚከተሉትን አመለካከቶች ተገዳድሯቸዋል፤

- የጸታዊ ጥቃት ሰለባዎች ሴቶች ብቻ ናቸው፤
- ጸታዊ ጥቃት ብዙም አይከሰትም፣
- የጸታዊ ዋቃት ችግር ተጋኗል፤ አብዛኛው ጸታዊ ዋቃት የሚባለው ሕዚህ ግባ የማይባልና ጉዳት የማያስከትል መዳራት ነው፤
- ዋቃት ፈጻሚው ሆነ በሎ ካላደረገው በስተቀር ጸታዊ <u>ጥቃት አይባልም፤</u>
- ብዙ ሴቶች የጸታዊ ዋቃት ታሪኮችን ፌዋረው የሚያመለክቱት ቀጣሪዎቻቸውን ወይም ሌሎች ያስከፏቸውን ሰዎች ለመበቀል ነው።
- ብዙ ጊዜ ጥቃት የሚደርስባቸው ሴቶች አብዛኛውን ጊዜ በሁኔታቸው፣ በአለባበሳቸውና በባህሪያቸው ጥቃት እንዲደረሰባቸው የሚያነሳሱ ናቸው፣ እንደአባባሉ "እሳት
- ፆታዊ ተቃትን ችላ ብንለው ይወገዳል፤
- ስሜት ቀስቃሽ አለባባስ የሚለብሱ ሴቶች መታየትን ይፌልጋሉ፡፡፡

ከውይይቱ የተገኙት ቀዋለው ያሉ እውነታዎች ከፍ ብለው የተጠቀሱትን አል ታሪኮች ውድቅ አድርገዋቸዋል፡፡

- ብዙዎቹ ባያሳወቁም በሥራ ቦታዎች ጸታዊ ጥቃት የተስፋፋ ነው፣
- ምንም እንኳን ጸታዊ ዋቃት ወንዶችም ላይ ቢደርስም አብዛኞቹ ተጠቂዎች ሴቶች ናቸው፣
- ዋናው ነዋብ ተደርጎ የሚወሰደው ጸታዊ ዋቃት ተጠቂው ሳይ የፌጠረው እንድምታ እንጂ የጥቃት ፌጻሚው ሰበቦች አይደለም፡፡

ጸታዊ ጥቃትን ችላ ማለቱ እንዲወገድ አያደርገውም፤ እንደውም የተፈጸመበት ሰው ላይ ችግር ማድረሱን ከመቀጠሉ ሌላ ስጥቃት ፌጻሚው የተሳሳተ መረጃ በማስተላለፍ ተጨማሪ ኃይል ሊሰጠው ይችላል። ሁልጊዜም ለቅርብ ጓደኛ ማዋየትና አፈጻጻምና የተፈጸመበትን ጊዜ መመዝገቡ፣ እንዲሁም ለጥቃት ሌጻሚው ባህሪው/ባህሪዋ ተቀባይነት እንደሌለው በግልጽ ማሳወቁ ይመከራል።

- ጸታዊ ዋቃት ሴቶች በአካላቸው ላይ ያላቸውን ሙሉ መብት፣ ሀሳብን የመግለጽ ፤ የመንቀሳቀሰና ፣ ሠርቶ የመኖርን ነጻነት ይቀንሳል፣ይገድባልም፡፡

በመጨረሻም ጥቃቶች በሚፈጸሙበት ወቅት እንዴትና የት ማመልከት እንደሚገባ በአዘጋጁ ቡድን አባላት **ገለጸዎች** ተደርገውሳቸዋል፡፡ እንደ አመልካቹ ምርጫ ለኮሚቴ አባላት፣ ሰሰው ኃይል ልማት ወይንም ለአገራዊ ዳይሬክተሩ በቃል ማሳወቅ እንደሚቻልም አጽንኦት ሰጥተው አስረድተዋቸዋል::



### የፋይናንስ አስተዳደር ስልጠና

በወርቁ ገደሌ

አክሽኤይድ ኢትዮጵያ ህዳር 4-7, 2014 ለሰራተኞቹና ለአጋሮቹ የአራት ቀን የገንዘብ አስተዳደር ስልጠና ሰዋቷል። የፕሮግራም ኦፊሰሮች፣ ፕሮግራም/ፕሮጀክት ከፍተኛ ኦፊሰሮች እና ከየአካባቢና ክልላዊ ፕሮግራሞች የተውጣ<u>ሙ</u> የፋይናንስ አስተዳዳር ኦፌሰሮች እንዲሁም የአጋሮች የዋና መሥሪያ ቤት ሠራተኞች ተካፋዮች ነበሩ። በቀደመው ዓመትም ተመሳሳይ ስልጠናዎች ተካሂደዋል።

ስልጠናው ተግዛሮቶችና የወደፊት መሻሻሎች ላይ ያተኮረ ነበር። ስልጠናው በልገሳ የተገኘ ገንዘብ አስተዳደርና የበጀት ሃደት ጽንሰ ሀሰቦች ላይ የሰልጣኞችን አቅም ማጎልበት ላይም ያተኮር ነበር። የፋይናንስ አስተዳደር ኦፌሰሮች ተግባራትና ኃላፊነቶችም ውይይት ተደርጎባቸዋል። የመረጃ አቀራረብና የግንኙነት ክፍተቶች በግልጽ ተለይተው እንዲሻሻለ ሀሳቦች ቀርበውባቸዋል።

