

# ETHIOPIAID CANADA

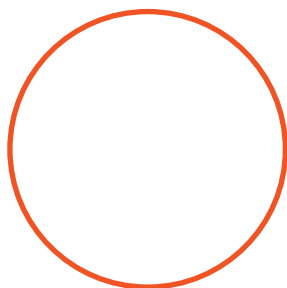
ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019



**ETHIOPIAID**

UNLOCKING THE POWER  
OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

# LETTER FROM THE ED



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Dear friends,

Thanks to the support of our generous supporters, 2018-2019 was another successful year for Ethiopiaid Canada. In 2019, we celebrated our tenth anniversary and we are proud to say that over the last ten years, we have sent 2.1 million dollars to Ethiopia to fund local projects. This is a testament to the commitment and compassion of our local partners, our donors and our volunteers. It hasn't always been easy. We've asked our supporters for more than ever before, and you have accepted that challenge. The results of those efforts are undeniable.

In this report, you will find out how the projects you have supported over the years continue to provide a sense of hope for some of the most marginalized people in Ethiopia. You will also learn about several exciting new projects that we will be funding going forward.

In some ways, the upcoming year is a new beginning for us as an organization. In addition to supporting new local partners, we will also be starting a new project with the support of Global Affairs Canada. Along with our existing projects, these new endeavors will continue to support the empowerment of women and girls in Ethiopia as well as the growth of Ethiopiaid Canada.

With almost two years at Ethiopiaid Canada, I reflect on my visits to Ethiopia to see our local partners in action and I look back on my visits with donors, where I got the chance to see their passion for the cause and the way that they advocate for others, and I am very grateful. I am grateful to be a part of an organization that is ethical, sustainable and impactful.

As we go forward, our vision is to ensure that all Ethiopians, regardless of gender, age or physical and mental capacity may reach their full potential by supporting projects in the following areas:

- Good health and wellbeing
- Supporting survivors of gender-based violence
- Ending obstetric fistula
- Gender equality
- Quality education
- Supporting people living in areas affected by extreme weather conditions

We know that vision is attainable — if we work together. Are you with us?

Sincerely,

Kristin Douglas, Executive Director

# LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR



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Dear Ethiopiaid Supporter,

Thank you for ensuring that 2018-2019 was yet another remarkable year for Ethiopiaid Canada! Reflecting on the past year is not possible without recognizing your passion and commitment to providing life-changing opportunities to women, children, and communities across Ethiopia. We are proud that so many of you believe in our vision and work.

I am proud to continue in my role as Board Chair ensuring that your donations are spent where they are most needed and that they have truly sustainable long-term benefits. This spring, I had the opportunity to visit one of our projects during a personal trip to Ethiopia. It was a profound, inspiring and emotional experience to be with the girls and women at the Association for Women's Sanctuary and Development (AWSAD). AWSAD provides a transitional women's-only safe house and holistic rehabilitation and reintegration services for women and girl survivors of violence. Seeing how and where your donations are used and what more we can do was an eye-opening moment for me. I was touched listening to their stories and now feel even more committed to continue the work we are doing at Ethiopiaid Canada. It is important to reiterate that because of you and your generosity the girls and women of AWSAD's Safe House have a place to turn to that provides them with the psycho-social support and creating social and economic independence.

We are pleased to announce significant progress and achievements across our programs in 2018-2019. A few of our key achievements include:

- 225 women were provided with obstetric fistula repair surgery and holistic support
- 445 women and children with disabilities accessed business skills training, microloans, assistive devices and access to education
- 438 women and 215 children who are survivors of gender-based violence were provided shelter in safe houses, receiving security, counselling, and vocational training
- 49,000 animals were given emergency veterinary care, impacting 4,900 households and assisting 29,400 people—which means that families had a source of nutrition as well as a source of income

Ethiopiaid Canada works together with Ethiopiaid UK, Ethiopiaid Ireland and Ethiopiaid Australia to empower women, children and communities across Ethiopia. In our programs, our partnerships, and our language, we are guided by the principles of empowerment, rather than exploitation; potential, rather than pity. We highlight the strength and resilience of Ethiopian people and believe that it is these characteristics that will ultimately lead to real progress. Through the long relationships we have built with these partners and with your continued support, we will continue to dramatically improve and invest in women, children and communities.

