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Message from Interim National Director

To our valued partners and staff:

The year 2022 was not without its challenges, but there were also many notable accomplishments. And I believe that 2023 will present more opportunities for Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia (HFHE) to grow. The conflict in the northern part of the country has had an impact on the working environment including high inflation specially on construction materials for housing and WASH facilities.

Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia team has been working under difficult political, and economic situation and achieved what we planned.

I would like to personally thank you for your patronage, whether you have been a partner for years or new to us this year. I would also like to thank our staff for their tireless efforts, without which we would not be in this position today. HFHE's achievements are built on the efforts and commitments of our staff, and we have had many successes in the fiscal year. Thank you once again for your hard work. I am profoundly grateful for your valuable contributions to HFHE work across the country.

To name a few accomplishments in fiscal year 2022, we completed the Shewa Robit (North Shewa Zone of the Amhara Region) and Arsi Negelle (Oromia Region) KOICA-GDEF WASH mega projects and handed over to communities and respective government. Those were among the most significant achievements amid the pandemic, high inflation, and high tension in the country due to the conflict in the north. These multi-year projects provide create access to safe water and improved sanitation thousands of households in the affected areas.

Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia participated in the first Africa Housing Forum, which assisted us in establishing relationships with other potential organizations in the areas of affordable housing and slum upgrading programs. The 11th World Urban Forum (WUF) was another forum where HFHE was able to participate in the slum upgrading session conference, which was an excellent venue for HFHE to connect with other organizations and learn about the housing sector in general. We were able to form strategic alliances with two organizations: the Policy Studies Institute (PSI) and IRC WASH, with whom we signed a memorandum of understanding and worked on milestones for the first year of the relationship.

As we approach our 30th anniversary, we are grateful to our tithe partners, other donors, and staff members whose dedication to our culture and stakeholders has enabled us to expand our program intervention throughout the country.

We appreciate your participation in 2022 and look forward to even greater collaboration and success in 2023! We wish you a successful 2023!

Alem Shumiye
Interim National Director

Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia assists partner families and communities to achieve the strength, stability, and independence they need to build a better life for themselves.



Community participation

Habitat for Humanity is constantly looking for new solutions that would make adequate housing accessible and affordable for all.

Who we are

VISSION: A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

MISSION: Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

Mission principles

- 1) Demonstrate the love of God
- 2) Focus on shelter
- 3) Advocate for affordable housing
- 4) Promote dignity and hope
- 5) Support sustainable and Transformational development

Habitat for Humanity International

Driven by the vision that everyone needs a decent place to live, Habitat for Humanity began in 1976 as a grassroots effort on a community farm in southern Georgia. Habitat for Humanity has since grown to become a leading global nonprofit working in local communities across all 50 states in the U.S. and in more than 70 countries. Families and individuals in need of a hand up partner with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place they can call home.

Building homes, Building Hope!

Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia

Currently operating under Africa Area Office, Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia is a branch of Habitat for Humanity International. Habitat for Humanity Ethiopian has served more than 162,340 families (852,000 individuals) since it started work in 1993. Habitat Ethiopia initially constructed mortgage houses and later expanded its work to integrate vulnerable group housing, water Sanitation Hygiene (WASH) and Disaster Risk Reduction Response (DR3)- WASH Resilience Building. Through our well-designed projects we also work to enhance the capacity of families and communities for water scheme governance and sustainable use.

Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia has reached and assisted families and individuals in 18 communities across the country to move to decent housing, have access to safe water, and improved sanitation facilities and enhance awareness on hygiene practice. In fiscal year 2022(July 2021 to June 2022), Habitat Ethiopia served more than 19,820 (99,100 individuals) affected by various types of vulnerabilities in Ethiopia.

We work with partner organizations and communities to improve the lives of families by removing the barriers that keep them away from a decent and healthy place to call home. Our approach is assisting families and communities to identify the challenges they face and manage the changes they want to see more sustainable.

Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia appreciates the engagement of valued donors and volunteers to move our program forward towards transforming the lives of families and individuals.

Our projects, achievements, and stories in Fiscal Year 2022

Urban Slum Upgrading Project

The Urban Slum Upgrading Project is a multi-year project containing other specific projects supported by our partners. The project is implemented in four sub cities of Addis Ababa: Akaki Kality, Lideta, Gullele and Yeka. Through this project, Habitat Ethiopia delivers integrated basic services for families affected by poverty and various aspects of vulnerability through:

- Construction of decent housing and improved kitchens
- Water, sanitation, and hygiene intervention which includes:
 - Communal toilets and public toilets for income generation
 - School toilets
 - Water services, group tap and Water kiosk
 - Drainage system improvement
 - Community education on hygiene awareness
- Youth and women empowerment training for employment creation.
- Mapping of areas affected by flood and training for 4,000 individuals.
- Improving the life of girls through hygiene and sanitation Intervention.

We have supported close to 100,000 people in FY2022. We achieve this success because of generous support and engagement of our reliable partners, donors and our energetic staffs. We salute their relentless contributions!

