



Lutheran World Federation Department for World Service Eritrea Program (LWF/DWS-ER)

Summary of Activities - 2008

Girls Education Project

Tutorial classes:

- Target girls received 108 hours tutorial classes each in English and Mathematics.
- 2,700 target girls and target schools with libraries were provided with 6,600 text books.
- 11,000 exercise books and 11,000 pens were provided to 2,700 girls.
- 138 teachers, 60 directors and 7 supervisors were provided with 9 months remunerations.
- 204 best achiever students, 54 teachers and 18 schools were provided with financial awards

Campaigns:

- Campaign by media on the importance of girls' education was issued in the NUEYS news letter 5 times during the year.
- 276 role model shows conducted by girls from the previous phase of the project.
- Sensitization program carried out in all regions with a total coverage of 209,500 people.

Workshops:

- 198 teachers and directors took part in the training on the concept of gender and girls education.
- Training on life skills, peer pressure, gender equality, HIV and AIDS and other related issues has been given to 120 selected girl students.
- 138 seminars and public debates conducted with the attendance of 7,540 students, parents and community elders. 381 winners were awarded.

Support for girls:

- 1,400 girls were provided with financial support
- 642 girl students received 9 months token for transportation
- Provision of school bags was made available for 2,700 girls.
- Sanitary towels and bars of soap distributed to 2,700 girls.



HIV and AIDS Awareness Education Project

Advocacy:

- Several sensitization programs were organized by the steering committee and youth peer groups on TB in relation to HIV and AIDS, malaria, voluntary counseling and testing, condom use and the benefits of oral hygiene through drama, poems and songs. This activity was attended by 1,772 people (1,315 women and 457 men) in Tsezega.

- Awareness education on HIV and AIDS, FGM and its consequences was organized by religious leaders in their respective churches with the attendance of 699 people (262 men and 437 men).

Counseling and behavioral change:

- Construction of a resource centre is accomplished including necessary furniture and books.
- Motivated by the construction of the resource centre, the MoH of Zoba Maakel has started Voluntary Counseling and Testing services in Tsezegza health centre.

Alternative income generation for PLWHAs:

- 200 (120 women and 80 men) PLWHAs took part in the 4 days training on positive living, Antiretroviral drugs, nutrition, herbal traditional medicine and psychological support. Participants were 100 people each from Zoba Maakel and Debub.
- A 7 days training on positive living, IG guidelines and the concept of micro-credit schemes was given to 20 (9 women and 11 men) new beneficiaries.
- A sum of Nakfa 260,000, Nakfa 13,000 each, was provided to 20 new beneficiaries (9 women and 11 men) to be used for income generation activities based on their interest. These individuals who are PLWHAs received training on the above mentioned topics before they received the loan.
- 72 (45 women and 27 men) PLWHAs previous beneficiaries took part in the 5 days refresher training on positive living, Antiretroviral drugs, nutrition and herbal traditional medicine.



Gender and Reproductive Health Rights Awareness:

Capacity building:

- 6 project orientation workshops conducted in all regions with the participation of 88 people (40 women and 48 men) representing the MoE, MoH, Local Administration and NUEW.
- 95 gender committees formed with 950 (639 men and 311 women) members in all Zones
- 750 (441 men and 309 women) committee members of Gash-Barka, Maakel, Anseba, SRS and NRS regions took part in the 4 days training on gender, gender and education, gender based violence RH, FGM and STIs.
- 1,200 (672 men and 528 women) from different social groups including community elders, religious leaders, TBAs, women and men of reproductive age, police men, local administrators and students took part in the 3 days training of trainers on gender and reproductive health.