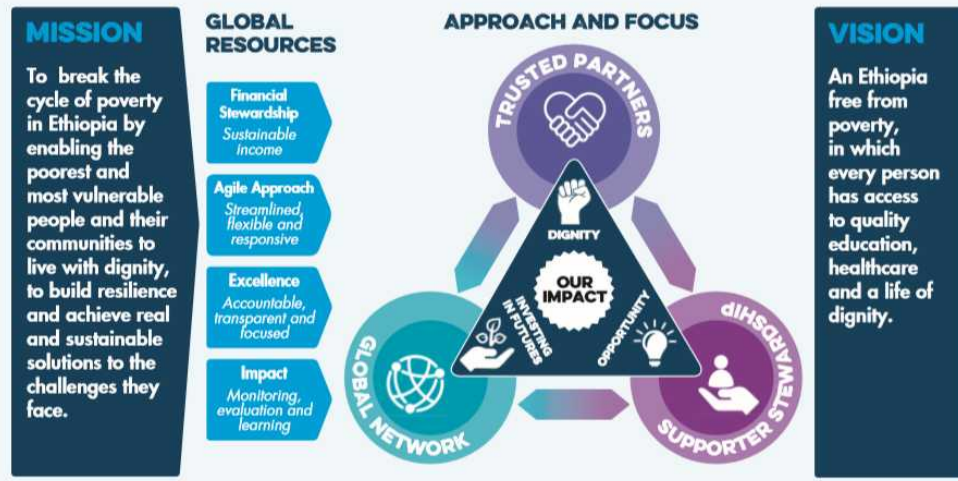
With sincere gratitude,

Mahlet Seifu  
Board Chair, Ethiopiaid Canada



Ethiopiaid Canada seeks lasting change by supporting interventions driven by local partners. At the core of our work is a desire to reduce poverty and improve the lives of those living in poverty by increasing the opportunities and resources available to them. Our programming focuses on increasing access to maternal health services, reducing barriers to education, and supporting women's and girls' empowerment through access to education and employment.

## WORKING TOGETHER FOR LASTING CHANGE



**"We are committed to empowering vulnerable people in Ethiopia to live healthy and productive lives."**

## PROGRAM FOCUS

### Good Health & Wellbeing

We fund the training of Traditional Birth Attendants and Women Extension Workers in some of the most disadvantaged rural communities to provide essential healthcare to women and girls. We also support an orphaned and vulnerable child program where we aim to improve the general well-being of orphaned and vulnerable children by providing them with livelihood essentials as well as educational materials.

### Supporting Survivors of Gender-Based Violence

We support a shelter in Dessie for victims of sexual violence, providing counselling, educational support, and self-defense classes. Our partners also provide loans, business training, and vocational skills (such as tailoring) to marginalized disabled women and single mothers.

### Ending Obstetric Fistula

Through our community partners, we provide free obstetric fistula repair surgeries to marginalized women, as well as postoperative care and community reintegration.

### Gender Equality

We do our part to ensure that women and girls have access to sexual health and reproductive rights. We also advocate for the eradication of harmful traditional practices such as female genital mutilation as well as early child marriage.

### Quality Education

We work with partners to provide educational opportunities for the most marginalized children and women in Ethiopia. Our partners expand the limited educational opportunities and access for children living with disabilities, providing mobility aids, subsidies, and extra