Water and Sanitations Mega Projects

Negele Arsi District-KOIKA-GDEF Project

- Water reservoirs with 300 cubic meter capacity
- 52 km distribution lines,
- Installation of water pump and generator
- Water points
- Open Defecation Free(ODF) localities
- Hygiene awareness raising and capacity building
- Community led total sanitation

Shewa Robit Town

- A reservoir with the capacity of 500 cubic meter
- Pressure and distribution lines
- Water points and container seat for water Kiosk
- Water source development: drilling of boreholes, spring development
- Installation of submersible pump and diesel generator
- Community led total sanitation
- Hygiene awareness creation and capacity building



School WASH



KOICA-GDEF: Water-borne Diseases Reduction Project through WASH development

Negele Arsi is a rural district located in West Arsi Zone of Oromia Regional State. The total population of the district is 390,000. Through a three-year WASH project Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia reaches communities who have been suffering from lack of safe water and sanitation facilities. The project is now in its third phase and aims at serving more than 76,500 people in seven rural Kebeles (localities) of the rift valley and the adjacent highland. In the project lifetime and beyond, Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia works with local, national, and international partners to build improved resilience to water-borne diseases through increased access to clean water, adequate sanitation, and enhanced awareness on hygiene for communities. The project activities include construction of water infrastructures: construction of water reservoirs with the capacity of 300 cubic meter, installation of 52 km distribution lines, construction of 24 new water points, rehabilitation of existing water points and creating sustainable governance structure for water services. The work also consists of other key activities, most importantly capacity building for community members through water-borne disease reduction training and monitoring of water facilities in coordination with WASH Committees.

The other key component of the project is sanitation marketing. The main focus is creating open defecation free community (ODF) through improving toilets by their own capacity, and assisting Small and Micro-Enterprises (SME) in production, promotion, selling and installation of sanitation products such as Sato Pans and pre-fabricated slabs.

Uniqueness of the project

The uniqueness of this project is demonstrated through integrated approach which involves the provision of access to clean and safe water through water infrastructure development, improving sanitation marketing approach thereby creating ODF free community supported by hygiene education for target groups including students.

Celebrating achievements with Gode and Kersa Illala communities

March 20, 2022 was a special day for community members who live in rural localities of Negele Arsi district. Inauguration events were held at Gode and Kersa Ilala localities to celebrate main project components and achievements. The event attended by community members, government representatives and Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia staff was one of the largest community engagements in Negel Arsi district.

At the inauguration event, key partners, Korean Government (Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Korean International Cooperation Agency-Global Disease Eradication Fund(KOICA-GDEF) and Habitat for Humanity Korea(HFHK) were recognized by the community and government representatives. The significance of the project is acknowledged by government; Negele Arsi district deputy administrator Seyfu Ogeta said, "As the project is already realized safe water coverage increased from 57% to 64% and thousands of families get safe water at their compounds."

Congratulating all partners at the event, Habitat for Humanity Ex-National Director Dereje Adugna said," This project has been implemented during difficult time in Ethiopia, when there was state of emergency, civil unrest, travel restrictions. I would like to thank KOICA and the Government of Korea as well as the government of Ethiopia for making this project successful."



A 100 metric cube reservoir at Gode rural locality



A 200 metric cube reservoir at Kersa Ilala locality



Women from Gode community presented cultural song at the event

'The distance we travel is minimized.'

Aberash Challa is a resident of Kersa Illalala locality and a mother of eight children. Before the water point constructed by Habitat started service, she and other women fetch water from distance travelling for hours. "We had shortage of water in our village. We used to get unclean water from a river; our children suffered from illnesses caused by unsafe water. Our families suffered a lot. After Habitat constructed water point in the middle of our village, the distance we travel to get water and the frequency we take out children to health centers is minimized. To construct the water service facilities Habitat worked with us, they have been making efforts. We are happy now. I would like to thank those who supported us to construct the water point; I have no words to express my gratitude," Aberash said.



Aberash takes water from the water point

*I have no words
to express my
gratitude.*

Primary open defecation free (ODF) locality

One of the key components of KOICA-GDEF WASH Project is creating open defecation free environment in Gorbi Derera locality of Negele Arsi District. The objective of ODF is to break defecation contact from human being. The main approach to practice ODF is construction of latrine at household level and used it to make living environment clean. The locality of Gorbi Derera has been free of open defecation as Habitat Ethiopia assisted 373 households to own latrine and residents receive awareness creation training.

To celebrate ODF as transformation, more than 1,000 residents of Gorbi Derera gathered at Gorbi dida village on June 22, 2022. The ODF announcement event was held at the presence of government officials, Abageda and Hadha Sinke (male and female community leaders), health workers and Habitat for humanity project staff.



The community takes this event as special moment to assure their locality is free of open defecation. Community leaders opened the event with blessing, and women and young people presented traditional dance. Government representatives from health office and district administration congratulated the community for making their locality free of open defecation. They conveyed message of thanks and recognition to Habitat Ethiopia and KOICA-GDEF for realizing the project and bring significant change in the community.

The key message at the event was '**your health is in your hand, and never back to open defecation**'. To make ODF practices sustainable, the community set rules and regulations, and those who violate the rules will receive social punishment. Habitat's work of creating ODF locality aligns with one of government policy guides-'protection is better than curing'.



Community members gathered at Gorbi Dida village to celebrate the ODF

Lessons learning

Humanity for Humanity Ethiopia holds workshops with stakeholders and partners as continuous process of learning and reflection sessions. One of these sessions was held in June 2022 in Negele Arsi town to discuss lessons learnt from KOICA-GDEF WASH project. The participants of the workshop were representatives from West Arsi Zone and Negele Arsi District, community leaders and water committee members from seven rural localities. The participants discussed progress of the project, sustainability, sanitation marketing for the community, areas of improvement, challenges, and mitigation mechanisms.