የመረጃን ታጣኝነትና ጥራት ግልጽ ለጣድረግ ጣቀድና መበጀት፣ የበጀት ቁጥዋር፣ የገንዘብ ፍሰት አስተዳደር፣ ዘገባ አቀራረብና የመረጃ መጣጣም፣ በልገሳ የተገኘ ገንዘብ አስተዳዳርና የገንዘብ ይዞታና አቀራረብን የመሳሰለ ትምህርቶች ዝርዝር ውይይቶች ተደረገውባቸዋል።

የመረጃ አደረጃጀት ጥራትን ማሻሻል፣ ማጠቃለያ ጊዜን በማክበር፣ የብቃት ክፍተቶች ያሉባቸውን ኢጋሮች መደገፍና ከድርጅቱ ፖሊሲና አካሄድ ጋር ማዛመድ ስምምነት የተደረሰባቸው ዓበይት ጉዳዮች ናቸው። ወደፊት ሲሻሻሉ ከሚገባቸው ዓበይት ጉዳዮች በጀት አመዳደብ፣ ዳግም ትንበይ፣ የልዩነቶች ትንታኔ፣ የልግስና ግምገጣ፣ የሥራ ማካሄጃ፣ አስተዳደር፣ የማይንቀሳቀስ ሀብት አስተዳደር፣ ስኬታማ ግንኙነቶችና ምላሾች፣ በጠቅሳሳ በአገሪቱ በድርጅት ደረጃ የውሎ አበል መጠንን በተግባር ማዋልና ለኢጋሮች ዘላቂ የአቅም እገዛ ማድረግ ናቸው።

# የስፖንሰርሺፕ ስልጠና

በመቅደስ ተክለማርያም

ህዳር 8 ቀን 2014 ለሁሉም የአክሽኤይድ ኢትዮጵያ ህብረተሰብ አቀፍ ልጣት ፕሮግራም ሥራተኞች በኢትዮጵያ ቀይ መስቀል ማህበር የስብሰባ ማሪከል ስልጠና ተሰዋቷል። የመስክ ሥራ መምሪያውም በስልጠናው ተሳትፏል። ስልጠናው ያተኮረውም ማህበረሰቡን በማሳወቅና በማስተማር፣ ማህበረሰብ/ ሀጻናትን በህጻናት ስፖንሰርሺፕ እና በዋናነት በደ*ጋፊዎች ግንኙነት* መስፈርቶች ማስትም ዘገባዎች፣ የህጻናት የህይወት ታሪኮችና የቅርብ ጊዜ ፎቶዎች፣ በደብዳቤ ልውውጦች ላይ ያተኮረ *ነበር* ።

ተሳታፊዎቹ ለመጣጣርና ለመሻሻል ገንቢ ተግባራትንና ተሞክሮዎችን ተለዋውጠዋል። ተሳታፊዎቹ ከዋራትና ከማጠናቀቂያ ቀን ጋር በተያያዘ በአንኳር የህጻናት ስፖንሰርሺ ግንኙነቶች መመዘኛዎችና ፌታኝ የማህበረሰብ አቀፍ የልማት ፕሮግራሞች የስፖንሰርሺፕ ጉዳዮች ላይም ተወያይተዋል። ውይይቱ የስፖንሰርሺፕ አሰራርን ለማሻሻል የድርጊት ነጥቦችን የሚፈልጉ ዓበይት ጉዳዮችን ሲለይ አተገባበርን ለማሻሻል የተወሰኑ የድርጊት ነዋቦችም ውይይት ተደርጎባቸዋል።

እያንዳንዱ ማህበረሰብ አቀፍ የልማት ፐሮግራም በ2013 ደጋፊዎችን በማገልገል ላደረገው አስተዋጻኦ ምስጋና ከቀረበ በኋላ በስፖንሰርሺፕ እንቅስቃሴ ምርዋ ለሆኑት የምስጋና ሰርተፊኬት ተሰዋቷል። በሁሉም ተለይተው በወጡ ዘርፎች ከሁሉም የሳቁት ሦስቱ ማለትም ሴሩ፣ ኮምቦልቻና ግራር ጀርሶ ማህበረሰብ አቀፍ የልማት ፕሮግራሞች ናቸው።

በተጨማሪም ሁሉም ማህበረሰብ አቀፍ የልማት ፐሮግራሞች በተለያዩ የስኬት መስኮች የምስጋና ሰርተፊኬት ተሰዋቷቸዋል። በዚህም መሰረት ጃናሞራ በህጻናት የተሻለ ሥራ በመሥራት ተሸልሟል፣ አፍላ፣ የም፣ ኔና በሳ፣ ዶባ፣ ካሚቪ በህጻናት መልአክቶች ሲሸልሙ፣ አዘርነት የቅርብ ጊዜ ፎቶ በማዘጋጀት፣ ሰባ ቦሩ በመጠይቅና አቤቱታዎች፣ አንኮበር፣ የም፣ ከምባና ዴቻ በዘገባ አደረጃጀት ዝግጅት ተሸልመዋል።