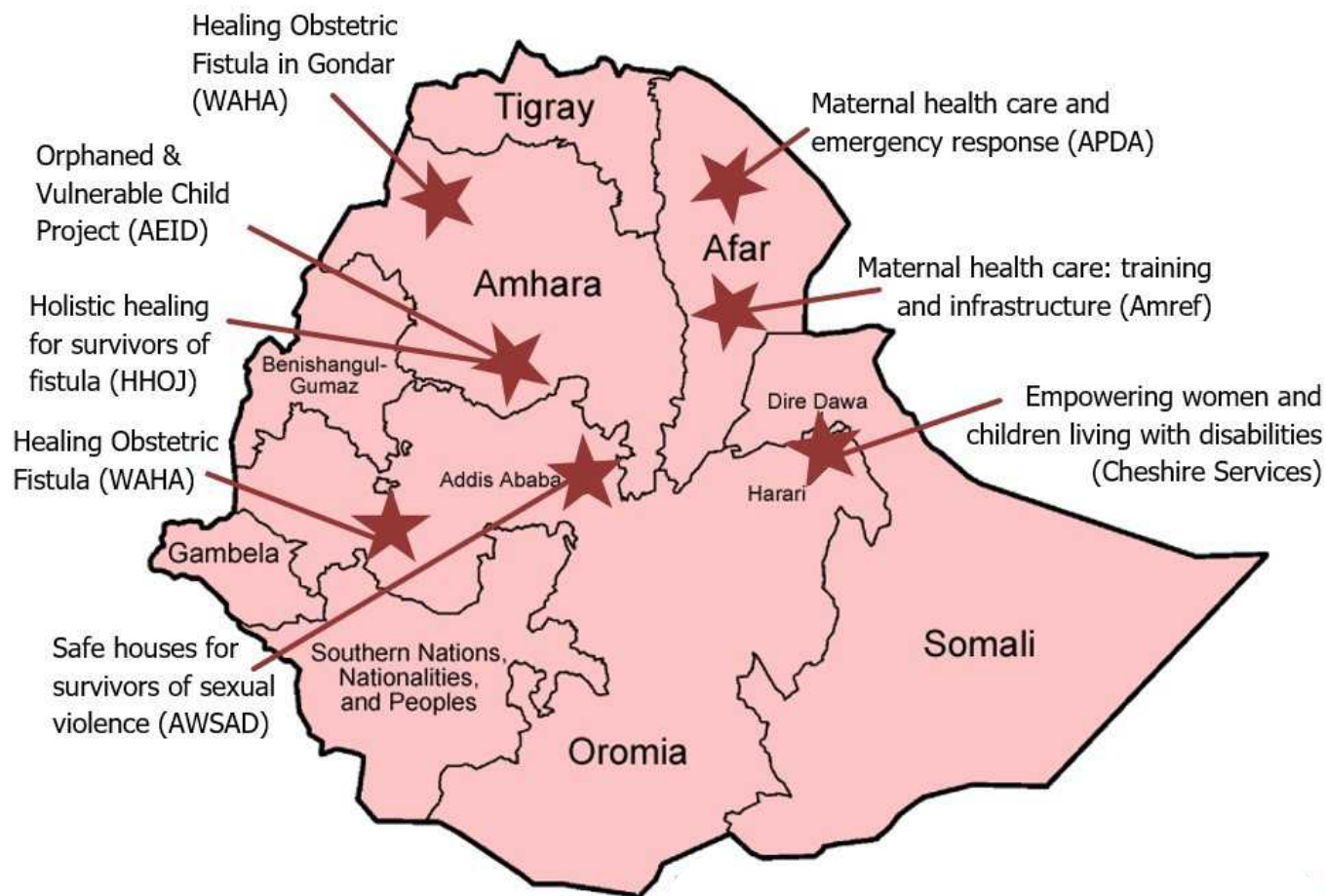
educational support. We also support projects in rural areas that aim to give people access to literacy.

### Supporting People Living In Areas Affected By Extreme Weather Conditions

Our partners work closely with local communities to respond to disasters and to ensure a sustainable recovery and the prevention of future disasters. Our current support focuses on providing emergency veterinary care in rural Afar as it battles a constant drought and fights the destruction of its crops from desert locusts. The health of the herd reflects the health of the family.

## WHERE WE WORK

Ethiopiaid Canada believes that we can have a greater and more sustainable impact on Ethiopia's development by working directly with Ethiopian partner organizations who know their communities best. We form long-lasting partnerships with local Ethiopian organizations who have experience and expertise, and who demonstrate a track record of accountability and results. In 2018-2019, our work took place across several regions and communities in Ethiopia:



## OUR PARTNERS

Ethiopiaid Canada forms partnerships with local Ethiopian organizations who have expertise in one of our three pillars of work and demonstrate a track-record of financial accountability and a strong commitment to results. We regularly monitor and evaluate our partners' work to ensure that our projects achieve their agreed upon goals.

