

World Vision Ethiopia colorfully celebrated its 40 years of service



*Participants of the celebration including Margaret Schuler, Regional Leader of World Vision East Africa Office, Mr. Sean Kerrigan, Former Acting National Director for World Vision Ethiopia and H.E. Mr. Binalf Andualem, Amhara, National Regional State vice President.*

The 40th year's anniversary of World Vision Ethiopia was celebrated on December 15, 2015, in Antsokia Gemza district of North Showa zone where it first conducted relief intervention during 1984 famine and saved millions of life.

A journey that began in 1975 with five staff has now emerged into a mature child-wellbeing focused organization.

This year marks World Vision's 40 years of service, commitment, dedication and support to the children and communities in Ethiopia that has benefited an estimated 30 million children and their families, through \$1 billion invested over this period to support relief and development in the country.

Speaking on the occasion Regional Leader of World Vision East Africa Office, Margaret Schuler said, "Working together with the government, donors and other development partners we have achieved remarkable results for communities across the nation, the journey is not complete. Ethiopian children remain vulnerable to the effects of poor health and nutrition, social and gender inequity and the risks of climate change and environmental degradation."

H.E. Mr. Binalf Andualem, Amhara National Regional

State vice President and Educational Bureau Head on his part said, "World Vision Ethiopia contributed a great deal in education, livelihood, and health and environmental protection; and has brought about a meaningful change in the lives of women, children and community members in Amhara Regional State. We are grateful to World Vision's immense contribution for the last forty years in the region."

"World Vision Ethiopia has been a significant actor engaged in the implementation of numerous development activities that support the Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP) across the country. Today as we celebrate our 40th anniversary WV reaffirms its continued commitment to support the efforts of the government of Ethiopia. WV looks forward to partnering with all to make Ethiopia a prosperous and developed country" said Mr. Sean Kerrigan, Former Acting National Director for World Vision Ethiopia.

World Vision has close to 300 long-term development programmes, 63 Area Development Programmes (ADPs) and a staffing base of 1,300. Over the past forty years, WV has also built and fostered experience in relief, rehabilitation, and community-based development and children's wellbeing, working with religious institutions, government line offices, World Vision support offices and community groups across Ethiopia.

# WVE DROUGHT EMERGENCY RESPONSE

WorldVision Ethiopia is appealing for US\$ 48 million to assist more than 900,000 people severely affected by drought in 4 out of the 6 most affected regions. The Appeal covers the period starting October 2015 to September 2016. In its drought emergency response WVE has raised \$31m and is reaching more than 797,835 people across 4 regions through emergency health, nutrition, wash and food security activities. WVE is currently addressing the need for more than 212,000 food insecure people while distributing variety of seeds which amounted for more than \$143,000 for Belg producing areas in the month of January and February 2016. Similarly WVE is addressing needs of more than 496,825 people through lifesaving interventions such as spring capping, maintenance and shallow wells drilling.



\$17m Funding gap 

\$13m Additional funds raised 

\$18m From exiting grant and sponsorship funding addressing emergency needs 

\*(13m+18m) \$ 31m total at end March for the response

**\$48m TOTAL RESPONSE TARGET FOR FOOD AND CASH**

## WVE received a global award from 33 countries on Food Assistance Information reporting and accountability

WorldVision Ethiopia received the 2015 award for the category of "Food Assistance Information Reporting and Accountability", on the Annual Food Assistance Managers Workshop conducted from the 14th through 18th of March, 2016 at Johannesburg.

WVE received the award from 33 countries which have been implementing 164 food assistance programs/projects around the world,

The award was provided for an excellent performance in meeting reporting deadlines, consecutively obtaining green rating throughout the last 12 reporting months, for properly handling 17 districts through a centralized commodity tracking system and meeting all FPMG accountability requirements accordingly.

WorldVision Ethiopia is part of the consortium partnership program called Joint Emergency Operation(-JEOP) which is funded by USAID and led by Catholic Relief Service (CRS) and is implemented in partnership with 5 different International Non-Governmental Organizations(INGO) and Local NGOs. JEOP has been working in partnership with the Government of Ethiopia since 2000 G.C. in addressing transitory food insecure beneficiaries through a monthly food ration provision.

WVE has been part of this consortium since 2008 and still is implementing in 17 operational woredas from SNNPR and Oromiya regions.



*Tibeb Abate, JEOP Program Manager of WVE, while receiving the award*

Every year the global partnership office for food assistance gives five global awards to five different NOs which have shown excellent performance in five different categories and also to one food assistance manager who have shown an excellent program management in food assistance.

This award was given to WorldVision Ethiopia by the partnership leader of Food Assistance for the second time. The same award has last provided to the NO back in 2014.

The workshop had a total of 62 participants from 20 NOs, 9 support offices, the global office and FPMG.

