

**NORWEGIAN CHURCH AID ETHIOPIA**  
**Annual Review**  
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## OUR WORK IN ETHIOPIA

Our operation in Ethiopia started in 1974. Since then, we have been engaged in development work and humanitarian emergencies in the country.

We implement our programmes together with our partners; both faith based and resource based organizations and in close cooperation with government structures. We build and maintain strong relationships with local communities for continued impact.

Norwegian Church Aid is a member of the ACT Alliance; a coalition of organisations working together in over 140 countries to create positive and sustainable change in people's lives.

## MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE

This year marked the beginning of a new phase of a country strategy for Norwegian Church Aid in Ethiopia which will guide our work over the next four years (2016-2020). We continued our partnership with faith based and resource based partners to deliver on our commitments on reproductive health, clean water, sanitation and hygiene, and climate resilience. Together with our partners in the field across six regions, we have been able to serve more than 200,000 people this year. Our work also included humanitarian emergency. We responded to a drought emergency that occurred in Ethiopia with like minded Norwegian organisations and local stakeholders where we provided water, sanitation and hygiene services. Our sanitation and hygiene emergency response also served South Sudanese refugees sheltered in Gambella region. We are extremely grateful to our donors and supporters who mobilised, fundraised and contributed in every way. The results highlighted in this document would not be possible without our partners and the participation of communities. I also would like to thank the efforts of staff, who continue to facilitate and support partners.

Eivind Aalborg  
Country Representative



## JANUARY

- Marked a new country strategic period (2016-2020)
- Started a pilot program on maternal and youth sexual reproductive health

## FEBRUARY

- Launched a new partnership with UNICEF on women and girls' reproductive health and wellbeing

## MARCH

- Interim Country Representative for NCA Ethiopia

## APRIL

- Started response to a drought emergency in Berehet and Ankober Districts of Amhara region

## MAY

- Launched third phase of a joint partnership with Save the Children on reproductive health

## JUNE

- Started a joint Norwegian consortium emergency drought response to save lives and livelihoods in Oromia and Somali Regional States together with Development Fund, Norwegian Peoples' Aid and Norwegian Refugee Council

# THE YEAR IN REVIEW

## AUGUST

- Recognised for humanitarian emergency efforts in Ankober and Berehet Districts by the North Shewa District of Amhara Regional state.

## SEPTEMBER

- Selected as a potential partner of UNFPA on efforts in engaging faith based organisations' contribution on reproductive health

## OCTOBER

- Hosted NCA's 2016 Global WASH Community of Practice in Addis Ababa

## NOVEMBER

- Launched "Cash in WASH" pilot project in Gambella, Jewi Refugee Camp
- New Country Representative, Eivind Aalborg joined NCA Ethiopia

## DECEMBER

- Established a WASH Forum for NCA implementing partners
- Launched new partnership with the Ethiopian Society of Gynecologist and Obstetrician



## REACH

The year 2016 marked the beginning of a new phase of a Country Strategy (2016-2020) for NCA Ethiopia. We focused on three development programmes and humanitarian emergency response in 2016.

