

# ADRA Ethiopia

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## Introduction

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is a global humanitarian organization with a mission to work with people in poverty and distress to create just and positive change. ADRA Ethiopia belongs to the worldwide ADRA network, comprised of more than 120 supporting and implementing country offices. ADRA's five core sectors include Food Security; Health; Economic Growth; Education; and Emergency Management. Since beginning operation in 1982, ADRA Ethiopia has developed its expertise in these sectors and in various subsectors, specifically in Education, Emergency Response and Preparedness, Food Security and Livelihoods, Health and Nutrition, Economic Growth, and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH).

ADRA Ethiopia employs a team of experienced staff that design, manage, and implements its programs in accordance with donor, ADRA policies, and requirements. ADRA's technical team includes, but not limited to, coordinators, logistics, drivers and cashiers. The administrative and managerial team includes the country director, programs director and programs personnel, finance director and finance personnel, human resources manager, and monitoring and evaluation personnel.

## Technical Expertise

### Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

ADRA Ethiopia has been delivering WASH programs for over 20 years. ADRA Ethiopia has implemented projects that provide beneficiaries with access to drinking water in sanitary environments, training on maintenance and sustainability, and hygiene awareness. These projects occur in emergency, rehabilitation and developing conditions. Such projects include water trucking in emergencies, construction and rehabilitation of boreholes, construction of household latrines, and training of the community on hygiene awareness along with maintenance of these structures. ADRA Ethiopia's priorities and approaches for WASH projects include: promoting hygiene practices; sanitation awareness; increased community awareness, engagement and sustainability; safe food handling practices; provision of access to water; household latrine construction; and borehole rehabilitation. ADRA Ethiopia's commitment to providing quality and reliable WASH programs can be demonstrated by the current project profile ADRA Ethiopia holds with numerous projects underway. Additionally, multiple funds have been secured for further emergency WASH projects in the refugee camps of the Gambella Region.

To ensure the sustainability of these interventions, ADRA Ethiopia has helped establish water user associations and has provided training on the proper use and maintenance of the infrastructure provided. ADRA Ethiopia encourages associations to charge fees to ensure adequate resources are available when maintenance is required. Furthermore, ADRA Ethiopia helps establish and train water committees and communities in safe water chain management, hand washing at critical times, food hygiene, and the transmission and prevention of water borne diseases. ADRA Ethiopia has worked to generate community awareness and interest in construction and use of pit latrines and model dry-pit latrines, along with the support of small incentives for families who are willing to construct their own.

## Health and Nutrition

ADRA Ethiopia has been delivering health and nutrition to vulnerable people throughout Ethiopia for generations, by focusing on improving health and nutrition to those who need it most. Most recently, ADRA Ethiopia has worked with communities to increase their capacity of managing acute malnutrition (Community Management of Acute Malnutrition – CMAM) and to encourage behavior change through

nutrition education. Additionally, ADRA Ethiopia has implemented targeted supplementary feeding programs (TSFP) that aim at preventing women and children from becoming malnourished. Focus is given to those vulnerable populations such as children under five years of age and women who are pregnant or lactating and are showing signs of moderate malnutrition. ADRA Ethiopia is working with especially vulnerable households to increase their access to milk through the provision of pregnant goats.

In addition to addressing immediate nutritional needs and building the capacity for CMAM, ADRA Ethiopia has worked to address other health issues across the country such as HIV/AIDS, Family Planning (FP), Reproductive Health (RH), Mother and Child Health (MCH) and Harmful Cultural Practices (HCP). ADRA Ethiopia has addressed these issues through increasing community awareness, capacity building of existing medical services and facilitating relationships between the community and existing medical systems.

### ***Community Awareness***

ADRA Ethiopia raised community awareness through the training and support of Community Volunteers (CVs) and Community Based Rural Health Agents (CBRHAs), ADRA Ethiopia has helped to create community awareness regarding the facts and myths about HIV/AIDS and methods for caring for the terminally ill, as well as promoting good practices regarding family planning, maternal health, and hygiene.

Additionally, ADRA has helped form income generating activity (IGA) cooperatives among HIV positive individuals supporting them with seed money and training to enable them to start their own small businesses like goat fattening and grain milling. Additionally, ADRA Ethiopia has worked with women's groups to promote intergenerational dialogue on a variety of health topics including Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and other Harmful Traditional Practices (HTP).