Advocacy:

- Campaign by media conducted once on the national radio Tigre programme. The theme of the campaign was "Stop FGM" which was conducted by organizing a conference in Zoba NRS for discussion. The discussion mainly focused on the consequences of FGM and ways of eradicating it. Participants of the conference were community elders, religious leaders, local administrators and traditional practitioners. At the end of the conference, the religious leaders stated that FGM should be completely stopped because its against the Holy Books. The traditional practitioners also admitted that they were doing the practice without the knowledge of its consequences and now that they are aware on the immediate and long term consequences they promised to stop the practice and advocate against it.
 - 5 Role model shows organized in all target regions with a total attendance of 10,821 (6,094 men and 4,727 women). Role models were best achievers from all the target schools. The girls' shared their experiences on how they managed to improve their performance and continue their educational carriers.
 - Sensitization program was carried out in all the regions with a total coverage of 141,850 people.
 - 225 advocacy works on the issue of Gender and the consequences of FGM organized in all target schools by the trained TBAs, health workers and regional project coordinators. The total people reached in the advocacy works are 2,782 (1,377 men and 1,405 women).
 - 1,049 adult education teachers of Maakel, NRS and Anseba Zones received training on gender, gender and law and reproductive health ranging from 3–8 days. After the training they are going to conduct advocacy works in their respective Zones.
 - On the occasion of World Sanitation Day, general knowledge competition conducted between female students of the 5 target Zobas. The total attendants of this activity were 3,093 (1769 men and 1,324 women). The competition was on the issue of gender, reproductive health and health and sanitation.
 - 7,500 girl students of the target schools were provided with sanitary towels.
 - 5,920 target girls were provided with 2 bars of soap and 3 pcs of underwear.
- #### **Workshops:**
- To increase the awareness on maternal care during pregnancy, labour, and post partum risks and enable them motivate expecting mothers to deliver under professional health facilities 150 TBAs took part in a 4 days refresher training.
 - 26 (19 women and 7 men) health workers of Zoba Gash-Barka and SRS took part in the 3 days training on the issues of Gender concept and Gender based violence in Barentu and Assab.

Anseba Community Development Project:

Soil and Water conservation

Robto Micro-dam rehabilitation:

Robto Micro-dam rehabilitation is completed. As the dam has collected small amount of water the land below the dam had recharged water from the dam and about 7 ha of land is being irrigated. The farmers have planted Guava fruit trees and vegetables.

Gar'alebu Pond Construction:

After survey was made - design of the pond, bill of quantity, time frame and budget was prepared and the construction had started in mid May. But was discontinued after excavation and construction of the foundation had attained $\frac{3}{4}$ of the work. However, at the end of December MoA has made available 200 quintals of cement and construction has restarted.

Check-dams construction:

A total of 9,817m³ of check-dams were constructed in Sheeb, Hitsast, and Gam. To attain this 834 (495 women and 339 men) had participated.

Hillside terracing:

A total of 52km of terraces were constructed in the hill sides of Hitsats/Gam, Azefa and Sheeb-Seleba villages. 647 people including 370 women participated as a community contribution.

Feeder road maintenance

60 km of road maintenance was carried out in Sheeb-Seleba, Hamedei, Adi-Gergish, Azefa, Wazntet and Hitsas/Gam.

Forestry Development

Pitting:

60,280 pits have been dug in Azefa, Adi-gergish, Sheeb-Seleba, and Hamedai with the participation of 640 people out of whom 437 are women.

Planting:

54,900 seedlings of sisal, Eucalyptus and "Kenteb" is delivered from MoA nursery and planted in the project areas of Sheeb-seleba, Adi-gergish, Azefa and Hamedai villages of Elabered sub region. As per the guide line of MoA survey was done in December and the survival rate was found to be 65%.

Livestock Development

Provision of Bee , Beehives and tools:

- 69 beneficiaries (19 female and 50 male) have been trained on Bee production and management. 51 Beehives were purchased from the MoA to be distributed to 17 Beneficiaries' farmers- 3 beehives each.

- Provision of Goats/Sheep: The selected 33 beneficiaries were able to purchase 165 breeding small ruminants goats.

Health and Hygiene

- Training on behavioural Change Communication (BCC) and Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) was given to 84 change agent health promoters out of whom 36 were women. The training was given by trained trainers.
- 32 people took part in the training of Trainers (ToT) on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) The trainees were from MoA, MoE, MoH, MoLG of Anseba region and LWF staff.
- IEC materials for the trainers were produced and distributed to the health promoters to assist them conduct communities awareness campaigns on health and sanitation.