Urban Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Initiative

Shewa Robit Town

Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia has completed Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) project in Addis Ababa and Shewa Robit with support from partners. The Shewa Robit component of the project creates access to safe and adequate water supply for more than 41,000 people at household and community level. The three-year project also avails sanitation facilities and increase knowledge and awareness of the community on WASH. Beyond improving local context of water and sanitation, the project attempts to contribute to Goal 6 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which aims to “ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all by 2030.

Shewa Robit

- Total population.... 58,300.
- Most families are affected by poverty.
- Population dependent on petty trading and agriculture.
- Affected by conflict between government forces and Rebels from Tigray twice in 2021.
- Houses and properties damaged; many people were displaced and psychosocially affected.

To reach more families and contribute to this goal, Habitat Ethiopia has constructed a reservoir with the capacity of 500 cubic meter, 1500-meter pressure lines, 3000 meter distribution lines, eight water points and container seat for water Kiosk. Water source development, drilling of boreholes, spring development and upgrading, installation of submersible pump and diesel generator have been carried out.

To ensure successful implementation, governance and sustainability of the project, collaboration committee of technical expertise from partner offices and community members has been established. Health promotion champions are trained to provide actual support and awareness raising training to bring behavioral change in the community in relation to hygiene practices.

Successful completion of project components addresses shortage of water and reduces hygiene and sanitation problems significantly. Low-income families, people with disabilities, women and persons of old age get safe water through pipelines connected to water points and individual taps. They get relief from travelling long distance to fetch water from unsafe sources.

This project was implemented at time of critical challenges. COVID-19 pandemic affected progress of construction activities, community mobilization, and hygiene and sanitation training. As a result of armed conflict and instability, project implementation schedule for Shewa Robit part was changed. Project staff were evacuated three times. With active participation of the community and government offices, the project has been completed to serve families and individuals.



Seble Zeleke(right) and Kelemua Eshete, get water form group water tap installed by Habitat Ethiopia in Shewa Robit town

Protecting water sources

Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia is not just constructing water service structures but diversifies its work to make projects sustainable. Through Shewa Robit Urban Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Initiative Habitat Ethiopia coordinated tree plantation campaign around water source locations. The campaign staged in July 2022 under the theme 'Let's conserve ground water through afforestation', aimed at planting trees around water sources and water service facilities constructed by Habitat Ethiopia.



A 500 cubic meter reservoir constructed by Habitat Ethiopia and partial view of trees planted to protect the water source

In coordination with Shawa Robit town administration, water and sewerage office and agricultural office more than 15,000 were planted. The campaign focuses on mobilizing community members with participation of government representatives and Habitat for Humanity staff to plant trees in areas where environmental degradation affects availability of ground water.



Tree plantation campaign organized by Habitat Ethiopia

Urban Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Initiative in Addis Ababa City

The Addis Ababa part of the three-year project is under implementation in Gullele, Akaki and Lideta Sub Cities of Addis Ababa. The project is designed to mitigate challenges families face in relation to water, hygiene, and sanitation in collaboration with communities and government partners. It intends to improve access to safe water and

sanitation for individuals and families. Habitat Ethiopia installs communal standpipes and group water taps, constructs communal and public toilets. Enhancing awareness of the community on hygiene for behavioral change is also the focus area of the project. Another significant component of this project is construction of drainage ditches to manage liquid waste which pollutes residential areas and causes health and safety problems. In this project, 4,000 meters sewerage line will be constructed.

The project will impact more than 142,600 people through increasing access to safe water, improved sanitation, healthy environment and enhancing local knowledge and market opportunities. Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia works in collaboration with government and community representatives to give priority for people and families affected by poverty, disability and other types of vulnerability.

The project activities are not limited to Habitat's plan but contribute to the national sustainable development goals to create access to water and sanitation for urban and rural population. It lays foundation for development towards ensuring healthy community, gender equality, equity, and education opportunities.

Apart from availing safe water and improved sanitation, this project creates additional opportunities for women who have no job, engaging them in income generating activities. Fifty three women are trained and organized in small scale enterprise to manage overall operation of public toilets and water kiosks; they provide sanitary materials and collect service fees for income and future maintenance.

Addis Ababa

- Total population, 5 million
- 60% of the population live in slums.
- 70% of the housing units need total replacement or some major improvements.
- 25% of the solid waste generated from the city was left unattended

Meet partner families

'Now we have everything.'

The city of Addis Ababa has two distinct faces, the most developed areas with skyscrapers, business centers and luxurious homes, and vast slum areas with crowded settlements, old and deteriorated homes, without adequate water, toilets and drainage systems.



Women who manage public toilet for income generation activities, Ledeta Sub City, Wereda 10

Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia provides integrated services. Communal and public toilets have been constructed to serve families and also as income generating facilities for women who have no job.

Lideta Sub city, Wereda(district) 10 is one of the densely populated residential areas in Addis Ababa without adequate sanitation schemes; most families do not have private latrines and shower facilities. Habitat Ethiopia's project brings significant change in improving personal hygiene and environmental sanitation. Blocks of public toilet facility containing latrines, showers, water kiosk and hand wash taps have been constructed.