## Another 11 million USD development project launched

World Vision Ethiopia celebrated its successful accomplishment of the Ethiopian Fighting Against Child Exploitation (E-FACE) project worth over 11 million USD development project and officially launched the project entitled Engaged, Educated, Empowered, Ethiopian Youth (E4Y) project worth of over 11 million USD on December 8, 2015 at Radison Blue hotel, Addis Ababa.

The newly launched The E4Y project aims to address exploitative child labor in Ethiopia by promoting education and vocational training opportunities and enhancing livelihoods opportunities and access to social protection programs for youth and their households.

Speaking on the occasion Former Acting National Director of World Vision Ethiopia, Mr. Sean Kerrigan said: "The project is all about improving the lives of the most vulnerable youth. It is an integral part of World Vision Ethiopia's (WVE) focus on child well-being." "This follows successful implementation of the Ethiopian Fighting Against Child Exploitation (E-FACE) project worth over 11 million USD development project in Southern Nations Nationalities and Peoples Region and the Addis Ababa City Administration funded by United States Department of Labor (USDOL). Together with our partners we continue to build on what we have learned as we look towards the future," he added.

His Excellency Mr. Abdul Fatah Abdulahi, Minister of Ministry of Labor & Social Affairs on his part said "As we celebrate our joint successes in implementing E-FACE, I look forward for the advent of Engaged, Educated, Empowered, Ethiopian Youth (E4Y) project. The government of Ethiopia is committed to support World Vision in implementing Engaged, Educated, and Empowered Ethiopian Youth (E4Y) Project."



*Participants of the launching ceremony including His Excellency Mr. Abdul Fatah Abdulahi, Minister of Ministry of Labor & Social Affairs and United States Ambassador to Ethiopia, Her Excellency Patricia Haslach.*

Her Excellency Amb. Patricia Haslach, Ambassador of the United States to Ethiopia on the launching event said, "Today is an especially important day because together with World Vision Ethiopia we are marking the successful completion of the "Ethiopians Fighting Against Child Exploitation (E-FACE)" project and the launching of the follow-on "Engaged, Educated, Empowered, Ethiopian Youth (E4Y)" project.

The four year project which is funded by United States Department of Labor (USDOL) is expected to reach 12,000 youth (54% girls & 3.3% children with disability), 7,500 Households and 10,000 non-target youth in Amhara and the Southern Nations Nationalities and Peoples Regional States.

At the end of the event beneficiaries from the E-FACE project gave their testimonies to the attendants and gave their gratitude for World Vision Ethiopia and its partners.

## WVE hosted Livelihood and Resilience (LR) Forum

East Africa Regional office (EAR) livelihoods and resilience (L&R) conducted a 3-day forum from March 8-10, 2016 at Saro Maria Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

The forum was conducted with a theme "Towards resilient livelihoods: seizing opportunities for impactful changes" aiming at learning from the past with a goal of utilizing current and future opportunities for a better impact

Integrated approach; joint planning & implementation of L&R, nutrition, and WASH programs, Adoption of graduation approach, Scaling up of saving groups (SG), Working with Vision Fund (VF) and other Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs), Opportunities to seize (tech-

nology and emerging funding), Better understanding of house holders and communities, Training manuals for core models/approaches and Evidence base (ensuring key Child Wellbeing indicators in every intervention, project/program) were the key conclusions set on the forum.

The forum brought together 41 professionals from Regional Office, National Office, Global Center and Support Offices.

Finally, the forum ended by recognizing a few NOs for their outstanding accomplishments. This year, L&R awards went to Uganda, Tanzania, and Kenya.

## Youth Advocates mobilized Banja Community to volunteer for Maternal and Child Health

World Vision Ethiopia Child Health Now campaign (CHN) volunteers, traveled to Banja Area Program, Awi Zone of Amhara region, in the month of February, 2016.

The visit was made with the aim of sensitizing the youth on the key areas of maternal and child health and to tap the capacity of local youth to alleviate the problems.

In three days, the youth advocates could mobilize 81 youth (45 females) selected from various Kebeles of Banja Woreda.

The realities in maternal and child Health at all levels including Banja, CHN campaign and how it works, advocacy and voluntarism; youth motivating factors to respond to the existing situations were some of the points raised on the discussion.

During the training, the participants discussed on the key findings and recommendations of the Formative Assessment on the Causes of Low Skilled-birth attendance at selected woredas of Amhara, Oromi-

ya, and Southern Nations, Nationalities and People Region (SNNPR), that focused on the three delays model of improving skilled birth attendance coverage. The assessment was done by external consultant, in collaboration with ministry of health with the WVE CHN project budget in 2015.

At the end of the day all the participants pledged to take action to save the lives of women and children and also mobilize the community to utilize the services available to them.

Child Health Now has been pivotal in accelerating changes that are happening at Banja since 2012. The campaign focuses on supporting the policy implementation regarding maternal and child health issues in Ethiopia.

The Campaign supports government and other stakeholders' initiatives to achieve the national, regional and local level targets. The major focus of the campaign in 2016 is tracking the changes that have taken place since the launch of the campaign.



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