### ***Capacity Building of Medical Services***

Early on, ADRA Ethiopia supported rural clinics and health posts by providing contraceptive pills and condoms. Over time, the government has taken on these responsibilities and ADRA Ethiopia is working with Health Extension Workers (HEWs) and other medical personnel on supply management, patient care, and documentation and reporting issues.



***Support development of medical services and specialised education project (Yirgalem Medical College) – The bus provided will be instrumental in giving transportation services for medical students to the rural clinics and health centres.***

Photo by: Douglas Kieltyka/ADRA Ethiopia

In the past few years ADRA Ethiopia has increased its effort to support capacity building within the health system by supporting two hospitals through the purchase of medical equipment (especially targeting MCH), coordinating intensive training for medical professionals, and improving their access to the most current information and research in the field. ADRA Ethiopia has also supported rural clinics by providing training for health professionals; coordinating monthly specialist trips from the urban hospital; and providing facility upgrades such as running water, electricity, and incinerators for the proper disposal of medical waste. More recently, ADRA Ethiopia handed over the keys for a 65 seater bus to Yirgalem Medical College. Additionally, ADRA assisted in the completion of the college's microbiology laboratory by providing much needed specialty equipment. The provision of these services will not only enhance the quality of education provided by the college but will also enhance the quality of health services long term.

### ***Community Linkages***

In order to maximize the outcome of awareness and capacity building efforts, ADRA Ethiopia works to create linkages between the community and the health system. Specifically, CVs trained by ADRA Ethiopia work in their communities to recruit participants for FP services at the local health post and provide referrals for other issues related to their areas of training. These individuals provide an important link between the communities and health system to help ensure healthcare is efficiently utilized.

### **Food Security**

ADRA Ethiopia has been in operation for over 30 years assisting in enhancing the lives of vulnerable people. Through its programs, ADRA Ethiopia focuses on improving better living conditions to the most needy at the grassroots level. In many parts of Ethiopia, repeated shocks in the form of droughts and floods, create impediments for communities working towards achieving long-term food security. In response to the most recent drought and food shortages in the Somali Regional State, ADRA Ethiopia has worked in multiple districts and communities to assist them in achieving their immediate food needs as well as long-term objectives. To meet short-term needs, ADRA Ethiopia has worked to strengthen livestock through the support of vaccination and treatment campaigns. For example, the provision of emergency feed for pregnant and nursing animals reduces forage distances so they can remain close to children who rely heavily on their milk for much needed nutrition.

Through participation in the Productive Safety Net Program (PSNP), ADRA Ethiopia provided food for work (FFW) in order to complete a number of much needed construction projects related to water, agriculture, and educational infrastructure. Currently, ADRA Ethiopia is coordinating the construction of water access points for livestock and individuals as well as community food storage infrastructure. To help achieve long-term food security, ADRA Ethiopia is working with agricultural cooperative members who have each contributed land towards local demonstration plots where they are able to work with agricultural experts to learn about new locally appropriate and environmentally friendly farming practices and crops which they then apply in their own fields. In addition, ADRA Ethiopia has collaborated with regional and district research institutes to conduct a three year study to identify and disseminate seed varieties and pest management techniques that are environmentally friendly and appropriate for the specific micro-climate. is working to improve food production along the Shebele River. This project was completed in 2012. Additional grants have enabled this research to continue until the end of 2015. As a result of this and other similar projects, agro-pastoral and pastoral communities in this region have improved livelihood productivity and adequate nutritional uptake.

While ADRA Ethiopia views small scale farming as the backbone of a food secure community, having a variety of livelihood activities in a community is important. To support this diversity of livelihoods, ADRA Ethiopia is providing training on alternative livelihoods such as beekeeping, sustainable natural resource harvesting, poultry farming and butchery to local cooperatives based on the interests they have expressed and environment in which they live. Not only does this training bring a variety of skills to a community, they also provide vulnerable households, such as female headed households, an additional skill and a much needed source of income.

Food security projects remain a high priority for ADRA Ethiopia. Recently, ADRA Ethiopia secured additional funds to start a food security program in the Aura Woreda of the Afar Region, aiming to benefit 29,700 people, including pastoralists and agro-pastoralists.



**Project for Strengthening Equality, Access and Quality Education in Ethiopia (SEAQE): Photo of Bulbula Preparatory School, Oromia Region**

*This is the first preparatory school (Grade 11 and 12) for Bulbula and serves 600 children. The SEAQE Project aims to serve 106,000 children in ATJK and Arsi District. Photo by: Tor Tjeransen/ADRA Norway*

## Education

ADRA Ethiopia believes education is essential to sustainable development. ADRA Ethiopia contributes to the goal of universal access to education by constructing and rehabilitating buildings used for education by individuals at all levels. More recently, ADRA Ethiopia has assisted with the construction of elementary and secondary schools, adult learning centres, and rehabilitation centres. ADRA Ethiopia has also enabled orphans access to better schooling by providing them with school supplies along with provisions of food and medical care.