The public toilet and related facilities serve 500 families per day on average. With approval from the users and local administration, 12 women are selected and organized; they clean and administer the facilities and collect service fees as additional income for their families, and for maintenance. Ever since the facilities started service the area has been changed to healthy living environment.

Habitat WASH work in Lideta Sub City-FY22

- Two blocks of large public toilets with
 - 12 toilets rooms
 - 12 shower rooms
- The public toilets and shower serve 1,500 individuals per day.
 - 1,917-meter drainage ditch in Wereda 5 and 10
- The ditch creates clean residential area for more than 1,400 families (7,000 people). 24 women are organized to administer the facilities and get income.

One of the women who administer the sanitation service, Genet sherif has two sons; one of them is daily laborer and the other do not have job. Genet and her family live in the areas for 30 years. They used old toilet together with many other families before Habitat constructed the new one. Genet has explained the opportunities created through the project.

I have no income except the wage paid for my son. Now we serve the local people and earn income. Previously, the area was full of waste materials and affected the health of the people moving around. Now it is clean; it serves as seating place; people use the toilet and the shower. We as group of women stay together and discuss our challenges and how to create more income for the future. Previously, we had no shower and buy water from private taps. Thanks to Habitat for creating this opportunity for us; now we have everything, we feel healthy.



Genet Sherif paused at public toilet



Zenebech is one of the women organized to manage the public toilet

'Now we lead healthy life.'

Zenebech Tafese is 38 years old and lives in slum area located in Lideta Sub City of Addis Ababa. She is one of the 12 women who are organized to manage the public toilet and shower facility constructed by Habitat Ethiopia. Zenebech lives with seven family members and there was no proper toilet at their home and in the neighborhood. The area was polluted with liquid and solid waste dumped from homes. Habitat Ethiopia constructed a block of toilets and shower rooms which serve local people who have no other choices. To manage liquid waste properly, a drainage ditch has been constructed.

Zenebech said, "Though we live in a city, we did not have access to basic services, and we led very difficult life. I cannot tell you how it is difficult to live without proper toilet, not having a place to clean ourselves. We buy water from private sellers.

Zenebech and other women administer the sanitation facility. They collect service fees for cleaning and maintenance. All the women do not have other jobs and the income is added to the support they get from family members for livelihood. They have a plan to create small businesses like selling sanitary materials and fast food in open space around the facilities.

"Habitat opens multiple opportunities for us; we have toilet; we have shower; we have water kiosk; we get income to support our families; now there is no garbage in our residential area; our children play in a clean space. All the people in this area started healthy life," Zenebech said.



Women at the second public toilet in Wereda-10

'Not only clean area but a space for business.'

"I did not think this area service as a place to do business. It was full of garbage and liquid waste overflowed to roadside. The smell causes breathing problems and it was unpleasant for residents and passer-by. It was difficult for children to play or stay," said Eyerus Mola, a 33-year-old women and a mother of three. Eyerus is one of the residents of Wereda(district 10) who started small business at a roadside where Habitat Ethiopia constructed 218-meter drainage ditch to contain grey water which polluted the area causing health and safety risks. Eyerus makes and sells traditional coffee to earn additional income for her family. Eyerus is not the only person who do business in the clean area created by Habitat's work. Other women and young men opened small shops, vegetable selling yards and game ground.

Eyerus said, "I would stay at home without any job if this area would not be changed to clean space. Now people can sit and drink coffee; my children also play and stay here with me. Habitat created not only clean area but a place for business. All the residents are happy."



Eyerus makes coffee and sells at rode side where Habitat constructed drainage ditch.

Empowerment of Vulnerable Community through Integrated Slum Area Development



Through support from COINS Foundation, Habitat for Humanity Great Britain and other partners, we have successfully completed the first phase of Vulnerable Community Empowerment project as part of the Urban Slum Upgrading (USU) project in three districts of Addis Ababa. With the three-year project more than 37,000 individuals who have been affected by various aspects of vulnerability get access to decent housing, safe water, improved sanitation, and better hygiene practices.

In the second phase of the project we intend to empower vulnerable communities through provision of decent houses, safe water, sanitation solutions and creating job opportunities in economically deprived suburbs and slum areas of Akakai-Kaliti, Lideta and Gullele localities in Addis Ababa. The project is designed in a way to enhance dignity, reduce morbidity and mortality resulting from deteriorated housing conditions, and waterborne diseases.

Furthermore, the project empowers families economically with particular attention to women and girls. As part of women's economic empowerment and financial inclusion, the project focuses on organizing unemployed women and girls in saving groups through providing entrepreneurship training. The trained women will be linked with financial service providers and enhance income-generation capacity.

As new approach Habitat Ethiopia integrates housing and WASH with income generating activities for women and girls. Women and girls fully administer public toilets, water schemes and shower facilities constructed by Habitat Ethiopia. They collect service fees for their income to improve livelihood. They also use it for maintenance of the facilities.

Another unique feature of the project is creating more space for families who live in crowded slum areas where land is not made available easily. Habitat Ethiopia constructs houses with more elevated roof with additional room above the living area.

With the second phase of this project, we aim to directly serve 10,640 individuals, mainly women with low income, unemployed girls and persons with disabilities who have been impacted by substandard housing and inadequate basic services. More than 5,300 unregistered residents benefit indirectly from the projects as sanitation facilities and drainage ditches create healthy environment. Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia ensures successful implementation and sustainability of the project by engaging stakeholders, families, and community members.