### WOMEN AND HEALTH ALLIANCE

Women and Health Alliance (WAHA) strives to improve access to quality reproductive healthcare in Ethiopia. The organization works to increase the capacity of local midwives to provide quality maternal care and to ensure comprehensive care for women with birth complications. Ethiopiaid worked with WAHA to assist women suffering from obstetric fistula and other pelvic floor disorders. Ethiopiaid funds fistula surgeries, including pre- and post-operative care, physiotherapy, and social care. We also equip community health workers to provide education

and awareness on the prevention and treatment of fistula. Ethiopiaid Canada's partnership with Women and Health Alliance (WAHA) for women suffering from obstetric fistula in Gondar continued into 2018 and 2019 and expanded into Jimma in 2019. Overall, holistic fistula repair surgery and treatment was provided to 522 women admitted to WAHA's fistula centre between Gondar and Jimma. Care and treatment services were provided by WAHA's senior fistula surgeon, with the team including a gynecologist, gynecology residents, anesthetists, nurses and physiotherapists.

Where required, patients were supplied with physiotherapy support to respond to disabilities acquired as a result of fistula. To support their psychological wellbeing, all fistula patients that were admitted attended group counselling during admission and discharge. Those patients who required special attention also received individual counselling. WAHA has now absolved and the local staff who were working on the project will soon be operating with a new charitable number and name.



*Two Fistula Patients In Recovery*



*Dr. Zelalem & Dr. Ambaye (Fistula Surgeons)*



## AMREF

Amref aims to create lasting health changes in Africa. Their vision is to create holistic and community-based health services that work for Africans.

Ethiopiaid supported a four-year comprehensive maternal and child health care program in the Afar region with our partner Amref. The project is funded in part by the Canadian government, in collaboration with Ethiopiaid Canada and other donors.

The project is working towards improving reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health among mothers, newborns and children in the Afar region through a collaborative approach to address gaps in both the supply and demand of reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health (RMNCH) services in communities and health facilities.

The project aims to have more women give birth in the presence of a skilled attendant, more community members to receive gender-sensitive care, and more children to be treated for malnutrition, tuberculosis, malaria and HIV while employing best practices in sanitation and hygiene. In 2019, we supported the project in its final year. In 2018-2019, key highlights of the overall project's outcomes included:

- 121 health workers were trained on the provision of gender-sensitive RMNCH services and best practices in sanitation and hygiene.
- 48 Health Extension Workers have been enrolled in a one year Diploma Level IV Program.
- Specialized Newborn Care Education (SNCE) training was provided to 45 mid-level health workers in Afar
- 50 portable solar power units called "solar suitcases," have been installed at three health care facilities
- 23 (19 male, 4 female) health workers were trained on infection control
- 19 Health Extension Workers were trained on community based Comprehensive Sexuality Education



Left: Midwife trained by AMREF working at a health centre  
Above: A mother and her child attending a nutritional health workshop



*Above: Students in Cheshire Services inclusive kindergarten class  
Right: Naima, a young woman with a disability who accessed Cheshire's microloan program and has now opened her own shop.*

## CHESHIRE SERVICES ETHIOPIA

Cheshire works for a disability inclusive society by providing comprehensive rehabilitation services to people with disabilities through affordable technology, quality service, effective partnerships and inclusion of persons with disabilities. This includes providing mobility aids, offering educational subsidies, and creating a more accessible environment. We also support home-based care to children with disabilities. Cheshire also runs an inclusive kindergarten class, where children with physical and developmental disabilities learn alongside their peers and receive special support from their teachers.

Ethiopiaid Canada's partner Cheshire Services has been actively promoting social inclusion and acceptance for children, youth and women living with disabilities for over 50 years. In 2018-2019, Ethiopiaid supported Cheshire to empower women and girls with disabilities and these were some of the accomplishments:



- 240 women with disabilities and mothers of children with disabilities were provided with micro loans and business skills training
- 134 children with disabilities were provided educational support
- 395 women and girls with disabilities and mothers of children with disabilities were trained on sexual reproductive health, sexual abuse and harassment as well as the rights of women and girls
- 118 women and girls with disabilities received access to assistive devices
- 63 women and children were provided home based rehabilitation provisions

*Left: A young girl is being fitted for prosthetics at Cheshire Services prosthetics factory and rehabilitation centre*



## AWSAD

The Association for Women's Sanctuary and Development (AWSAD) provides holistic rehabilitation and reintegration services for women and girl survivors of sexual violence. It provides them with a women's-only shelter, psychological counseling, legal aid and other services to help them recuperate from trauma and reintegrate into society. AWSAD also offers skills training to its residents to support their initiatives to be economically self-reliant

Ethiopiaid helps AWSAD provide care to female victims of violence. We fund medical treatments, counseling, and legal and education services for women living in the safe house. We also help with the operation costs of the safe house.

