

## 2021 PROGRAMME RESULTS BRIEF

# NORAD JOINT NCA AND SAVE THE CHILDREN PROGRAMME ON FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (FGM) AND CHILD, EARLY, AND FORCED MARRIAGE (CEFM)



## PROGRAM BACKGROUND

The Norad supported joint program on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and Child, Early, and Forced Marriage (CEFM), which is implemented by Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) and Save the Children (SC) is currently in its 4th phase. The overall objective of the program is to contribute to an end to all forms of FGM/C and CEFM in the intervention areas by 2024. The program was designed in alignment with the National Costed Road Map to End FGM and CEFM and has four outcome areas:

- Dominant norms are transformed to protect girls and women from FGM and CEFM;
- Adolescent girls and families are empowered and stand against all forms of FGM and CEFM and claim their rights;
- Women and girls at risk and/or survivors of FGM and CEFM access comprehensive services (disaggregated by type of service);
- National policies, strategies, commitments, and evidence supporting zero tolerance are cascaded at all levels.

## OUR APPROACH

In taking into consideration the importance of coordinated efforts and coordination in addressing Female Genital Mutilation and Child, Early, and Forced Marriage in the

country, the joint program closely works with local civil society organizations that have ample experience and are well acquainted with the local structure and values of the community. These structures cover key faith actors and networks, schools, media, government, and other actors. The joint program also recognizes the importance of complementary efforts and a holistic approach.

## KEY PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENTS FROM 2021

- An estimated nine million people accessed FGM and CEFM messages and information through mass media and awareness campaigns.
- 10,678 (4555 M and 6123 F) community members enrolled and participated in the regular community conversation (CC) sessions. At the end of the session, 28 position statements against FGM and CEFM having social sanctions were declared.
- Religious/clan and community leaders and members of their self-help institutions such as 'Jema'a, and 'Afocha' were organized to promote their engagement to ensure zero tolerance of FGM and CEFM, and actively promoted the abandonment of all forms of FGM and CEFM. A total of 378 meetings were organized, where religious/clan and community leaders brought up FGM and CEFM messages.



- 942 Adolescent girls improved their life skills to challenge FGM and CEFM through training programs. In addition to the life skill, the girls were trained on gender, human rights, leadership, and improved self-esteem. 1305 (500 M and 805 F) parents/care providers were also enrolled in structured parenting programs. As a result, 376 adolescent girls (age 10-24) claimed their rights and sought health, legal, and psychosocial services.
- 657 adolescent girls (age 10-24) and families/care providers received business management skills, training, and financial support as part of an economic empowerment scheme.
- 625 (361 M and 264 F) service providers” accessed knowledge on the prevention, monitoring, and response to FGM and CEFM. 56 service provider institutions accessed technical and material support. One-Stop Centres, child-friendly courts, and health facilities received support. Following the capacity building, 130 FGM and 70 CEFM at-risk or affected girls and women received one or more services (medical or legal).
- Fifteen functional referral pathways were established/strengthened for effective referral and coordination. As a result, 156 FGM and 142 CEFM cases were identified and referred to different service providers.
- Twenty-two (22) multisectoral structures were established/strengthened to closely work with the national alliance (at the regional and district level)
- 16 FBOs cascaded the FBO commitment to end FGM and CEFM. For example, ECFE revised its theological reflection to integrate CEFM and cascaded to member churches. IRCE facilitated the formulation of declarations on FGM and CEFM in Ethiopian Kale Hiwot Church and Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Moreover,

- As an active members of the National Alliance to end FGM and CEFM, NCA and SC continued their active engagement and support. The close collaboration and networking with the Ministry of Women and Social Affairs continued during the year. Continuous support was provided for the national and regional level offices. Implementing partners also actively supported relevant government structures to promote FGM and CEFM issues and the Regional Alliance to End FGM and CEFM. NCA, SC, and implementing partners continued to participate in different coordination platforms and forums at national and regional levels.
- The joint program in cooperation with the Ministry of Women, Children, and Youth and the Alliance to end FGM and CEFM, organized various consultations and cascading events. In the Somali Regional State, NCA and MOWCYA organized a regional level consultation session on the adoption of the revised family law in the

region. Two discussion forums were also facilitated in Afar and Somali on the revision of regional Family Law organized by the program. Moreover, the status of the implementation of the National Road map to end FGM and CEFM was also discussed. In Sidama, y costed roadmap to end FGM and CEFM was held.

- International Day of Zero Tolerance to FGM/February 6, World Women’s Day/ March 8, and the 16 Days of Activism were colorfully commemorated at the national level and in regions like Harar, Afar, Somali, Sidama, Oromia, and Amhara. Representatives from community leaders, child-led groups (girls and boys), school clubs, religious leaders, and youth and women associations attended the Events. Representatives from local government officials such as WCYA, health, justice, zonal, district, and Kebele’s administration offices and local media took part in the Sessions. Media programs and billboards with GBV messages were also part of these programs. The policy asks about girls concerning GBV, at the school level for different Government officials and donors were also part of the program.

## IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

- Ethiopian Muslim Development Agency (EMDA)
- Inter-Religious Council of Ethiopia (IRCE)
- Ethiopian Orthodox Church - Development and Inter-Church Aid Commission (EOC-DICAC)
- Ethiopian Muslim Relief and Development Association (EMRDA)
- Evangelical Churches Fellowship of Ethiopia (ECFE)
- Organization for Welfare and Development Action (OWDA)
- Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus Development and Social Services Commission (ECMY DASSC)
- Mother and Child Development Organization (MCDO)
- Population Media Centre (PMC)-Ethiopia
- Rohi Weddu Pastoral Women Development Organization

## BUDGET

**15.6 million NOK**