Housing and Health for Vulnerable Families (HHVF) in Addis Ababa



Habitat for humanity Ethiopia have been working in partnership with TowerBrook Foundation and Habitat for Humanity Great Britain to empower families and individuals challenged by poverty and help them ensure their safety and dignity. A multi-year project has been implemented giving priority to families living in slums areas of Addis Ababa. Through the first phase of the project, 389 families (1,351 individuals) moved to new houses and started to use improved toilets and kitchens. More than 1,800 individuals including 82 health extension workers and community leaders received hygiene awareness raising training. Furthermore, 11,000 school children have been served through installation of water facilities and construction of school toilets.

With this strong partnership, the second phase, which is a three-year project is being implemented focusing on housing, hygiene and sanitation in Lideta Sub City of Addis Ababa. The second phase of the project will serve 660 individuals (372 families) directly and 165 individuals (93 families) indirectly.

The project is expected to transform the lives of families and individuals by creating access to decent houses and sanitation facilities. Basic hygiene awareness creation training is an important component of the project to bring behavioral change and reduce health risks related to water and sanitation.

The project is designed to include integrated components and leverages engaging of community and government offices to address complex problems related to poverty housing, inadequate sanitation facilities as well as lack of proper hygienic practices.

Like other projects, this project has significant contribution to the mission of Habitat for Humanity by addressing housing and sanitation needs of people who have no other means to mitigate multi-dimension challenges.

Though the project implemented is carried out as planned, it passes through many challenges. Lack of space to construct houses, toilets and kitchens, and rise in prices of construction materials are among the challenges encountered. Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia works in collaboration with target families, community representative and local administration to make the projects successful and sustainable.

Life is Good: Hope Village Project

'Life's is Good Hope Village Project' intends to improve the lives of people in slum areas of Gulelle and Yeka Sub Cities in Addis Ababa through housing and WASH Interventions. With support from LG Electronics and Community Chest of Korea the project targets families and individuals who have been affected by poverty related problems in crowded informal settlements, lack of safe water, and proper sanitation facilities.

The families suffer from unsanitary living environment which expose them to communicable diseases caused by poor hygiene and sanitation. Some families lead life with fear of being evicted from government owned and private rented houses. Constructed from temporary materials, most of the houses are old and deteriorated with little or no maintenance. The project was designed to mitigate these challenges and improve the wellbeing of vulnerable families and individuals including Korean War Veterans. Priority was given to women who have no income, girls and boys affected by poverty and persons with disabilities who live in substandard housing without water and sanitation facilities.



Certificates for youth trained in computer and electronics



New house constructed with support from LG Electronics

The three-year project helps families move to new houses, start to use safe water, improved sanitation, and have better awareness in hygiene. Drainage ditches constructed by Habitat Ethiopia to manage liquid waste changes the residential area to clean playground for children and reduces health risks. Separate latrines have been constructed for school girls and boys with water tap for hand wash. More than 14,900 families have been supported through this project.

Capacity building and creating job opportunities for young people in the two sub cities is also a vital component of the project. Young people selected from the two sub-cities received training in computer and electronics in coordination with World Together LG-Hope TVET College. Habitat Ethiopia has worked with government offices on job placement for the young people who completed the training.

'People can see and feel the new houses every day'

Government representatives, community members and senior staff of LG Electronics attended an event held in September 2021 to hand over new houses and other project components to partner families. The new houses, communal toilets, communal kitchens and drainage ditches, water pipelines handed over to families were constructed in the first phase of 'Life is Good Hope Village Project'.

A guest of honor at the event Mr. Seokhee Kang, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Ethiopia and permanent representative to African Union, presented warm message of thanks to Korean private company-LG electronics- for their generosity and devotion to the Hope Village Project in Ethiopia and Habitat for Humanity for implemented the project successfully.

He further asserted, "Working together, people can see and feel these new houses every day, thereby making progress one step further toward their vision-a world where everyone has a decent place to live."



H.E. Mr. Seokhee Kang Korean Ambassador to Ethiopia, Mr. Seung Hwan Yang Country Director of LG Electronics Ethiopia Office visited the new houses constructed in Gulele and Yeka Sub Cities.

People can see and feel these new houses every day, thereby making progress one step further toward their vision- a world where everyone has a decent place to live-

Mr. Seokhee Kang, Korean Ambassador to Ethiopia.



Improving the Life of Girls at Wabari School

Laga Tafo-Laga Bari town

- Population: 127,000
- 60% lives in poverty and unsanitary environment
- Half of the population does not have access to tap water
- 630 internally displaced families settle in the town

Laga Tafo-Laga Bari town is one of the towns located outside Addis Ababa in Oromia Regional State. Residents of the town are suffering from lack of housing, water, sanitation, alternative energy, and waste disposal systems. The problem affects the community particularly women and girls.

Students at Wabari primary school in Laga Tafo-Laga Bari town face many challenges. They do not have toilets and safe water at their homes and there was no proper toilet in the school. Female and male students had used the same toilet which was not comfortable for privacy of female students. There was no water to clean and drink. Most female students had to wait and go home to use toilet.

Another challenge for female students at this school was lack of sanitary pads. About 80% of the female students are from low-income families and could not afford buying sanitary pads every month. They had to use pieces of cloths. There were girls who preferred to stay at home for two- or three days during menstrual period.