## Emergency Response and Preparedness

Ethiopia has and continues to experience repeated shocks of natural disasters, such a drought and flood. In addition to this, Ethiopia currently accommodates one of the largest refugee populations in Africa. In response to this, ADRA Ethiopia has and continues to implement projects that assist those that are most affected. These projects have been both a response to emergencies or in preparation for these emergencies. These projects include WASH programs, such as water trucking, and distribution of food and non-food items. ADRA Ethiopia has recently secured funding for multiple emergency WASH programs and emergency non-food items to the Kelafo Region, recently affect by flooding. This will impact a total of 6,000 people.

## Cross Cutting Themes

### **Environmental Awareness**

ADRA Ethiopia continues to work toward making environmental issues an important cross-cutting theme across all of their programs. Innovative programs that have addressed this issue include educating farmers to compost, teaching communities to use energy efficient stoves, and working with individuals at district levels to grow, distribute and plant tree seedlings to enable the rehabilitation of the environment and to protect local watersheds.

### **Gender**

ADRA Ethiopia strives to integrate gender issues in to all of their programming. Within the agricultural and livelihoods projects implemented by ADRA Ethiopia, gender roles are taken into consideration during the selection of beneficiaries, as part of each of their partner cooperatives and women are proportionally included in all committees consulted when selecting beneficiaries. This same approach is used when working with and training water management committees. In addition, during emergency response interventions and the distribution of water related materials, priority is given to vulnerable women and children in consultation with the communities. These groups are specifically targeted for these types of activities due to their traditional roles in the communities related to the collection of water.

## Partnerships and Participation

ADRA Ethiopia has partnered with several development agencies, government ministries and departments, and educational and research institutions to deliver development programs to communities throughout the country. We view collaboration as a cost-effective and time-saving means for implementing projects, sharing lessons, and combining technical experience and expertise for maximum project impact.

ADRA has developed excellent relationships with both international and local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) in Ethiopia, and often partner with organizations to further our objectives.

## Past Performance

Donor Award Amount Duration	Project Title	Targeted Areas and No. of Beneficiaries	Project Interventions
<b>EDUCATION</b>			
Private Funds and ADRA International USD \$7,314/ETB 98,772 2/2010 – 3/2013	Improving School in Central Ethiopia Field and South Ethiopia Field	Argena, Central and South Ethiopia  1870 students	Support given to school children such as uniforms, school stationary materials and food items.
Private Funds and ADRA Czech USD \$2,600/ETB 47,580 1/2013 – 3/2013	Educational Materials Assistance to Orphaned and Abandoned Children	Oromia Region  45 students	Provision of various assisted living items such as eye glasses, wheelchairs and crutches.
Private Funds and ADRA Austria USD \$23,078/ETB 422,337 10/2012 – 6/2013	Dongora SDA School Development Assistance Project	Dongora, SNNPR  150 students	Classroom construction, water installation, classroom rehabilitation and stationary assistance.
NORAD ADRA Norway USD \$468,249/ETB 8,568,956 1/2012 – 12/2013	ATJK Water, Education, Health and Environmental Awareness Phase II	ATJK, Oromia Region  51,380 individuals	Provision of water (connection to main water supply through plumbing), health and environmental awareness.
Private Funds and ADRA Switzerland USD \$105,949/ETB 1,938,863 1/2012 – 12/2013	Elshadi Wukro Children Nurturing and Education Project	Wukro, Tigray  160 children	Provision of food items, stationary materials, uniforms and support on income generating activities.
<b>Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction</b>			
SMC and ADRA Sweden USD \$46,889/ETB 855,520 5/2012/1/2013	Rural Community Development and Capacity Building (RDCB) Project	ATJK, Oromia Region  25,754 individuals	Environmental awareness, technical support for rural community members and provision of seedlings with training.

