

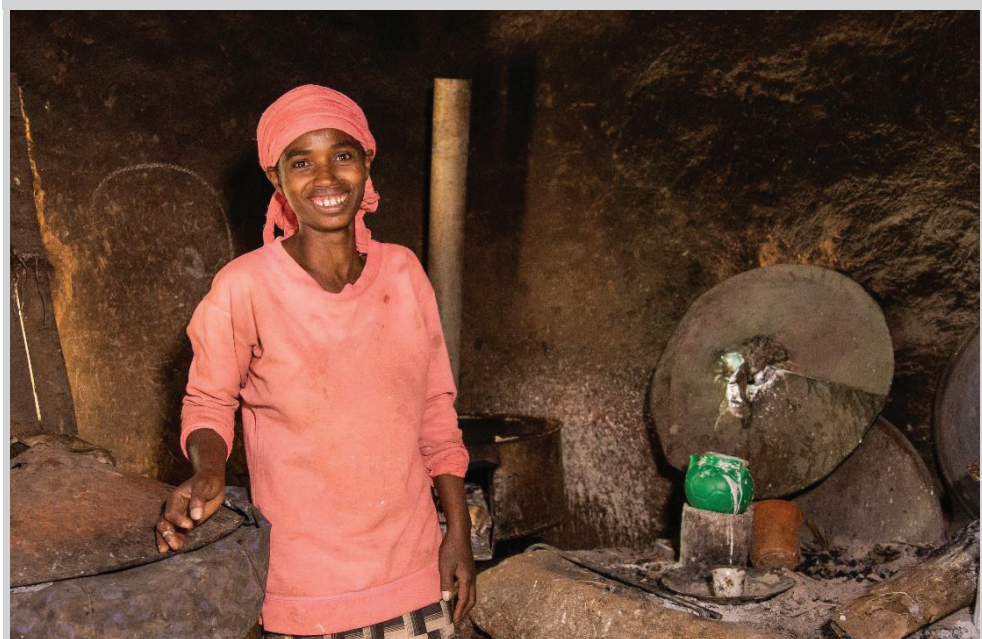
Combating Exploitation, Child Labor, Abuse, and Human Trafficking (ECLAHT) - CMS Project

Decent work is employment that respects the fundamental rights of the human person as well as the right of workers interms of conditions of work safety and remuneration; and that respects the physical and mental integrity of the worker in the exercise of their his/her employment.

Despite the pledge made by the Ethiopian government to realize SDG (Sustainable Development Goals), one of which is Decent work and economic growth, it seems that many businesses are not aware of this right. Even worse, there are businesses that do not know the basic legal requirements stipulated by the national labor law. Research conducted by ActionAid Ethiopia (AAE) focusing on agri-business, large-scale industries, and service sectors revealed that **business owners believe that the creation of opportunities**



Participants of Advocacy and consultation workshop on stopping gender-based violence at



Training on basic business skill and providing business startup money is one method the project implements to empower women economically and socially at risk of human trafficking and those who are returnees.

is enough and consider the right to decent work and human rights of the labor force as a luxury.

ActionAid Ethiopia is implementing a three-year project titled CMS/Combating Modern Slavery that includes components such as: Exploitation, Child Labor, Abuse and Human Trafficking/ CECLAHT. It is implementing the project in collaboration with four partners

namely: Emmanuel Development Association (EDA), People, Health, and Environment Ethiopia Consortium (PHE-EC), Consortium of Ethiopian Human Rights Organizations (CEHRO) and Union of Ethiopian Women and Children's Associations (UEWCA). Besides, there are three sub-grantees implementing this project: Ethiopian Human Rights Council (EHRC), Ethiopian Labor Rights Watch (ELRW), and Integrated Family Service Organization (IFSO). The project location areas are at national level (Addis Ababa), Amhara Region (South Wollo Zone, Harbu and Kutaber woredas) and SNNPRS (Hosana town and Soro woreda). The project aims to achieve the next three major outcomes: Governments have implemented measures to prevent, identify and address ECLAHT, and to protect and monitor vulnerable groups and victims of ECLAHT).



Returnees that are organized in groups in South Wollo discuss on their social and economic affairs while contributing their monthly saving.

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- Businesses have implemented anti-ECLAHT measures to prevent, identify and tackle the use of human trafficking and forced labor, including the worst forms of child labor, in their own operations and supply chains. Vulnerable individuals and groups are more capable of resisting recruitment to ECLAHT.



Some of our Achievements:

- Reactivated government structures and local actors for anti-human trafficking engagements
- Evidence secured through research for legal and law implementation issues that fed the current and upcoming advocacy efforts.

- Conviction of targeted right holders to improve their lives and become change agents for fighting human trafficking, and child labor, and exploitation of the labor force.
- Improved economic conditions of vulnerable citizens targeted by the project so that they will not be exposed to human trafficking. Strong alliance built with state and non-state actors to combat labor exploitation, child labor and human trafficking.

Highlights of Major Activities

A. Supported Addis Ababa City Administration Police Commission, Child Protection Unit with office materials and electronic equipment needed for secretarial, recording, and documenting purposes. Office equipment needed to create a child-friendly environment in police stations, particularly child protection units.



B. Training of Trainers was given to media houses on the role of media and media professionals in combating ECLAHT through encouraging positive steps and calling for actions of state and non-state actors and to Addis Ababa Police on ECLAHT issues.



C. Entrepreneurship and Business Skill Training was given for Returnees and Potential Migrants who are Vulnerable to Human Trafficking.



D. Life Skill Training for Returnees and Potential Migrants who are Vulnerable to Human Trafficking and exploitation was given.



E. Consultation Workshop with Business Leaders, Government Actors, and CSOs on Recruitment System of Businesses and Self-Assessment Issues was conducted.

F. Advocacy Workshop against Malpractices of Businesses in Line with Developed Protocols, and Good Practices of Businesses was conducted.



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