Considering these and other sanitation related challenges, Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia implemented a 10-month project entitled '*Improving the Life of Girls through hygiene and sanitation.*' The project gives special attention to female students and is expected to:

- Improve the health and dignity of female students at Wabari school in Laga Tafo, Lagi Dadi town through Hygiene and Sanitation.
- Create access to sex segregated sanitation and water facilities for schoolgirls to reduce vulnerability to communicable disease and enhance the well-being and comfort of female students.
- Enhance awareness of students and school community through training on hygiene and sanitation

Completed Components of the project

- Construction of MHM room with hand wash and cap board for female students.
- Four-seat sex segregated school toilet.
- Water taps with handwashing facilities.
- Sanitary pads for 170 female students from very low-income families.
- Awareness raising training for students on hygiene and sanitation.
- Capacity building refreshment training for parents, students, and teachers.

This project impacts 794 students (435 female and 359 male) at Wabari primary school.

Students tell the story

Meaza, 17, is a grade eight student at Wabari school. She mentioned that the previous toilet female students used was not clean and she prefers to avoid using the toilet and go home. "I don't even want to see the toilet because it was so dirty. It doesn't have water and there was no separate room to change pads. Now we use the new toilet constructed by Habitat. The toilet is clean, and it has separate room to change our pads. There is water to clean the toilet; we are very happy," Meaza said.



Meaza (1st from right), Kalkidan (2nd from right) and other girls at newly constructed toilet and hand-washing facility

With regard to lack of sanitary pads, Meaza explained, “We couldn't buy pads. There was no room for changing piece of cloths we used as pads. I prefer to stay without changing my pads than changing in the old and unclean toilet. Now we get pads and use toilet which is suitable for our privacy. Now, no girl stays at home during menstrual period.”

Kalkidan Alemu, 15, is a 4th grade student. She said that the previous toilet was unclean with unpleasant smell. “It was ugly even to see it, let alone to use it. There was no water to keep it clean. We had to wait and go home to use toilet. It was difficult to stay in classroom.

“The new toilet has separate room to change pads. It is clean to use. We also have water to wash our hands,” said Kalkidan.

New Projects

Improved Energy Utilization Project

This project is fully supported by Liz and Martin Howden who have been a longtime volunteer and supporter of Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia program. Their engagement started as volunteers, travelling to Ethiopia several times and help build along with homeowners in various projects. They have been donating to fund projects which include new house construction in Dessie, Kombolcha and Debre Markos. They have also dedicated books written by Martin Howden- 'this staff really works and courage to change, the income from the book goes to supporting many projects in Ethiopia. The ongoing 'Improved Energy Utilization Project' funded by Liz and Martin is innovative project implemented in Debre Berhan.

Through this project Habitat Ethiopia supports families in the town of Debre Berhan who live on low income and affected by vulnerability contexts in terms of responding to energy needs and health challenges caused by inefficient use of firewood, saw dust, cow dung, barks, and leaves.

The objective of the project is to create access to energy efficient improved kitchens and renewable energy sources (biogas).

The one-year project supports 512 individuals who are affected by lack of improved kitchens and alternate energy sources.

The Major activities in the project:

- Supply and installation of 56 Energy efficient stoves to accommodate safe and efficient use energy. About 33 energy saving stoves have been installed.
- Renovation of 10 old kitchens and supply energy efficient stoves. Fifty percent of the work has been done.
- Construction of four bio-gas digesters to generate light and heat energy and connect with home utilities.

Urban Resilience Building Assistance Network (URBAN) Project in Addis Ababa

The purpose of the URBAN project is to build resilience of community by installing 2,155 meter drainage ditches, protect 4,000 households from flood and improve sanitary practices in slum areas of Addis Ababa. Multidimensional participatory flood risk hotspot map will be developed to further enhance the resilience of the community to risk of flood.

Project components:

- Training for community to raise awareness on WASH, personal and environmental hygiene.
- Construction of drainage ditches to manage liquid waste and protect flood.
- Flood risk index development study will be conducted to have hotspot index document for the city. The study document helps identify highly vulnerable areas, recommend mitigation mechanisms and design other lifesaving projects.

Benefits for families and community:

- Flood hotspot index study documents will help design other projects.
- The community will take action considering the outlined mitigation measures.
- Communities will acquire knowledge on WASH

The unique feature of the project is that comprehensive study will be conducted by Cambridge University and after the completion of the study a new project will be designed.



**Training of
trainers for health
workers and
community
representatives
on WASH**

Stand for Her Land Project(S4HL)

- ✓ Stand for Her Land Project was launched on March 8, 2022 at international women's day in Nairobi where many stakeholders participated.
- ✓ It is a collective advocacy project to realize women's land rights in Uganda, Senegal, and Ethiopia
- ✓ A five-year project funded by German government and sub granted to Habitat Ethiopia by Landesa, American based international NGO working focusing on women land rights.
- ✓ The main objective of the project is to catalyze the already existing movements, increase knowledge and resources on women's land rights, engage women and communities at grass-root level through advocacy, lobbying, campaigning, and popular mobilization.
- ✓ It also aims at realizing a sustained, locally driven movement for women's land rights to bring required legislations and speedy implementation of the existing ones.
- ✓ Specific objectives of the project are liaising with African Union Capacity Building - Creating Advocacy messaging.
- ✓ Research is conducted on the gap between existing legal frameworks that support women's land rights and customary practices.