<b>Health</b>			
SMC and ADRA Sweden USD \$106,294/ETB 1,595,000 4/2011 – 1/2013	Family Planning and HIV/AIDS Rural Community Intervention (FP & HIV/AIDS) Phase II	Shashamane, Oromia Region  45,000 individuals	Health awareness education on HIV/AIDS with focus on family planning and reproductive health.
Private Funds and ADRA Germany USD \$14,697/ETB 268,949 1/2013 – 2/2013	Fessa Health Center Renovation	Fessa, SNNPR  20,000 individuals	Renovation of health centre and provision of free medical services.
Private Funds and ADRA Norway USD \$150,000/ETB 2,675,460 11/2009 – 2/2014	Maternal and Child Health Assistance Project in Western Ethiopia	Gimbie, Oromia Region  8,000 individuals	Support of awareness creation around harmful traditional practices and general health, material support, training of medical staff and assistance given to mothers to access medical services.
Czech Development Agency and ADRA Czech Republic USD \$850,000/ETB 18,700,000 1/2013 – 12/2015	Support to Development of Medical Services and Specialized Education	Leku and Yirgalem, SNNPR 42,000 individuals & 70 medical students	Strengthening existing health systems through the provision of training medical staff, medical equipment to hospitals and clinics, provision of large bus.
Czech Development Agency and ADRA Czech Republic USD \$316,353/ETB 6,959,766 10/2013 – 6/2015	Enhanced Health Care Services in Karat District Hospital	Karat/Konso, SNNPR  200,000 individuals	Provision of medical equipment and training of medical staff.
<b>Emergency/WASH</b>			
UNOCHA USD \$403,230/ETB 7,192,170 10/2012 – 3/2013	Emergency Livelihood and WaSH project	Kelafo, Somali Region  66,642 individuals	Water trucking, rehabilitation of water sources, provision of purification tablets and WaSH education.
Private Funds and ADRA Network USD \$32,500/ETB 686,250 1/2013 – 3/2013	Bare Woreda Drought Response	Bare, Somali Region  11,910 individuals	Food and non-food item provision
OFDA and ADRA International USD \$549,565/ETB 9,802,260 6/2012 – 4/2013	Kelafo & Mustahil Community Based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) Project	Kelafo & Mustahil, Somali Region  39,384 individuals	Basic nutrition and health services with focus on the vulnerable population of children under 5 years of age and pregnant and lactating women.
Private Funds and ADRA Network	Goat to Feed a Family	Kelafo, Somali Region	Provision of goats to feed families (1 goat per family with

USD 42,493/ETB 383,928.60 5/2010 – 6/2013		1200 individuals	male goat shared between multiple families). Training on use of sewing machines.
Private Funds and ADRA Network USD \$23,611/ETB 432,080 4/2013 – 6/2013	Initial Flood Response (Mustahil & Kelafo)	Kelafo & Mustahil, Somali Region  3,900 individuals	Non-food item distribution.
OFDA/Sub-grant from IRC and ADRA International USD \$202,766/ETB 3,710,618 3/2013 – 6/2013	Bare Water Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project	Bare, Somali Region  8,360 individuals	Awareness creation of WASH and rehabilitation of water infrastructures.
UNOCHA USD \$244,569/ETB 4, 475,613 3/2013 – 12/2013	Bare WaSH Emergency Response	Bare, Somali Region  17,192 individuals	Water trucking and rehabilitation of water infrastructure.
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and ADRA Czech Republic USD \$95,116/ETB 1,725,400 5/2013 – 12/2013	Bare Livestock Water Project	Bare, Somali Region  2,778 individuals	Provision of veterinary services and water for livestock.
UNHCR USD \$195,003/ETB 3,978,073 4/2015 – 6/2015	An Emergency WASH Intervention in Gambella Region of Ethiopia (South Sudan Refugees)	Gambella, Gambella Region  35,000 individuals	Awareness creation of WASH and hygiene, construction of household latrines and cleaning of refugee centres.
UNOCHA/HRF USD \$300,000/ETB 6,600,000 8/2014 – 3/2015	Bare WASH Emergency Response	Bare, Somali Region  12,000 individuals	Water trucking, provision of water purification tablets, rehabilitation of water infrastructure and WASH education.
ADRA Japan USD \$202,000/ETB 4,440,000 5/2014/2014	An Emergency WASH Intervention in Pagak Entry Point: Gambella Region of Ethiopia	Gambella, Gambella Region  28,000 individuals	Awareness creation of WASH and hygiene, construction of household latrines and cleaning of refugee centres.
Japan Platform through ADRA Japan USD \$273,402/ETB 6,014,844 7/2014 – 11/2014	WASH Project in Pagak and Terikidi South Sudan Refugees	Pagak & Terikidi, Gambella Region  32,000 individuals	Awareness creation of WASH and hygiene, construction of household latrines and cleaning of refugee centres.

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