NORWEGIAN CHURCH AID ETHIOPIA
Annual Review 2016
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 Berehbet 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

August
Recognised for humanitarian emergency efforts in Ankober and Berebet 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
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 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 reach 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 Mekane Yesus/Development and Social Service Commission

IRCE
Inter-religious Council of Ethiopia

REST
Relief Society of Tigray

ESOG
Ethiopian Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

EMDA
Ethiopian Muslims Development Agency

EOC/DICAC
Ethiopian Orthodox Church/Development & Inter Church Aid Commission

KMG-Ethiopia

ECFE
Evangelical Churches Fellowship of Ethiopia

OWDA
Organization for Welfare and Development in Action

TRHaDO
Tamira Reproductive Health and Development Organization
FINANCIALS

HOW WE SPENT THE MONEY

OUR FUNDING SOURCES