To establish relation and strengthen collaboration in implementing S4HL project, Maurice Makoloo, Vice President-Africa, Habitat for Humanity International and other senior staff discussed with African Union Director for Social Development Mrs. Cisse Mariama Mohamed in May 2022 in Addis Ababa.



AU and Africa Habitat for Humanity International senior leaders had a meeting at AU headquarters in Addis Ababa

Families Served in Fiscal Year 2022 (July 2021-June 2022)

Interventions	Household Served
Housing	13
Kitchen improvement	52
Access to improved sanitation (toilets)	5,580
Individual toilets-through ODF and sanitation marketing products	1,501
Access to safe water	10,404
Drainage ditches	1,861
None-food items	409
Total households served in Fy22	19,820
Individuals served in Fy22	99,100
Training and capacity training	26,794

19,820 households have been reached in Fiscal Year 2022.

All Time Families Served (1993-2022)

Interventions	Families Served
Housing	2,844
Access to safe water	20,809
Access to improved sanitation	14,561
Kitchen Improvement	7,695
Drainage ditches and walkways	5,501
Solid waste	13,820
Nurturing saving groups and linkage with municipality	272
Technical Support	77

COVID-19 prevention, none-food items	3,001
DR3: Non-food items	56,570
DR3-WASH Construction	37,190
All Time Families Served	162,340 families (811,701 individuals)
Hygiene awareness and financial literacy training for individuals	66,894

Events in FY 2022

Distribution of COVID-19 prevention kits

July 2021, COVID-19 Items Distribution: Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia provided COVID-19 prevention kits and food items for 600 individuals in Akaki sub city of Addis Ababa. The sanitary kits (soap and sanitizers), and food items (wheat flour and oil) were crucial to reduce vulnerability and increase resilience for the families who live on low income and have no financial capacity to purchase the items. The items were provided with the generous financial support from Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity.



Family members received COVID-19 Prevention items

July 2021, Tithes Partners Coffee Chat: A virtual conference was held with US Tithes partners to share update on the situation of the country, Habitat's work in Ethiopia and the significance of tithes support to serve families and communities. Twenty tithes affiliates leaders participated on the Coffee Chat conference.



Ambassador Seokhee Kang handed over home keys and gifts to families.

September 2021, Housing and WASH Project: Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia successfully completed first phase of Housing and WASH project in Addis Ababa, Yeka and Gulele Sub Cities and handed over to Korean war veteran families at the presence of Mr. Seokhee Kang Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Ethiopia and Mr. Seung Hwan Yang Country Director of LG Electronics Ethiopia Office.

November 2021, Reconnecting with Global Village Volunteers: A reconnecting virtual conference was held with Global Village Volunteers team members. The hosting of international volunteers was suspended in 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic; however, we wanted to reconnect with previous volunteers who had worked on Habitat Ethiopia's project sites. The virtual event helped share information on the conflict in Ethiopia, the impact of Habitat Ethiopia's work and future trends.

November 2021, Africa Hub tithe gathering: The virtual call was the best opportunity to share ideas and best practices to effective partner stewardship with tithe partners. Countries had the chance to present the concrete impact of tithe funds on Habitat's work.

December 2021, World Disability Day: Marking the Day of Persons with Disabilities, Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia provided equipment to 420 people affected by physical disabilities in Addis, Lideta Sub City. Habitat Ethiopia handed over the equipment through 'Inclusiveness in the concept of disability' project which was designed to provide support options for people affected by physical challenges. The equipment include wheel chairs, cane sticks, crutches and sanitary materials to protect against COVID-19 pandemic.



Persons with disabilities received equipment

February 2022, Urban Water Sanitation and Hygiene Project: Project inauguration event took place in the town of Shewa Robit at the presence of community members and government representatives. The project was implemented to serve more than 41,000 people. Through this project, Habitat Ethiopia constructed 500 cubic meter reservoir, submersible water pump, water points, pipes limes and other facilities.



Habitat Ethiopia senior staff and government representative opened the event



Inauguration of the project at Kersa Ilala event

March 2022, Inauguration of KOICA - GDEF WASH Project: Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia inaugurated main components of Water borne Diseases Reduction project through WASH Development. The inauguration event took place at the presence of community members, government representatives and Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia

staff. The 3-year project is being implemented in partnership with Korean Government (Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Korean International Cooperation Agency-Global Disease Eradication Fund(KOICA-GDEF) and Habitat for Humanity Korea(HFHK).

May 2022, Commencement of Housing and WASH Project: Construction commencement event was held for the second phase of Housing and WASH project which is implemented in Addis Ababa, Yeka and Gulele Sub Cities with support from LG Electronics. The commencement event which included demolishing of the old houses took place in Wereda 4 of Yeka Sub City at the presence of Maurice Makoloo, Vice President-Africa, Habitat for Humanity International, LG Electronics Director Mr. Seung Hwan Yang, other senior staff, government representatives and partner families. The project aims at improving the life of urban slum dwellers in Addis Ababa through housing and WASH interventions.



Africa Habitat for Humanity International senior staff, government representatives and family members at commencement event- demolishing the old house



Five-year strategic plan focus areas

Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia has identified key strategic goals based on thorough analysis of internal and external situations, stakeholders' expectations, mission, vision, and core values. The purpose of the five-year strategic plan is to expand our work and bring positive impact in the lives of individuals, families, and communities.