Water and Sanitation

- 507 private latrines were constructed. 25 in kebebi Sheeb-Seleba, 100 in Adi-Gergish and 382 in Hadish-Adi.
- As the result of continuous and timely campaigns 3 garbage pits with a dimension of 2m X 1.5m X 1.5 have been prepared.
- 120 people (97 women and 23 men) took part in the 10 days training on the construction of energy efficient smokeless stove. The trainees were from all the project villages.
- 678 smokeless stoves have been constructed in all project areas.

Water supply systems

- Adi-derie , Adkom and Dorkinok well construction: Wells completed and hand pumps are installed and communities are drinking safe and clean water. Several people were trained by experts from the local government on the operation and maintenance of pumps for 10 days
- Wazdemba Well Construction: The construction work of the well is finished and slab coverage is done, material needed for construction of the water point has been ordered from abroad.
- Hamedei well construction: so far, 5m depth is dug and is still continuing.
- Gam well construction: Experts have conducted hydrological survey in the 3 selected sites and after 50m depth was drilled in the 1st site it was stopped because there was no yield at all then drilling was started in the 2nd site and after drilling 61m depth an encouraging water yield was available which recharges 0.5 liters/second.

Irrigation development

- After approval was granted to continue assisting the irrigation beneficiaries of 2007, the construction of irrigation wells has started. So far one of the 2 beneficiaries has constructed a well of about 4.5m depth and the 2nd beneficiary 4m depth and the work is continuing.
- 30 irrigation beneficiaries have participated in the exposure visit conducted in Gash-Barka to share ideas and learn from the horticulture producers in the area. 27 irrigation beneficiaries have participated in the exposure visit conducted in Sheeb in NRS region to learn from the spate irrigation activities there.



Rehabilitation of Social Infra structure:

Repair of roof - Adi-Nefas school

Based on the request from the Minister- MoE and with the approval of the MoLHW, LWF has provided 313 pieces of corrugated iron sheets to repair the roof of the school.

Construction of latrines- Hazega school

Based on the request from the MoE Zoba Maekel and with the approval of the MoLHW, LWF constructed 12 latrines within the school compound of the Hazega school (4 for the teachers, 4 for the boy students and 4 for the girl students).

Works were completed in November 2008 and official handing over took place on December 2 2008.

Supply of Motor pumps for Hashishay

Upon request of Zoba Anseba, and with the approval of the MoLHW, LWF covered the costs of a motor pump and engine for the village of Hashishay. The equipment was handed over to Zoba Anseba and the Zoba Anseba technicians would install the pump in the village themselves.



Anseba 3-villages Water Supply Project:

The works were all completed. This includes drilling of 2 boreholes and installation of 4 submersible pumps and 2 diesel generators, laying of more than 8,000 m of pipelines, construction of 4 stone masonry reservoirs (with a capacity of (2)25 m3, 50 m3 and 75 m3), 1 generator house, 3 pump houses, 14 public water fountains – 8 taps each and with fence, 3 school water stands with 6 taps each. 3 tool boxes were also provided. Works were handed over on July 24 2008.

While a diesel generator will be used for pumping in Wara, the Deki-Gebru and Dekemhare water supply systems were supposed to have been connected to the electricity grid existent in those villages. The Eritrean Electric Corporation had been requested to do the connecting and installing of the lines. As the required materials are not available LWF has requested the Netherlands Embassy their approval to import the required solar equipment instead. This request was approved and LWF placed an order for the solar equipment. The equipment will arrive in Massawa in March 2009.



Ubel Community Resettlement Project:

Provision of Construction Materials and Mosquito Nets

- 250 hhs in Debremariam, Daéro Hara, Hansesa and Derehelassie villages in MaiMne and Areza sub regions were provided with construction materials, mainly cement, iron bars and corrugated iron sheets.
- 1,700 hhs were provided with 2 mosquito nets each.



Repair of Water Supply projects - Kerkebet:

Repair was done to some of the water supply systems implemented by the organization in the past. Accordingly new pumps and generator were installed. Besides a new public fountain and generator house was constructed.