**We Served  
203,036 people in 2016**

**98,794**

people in Water Sanitation and Hygiene

**34,288**

people in Reproductive Health

**4,425**

people in Climate Resilience

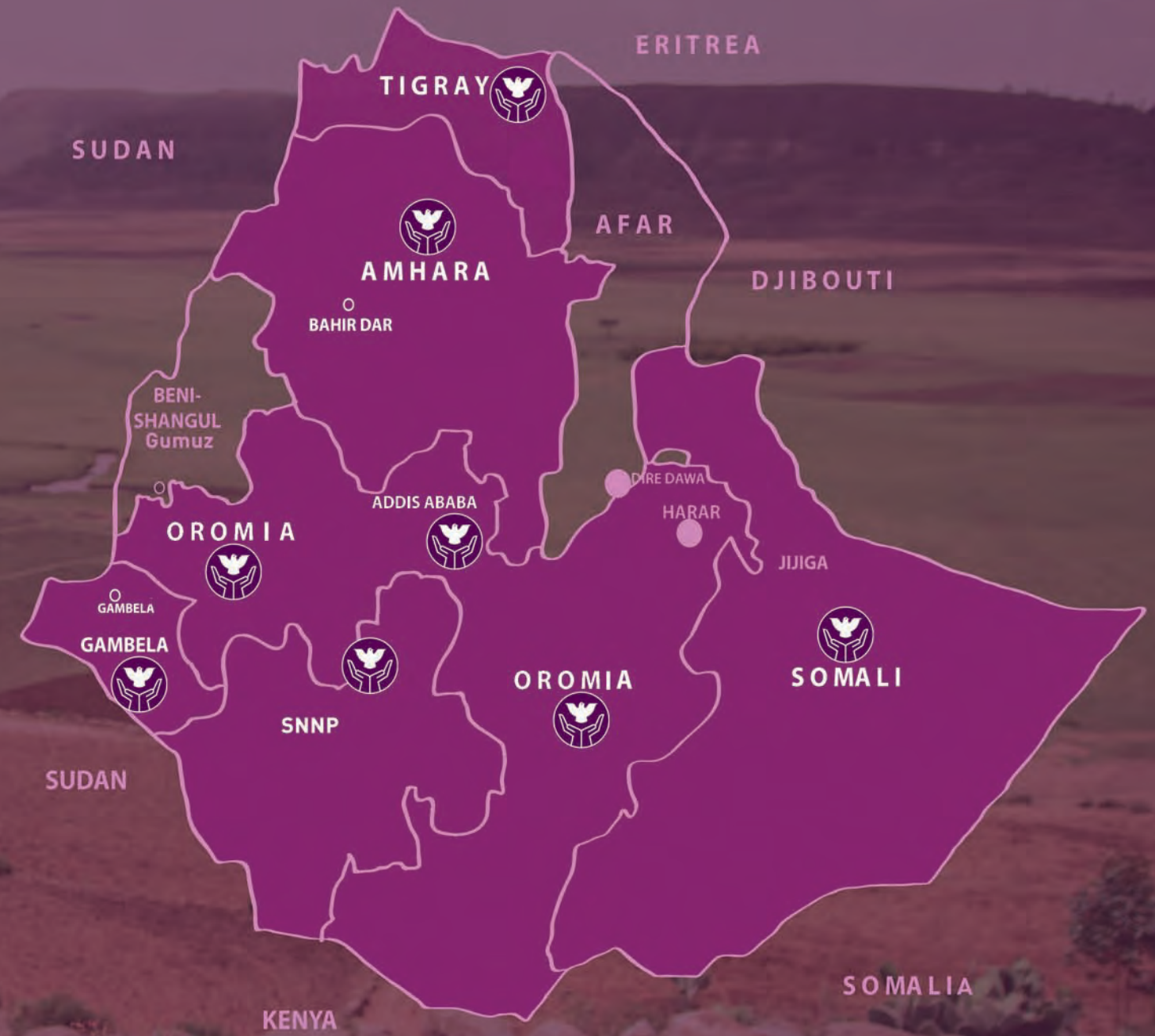
**65,529**

people in Humanitarian Emergency Response





# WHERE WE WORKED







## **WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)**

We served more than 98,000 people with safe drinking water in 12 districts in Oromia, Tigray, and SNNPR regions. We have seen stronger community participation in the construction and management of water schemes. Communities contributed in clearing out roads for drilling trucks to reach to the site, in guarding the drilling equipment and in fencing the well after it was constructed.

### **CARETAKERS**

We continued to ensure that for every water well, WASH committees are established, trained in financial and scheme management, and equipped with maintenance tools.





We observed an increase in membership and participation of women in WASHCOs.



**45%**

of the WASH committee members in 2016 were women.

## SANITATION AND HYGIENE

We worked with over 100 villages in Tigray and Amhara Regions on Community-led Total Sanitation and Hygiene, resulting in the construction of more than 7,000 household latrines. All villages were able to declare themselves open-defecation free. We contributed blocks of latrines for schools and health centres in four Woredas.

**129**

WASH committees

**129**

water supply schemes

**65**

machine-dug wells fitted with hand pumps in Oromia, SNNPRS, and Tigray

**5**

motorized deep boreholes with multi-village water points in Oromia

**41**

hand-dug wells in Tigray

**18**

on-spot springs in Amhara





# REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

## INCREASING SERVICE UPTAKE

We believe that access to information on maternal health and youth sexual reproductive health enables communities to seek reproductive health services. One of our partners in Shashemene Woreda, piloted a project to increase uptake of services by providing information and counselling services through 'Reproductive Health Corners'.

## RH CORNERS

The Reproductive Health Corner is a new initiative that provides counselling services including peer-to-peer counseling, information on sexual reproductive health, contraceptives, life skills trainings and referral linkage. Our partner established three corners equipped with audio visual materials to facilitate user friendly services for adolescents and youth.

**6,448**

women and youth accessed information about sexual reproductive health services, and the health consequences of child marriage.

A Joint Norwegian Church Aid-Save the Children programme focused on scaling up and building on the changes achieved in the previous years in reversing social norms that cause harm to the reproductive health of women and girls.



Community mobilisation has been a key approach in our work to improve the reproductive health status of women, girls and the youth. Community conversations, arch-bishop rallies, school clubs helped to mobilise individuals and structures at the grassroots.