Housing

Improve the slum housing conditions in the country through affordable, low-cost, and climate-smart sustainable housing.

WASH

Improve public health through inclusive WASH intervention and increased resilience of vulnerable.

Emergency Response and Resilience Building

Reduce vulnerability and provide humanitarian assistance to people suffering from the impact of disasters and conflict.

Capacity Building

Enhance the Capacity of HFHE to ensure productivity and Sustainability.

Policy and Advocacy

Fight for pro-poor policies that deliver real change for the people we serve, mainly addressing the systemic inequity in the housing ecosystem.

Capacity Building

Maintain Habitat for Humanity's brand and increase visibility of HFHE's work among partners and the wider community through effective communication materials.



Program Development and Partnership Department-a significant shift in resource mobilization

Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia (HFHE) established the Partnership and Program Development Department in December 2021. The purpose of this department is to lead initiatives by HFHE in developing new projects, exploring high-value grants, and soliciting new strategic partners while maintaining existing relationships. The department's role essentially entails overseeing pre-award processes, and once the grant agreement is signed, the department officially signs off on implementation by the program team. The department has brought significant change in securing new funding opportunities from Lloyd's Trust Charities, the local chapter of JTI/NTE, Readiness to Respond (HFHI), Paprika, and Resilience Building of Disaster-affected Communities (RBDC) (Habitat for Humanity International Africa Area Office).

The department has also established a process and formalities for business development, for instance a new project development and follow up dashboard and pre-positioned for USAID's major Green Cities opportunity with RTI and Chemonics, as well as assisted in gathering the necessary information. Though the department is a total of US\$ 886,849 has been acquired between December 2021 and July 2022. Another \$1,146,000 is expected to be raised by the department from foundations, institutions, high-net-worth individuals, and Habitat for Humanity International.

In fiscal year 2023, the department will lead the acquisition of \$1 million, with a focus on high-value grants, and expects to obtain \$1 million from both solicited and unsolicited sources. In addition, the department will finalize and implement a fund-raising strategy that will be aligned with the Habitat for Humanity Africa Office fund-raising strategy. Moving forward, the department intends to create a proposal development, review, and submission system that includes a 'GO/NO GO' decision that has been properly completed and documented from the start of pre-positioning (both for successful as well as failed grant applications). In addition, a monthly funding forecast will be analyzed and shared with SMT to capitalize on funding opportunities and expand the portfolio of new projects that will be added to the organization's financial health.



Professor Beyene Petros Federal Government Policy Studies Institute Director General and Mr. Dereje Adugna Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia Ex-National Director signed Memorandum of Understanding in June 2022 to establish partnership in the areas of research and policy advocacy, mutual exchange of information and mutual assistance.

In terms of partnership development and maintenance, the department has strengthened Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia's strategic partners by classifying them as policy change, information/technical, advocacy, and resource partners. With this effort, the department has been able to establish positive relationships with the Addis Ababa University College of Development Studies, the Federal Policy Studies Institute (PSI), the Ministry of Urban and Infrastructure, Earth Enable, GiZ's Responsible Agricultural Investments (S2RAI) - Gender Equitable Land Rights in Ethiopia, Telebirr, Awash Bank, GOH Bank, and the Association of Ethiopian Microfinance Institutions from December 2021 to July 2022. Moving forward, in 2023, the department will strengthen donor database development and regular updating, finalize the partnership strategy, and socialize it within HFHE to serve as guidance on how to work with the government, community, private partners, and donors. Furthermore, the department intends to update HFHE's capacity statement.

Finally, we would like to thank donors, colleagues at the Habitat for Humanity Africa Area Office, community, and government partners, and the HFHE's multidisciplinary team for their contributions for the success of the department. We hope we will continue to work together in 2023 to fulfill our mission of putting God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

Our valued partners

Donations from our partners make it possible for Habitat to transform the lives of families and individuals who live in substandard shelters, have access to safe water and sanitation facilities.

Habitat for humanity Ethiopia management and staff would like to thank our partners for their contributions for the work we do to create better opportunities for thousands of families and individuals. We particularly wish to thank the following most recent donors who supported our work in fiscal year 2022.

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Country facts

Capital city.....	Addis Ababa
Population.....	117 million
Population annual growth rate.....	2.5%
Urban population.....	22.7%
rate of urbanization.....	4.4%
Life expectancy.....	67
Unemployment rate.....	17.5%
Poverty headcount ratio at USD 1.90 a day....	30.8%

(Source: World Bank)

Housing, Water and Sanitation Need

- 70% of housing units require total replacement.
- 3 million of the Addis Ababa's 5 million residents live in slums.
- About 60-80% of communicable diseases attributed to lack of access to safe water and adequate sanitation.
- Only 17% of the population practice improved hygiene behaviors.
- Access to improved sanitation is only 28% at national level.
- Coverage of safe drinking water is only 57% country wide.
- 53% of rural households travel 30 minutes or longer round trip to fetch drinking water.
- Ethiopia has a long history of drought, shortage of safe water and other disasters.

(Source: 5-year strategic document, World Bank and UNICEF)

What can you do?

We would like to work with our partners to help vulnerable families who have no access to basic services. Be part of our efforts to create healthy living environment, access to safe water, improved sanitation, and hygiene, and respond to emergencies in Ethiopia through:

Funding projects: Establishing strong tithe partnership:

Volunteering (National and International Volunteer Engagement)

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