**2,803**

faith and clan leaders took part in dialogue on reproductive health issues

**26**

in- and out-of-school child-led structures established

We collaborated with professional associations and faith based organisations, such as the Ethiopian Society of Obstetrician and Gynecologists as well as with the Inter Religious Council of Ethiopia to bring dialogue to youth sexual reproductive health issues at the national level.





# CLIMATE RESILIENCE

## CLIMATE ADAPTIVE AGRICULTURE

Farmers used alternative water sources and farming techniques such as hand dug wells, and check dams and the use of drought tolerant seed varieties. As compared to previous times, in areas we intervened, farmers were in a better position to sustain themselves during an extended drought period, without having to depend on food aid to survive.







## COMMUNITY-LED INITIATIVES

In Tigray region, our partners facilitated for the establishment of community care coalitions for early warning system and disaster risk reduction. The coalitions report disasters that occurred in their villages, including the extent of damages and screen affected community members. They run voluntary self-help initiatives to assist those in need during difficult seasons. Our programme also focused on establishing watershed committees who mobilized the community for soil and water protection efforts.





## ALTERNATIVE LIVELIHOODS

In addition to helping farmers adapt to and resist climatic shocks, our programme identifies the most vulnerable rural communities (landless youth and women headed households), trains them in alternative livelihood options of their interest including the provision of seed money on a revolving fund basis to enable them start a business. They are also linked to loan service institutions and saving and credit organisations.

**547**

households trained and engaged in alternative livelihoods

**408**

farmers trained in modern irrigation management and engaged in irrigated farming on 155 hectares of land

**2,896**

farmers trained on improved agronomic practices and engaged in producing improved crop seeds of high value on 1,448 hectares of land



# HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE



## DROUGHT RESPONSE

In 2016, Ethiopia was affected by El Niño-induced severe drought, which at the end of the year, left 9.7 million people in need of emergency assistance. We rehabilitated emergency Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) schemes in seven drought affected Woredas in Amhara, Oromia and Somali regions. One of our most demanding yet rewarding emergency responses was a 21km trench excavation to bring clean water through a gravity spring system in Berehet, Amhara region.

We Served  
**65,520**

people in humanitarian response through Water, Sanitation and Hygiene services.

**11**

emergency Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) schemes rehabilitated in seven drought affected Woredas





## REFUGEE RESPONSE

In Gambella, we constructed household and institutional latrines, hand washing stances and household showers for South Sudanese refugees sheltered in Jewi and Tierkidi camps.

**85**

hygiene promotion campaigns were conducted

**2,329**

household latrines, 417 household hand washing stances, 13 institutional latrines and 300 household showers were constructed



We worked with Health Community Outreach Agents (HCOAS) who conducted hygiene promotion campaigns in the camps and made house to house visits that helped reached more than 15,000 households.

## **CASH IN WASH**

We piloted a new approach to distribute non-food items to refugees through a 'Cash in WASH' system, whereby they can easily collect the item of their choice from selected suppliers at their own convenience through a voucher system.







## PROGRAMME QUALITY

We give importance to monitor our progress and provide supportive supervision to our partners in the field. Our program and finance staff conducted 108 monitoring visits to project areas to provide technical backstopping and follow up on progresses



# PARTNERS

OUR IMPACT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT OUR IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS.  
IN 2016, WE WORKED WITH TWELVE PARTNERS ACROSS DIFFERENT REGIONS.

## ADAA

African Development  
Aid Association

## EECMY/DASSC

Ethiopian Evangelical  
Church MekaneYesus/  
Development and Social  
Service Commission

## IRCE

Inter-religious  
Council of Ethiopia

## REST

Relief Society  
of Tigray

## ESOG

Ethiopian Society  
of Obstetricians  
and Gynecologists

## EOC/DICAC

Ethiopian Orthodox Church/  
Development & Inter Church  
Aid Commission

## KMG-Ethiopia

## EMDA

Ethiopian Muslims  
Development  
Agency

## ECC/SADCO

Ethiopian Catholic  
Church/ Social and  
Development  
Commission

## ECFE

Evangelical Churches  
Fellowship of Ethiopia

## OWDA

Organization  
for Welfare and  
Development  
in Action

## TRHaDO

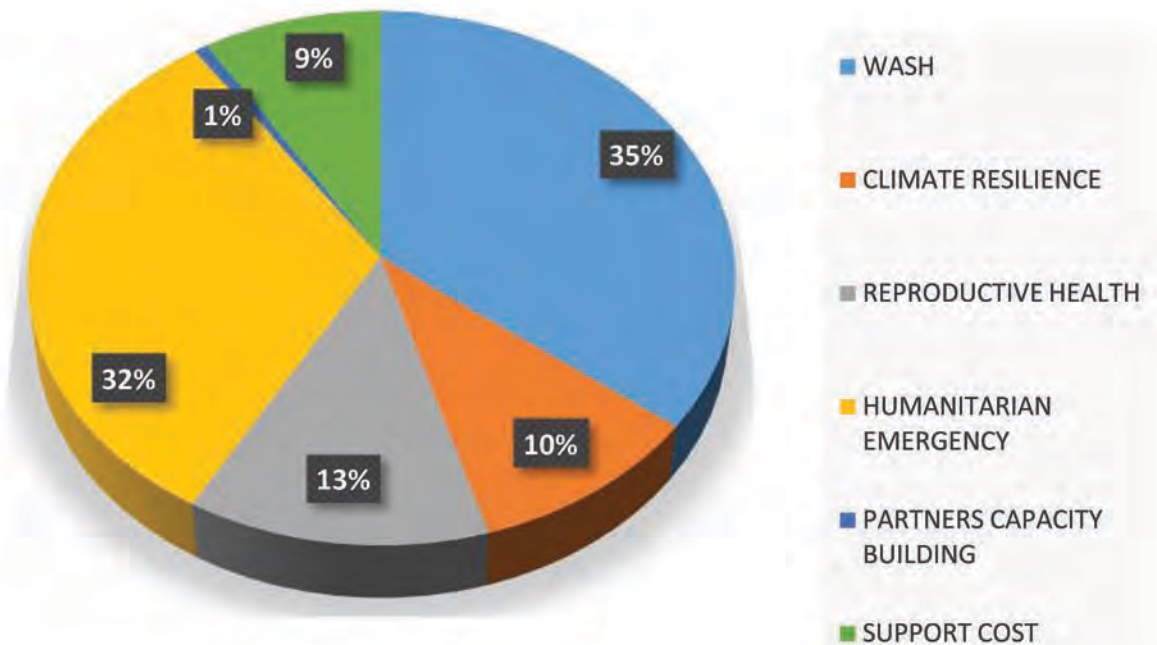
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Health and Development  
Organization



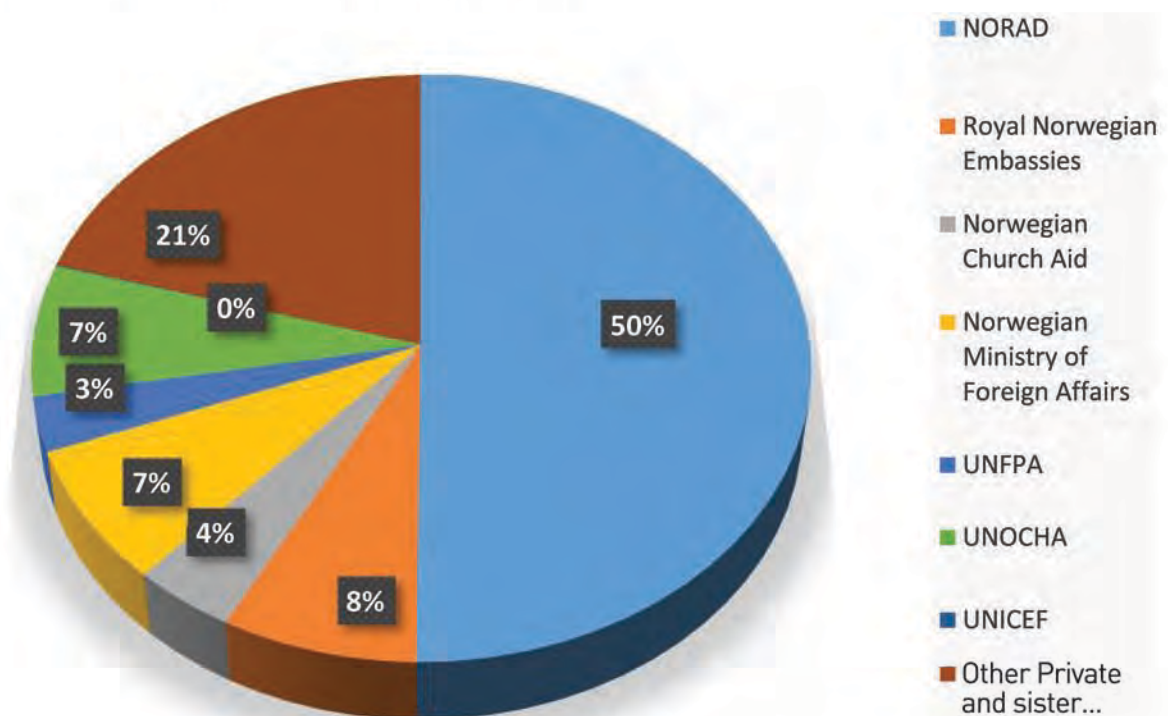


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