Violence against women and girls is one of the most widespread violations of human rights, with 35% of women worldwide experiencing violence in their lifetime. There are high rates of violence against women across Ethiopia, including intimate partner violence, non-partner sexual violence, trafficking, female genital mutilation (FGM) and early and forced

marriage. 48.7% of Ethiopian women aged 15-79 report experiencing physical intimate partner violence in their lifetime, 59% reported sexual partner violence, and 19% of girls are married by the age of 15. In addition, 74% of women aged 15-49 in Ethiopia have undergone some form of FGM. Despite this, there are limited services for survivors of violence and the implementation of policies and laws is weak.

Ethiopiaid's local partner, AWSAD, runs five of the estimated twelve shelters for survivors of violence across the whole of Ethiopia. The majority of clients who come to AWSAD have experienced sexual violence, including rape and attempted rape. Other forms of violence experienced by clients at the shelter include coercive control (particularly economic violence), intimate partner violence, trafficking, attempted murder, and child abuse. New forms of violence, including acid attacks and gang rapes, are also increasingly being seen by AWSAD. Ethiopiaid Canada has supported the safehouses in both Addis Ababa as well as the city of Dessie.



*A young 15-year-old survivor and her daughter, just after a martial arts class*



*Ethiopiaid Canada and Ethiopiaid Ireland Executive Director visiting the safehouse in Addis Ababa*

- 62 women & girls and 32 of their children received all the safehouse services (safe space, food, counseling, medical treatment, legal follow up and basic literacy services. Medical service has been provided for 42 survivors and their 20 children and 7 children were born in the safe house.
- 101 survivors who filed a court case and 21 of these cases were successful while the others are still pending
- 47 survivors took a self-defence training three times a week by professional trainer in the safe house compound.
- 68 survivors were given access to basic literacy



Above: Emergency veterinary care in Afar  
Right: Valerie Browning (head of APDA) speaking with local community members



## AFAR PASTORALIST DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

The Afar Pastoralist Development Association (APDA) undertakes projects that contribute to the development and well-being of the Afar people of Ethiopia. The organization focuses on vulnerable women and children, mobile health and vaccination, water provision and harvesting, maternal and child health activities, emergency veterinary care and education for Afar children. APDA also helps people to earn a living through improving animal husbandry and engages in relief efforts in times of crisis such as drought. Ethiopiaid partners with APDA to advance the development of the Afar people. In 2018-2019, Ethiopiaid has supported APDA through by funding emergency veterinary care projects and by providing funding to support critical work on female genital mutilation (FGM) awareness throughout the region.



- Three anti-FGM conferences were held that included 70 leading clan elders, 25 leading youth and 24 people representing government offices
- The creation of a printed booklet about ending harmful traditional practices that was distributed in the community
- Dubte, Sifra, Finto in Awra and Digdiga in Teeru received three, 10-day campaigns of emergency veterinary care; equipped with needed medicines and veterinary equipment.
- More than 63,000 animals were treated (impacting more than 5,200 households) including cattle, camels, shoats (a cross between a sheep and a goat) and donkeys
- A total of 7,500 quintals of hay were distributed (75,000 kilograms) to a total of 20,835 goats in 1,569 households.

Left: Our visit with a young mother and her community to discuss the roles of women in the family unit



## AFRO ETHIOPIA INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT (AEID)

Our newest partners in Ethiopia, Afro Ethiopia strives to eradicate rural poverty, foster sustainable socio-economic development, and improve the livelihoods of Ethiopian people. The organization achieves this by securing access to potable water, enhancing hygiene and sanitation, promoting natural resources management, building the capacity of local communities, and supporting orphaned and vulnerable children.

Ethiopiaid Canada supports their program for orphaned and vulnerable children that seeks to improve the primary health condition of orphaned and vulnerable children, strengthens the livelihood activities of their foster parents, increases academic performance of these children and enhances the communication and self-esteem of orphaned and vulnerable children.



*This is Hikma, a young girl who is a single-parent orphan. Here she is at the Saturday school program run by AEID for the OVC's.*



*A graduate of the orphaned and vulnerable child program who now earns an income basket weaving*

*90 orphaned and vulnerable children were provided:*

- Food allowance
- Sanitary materials
- School uniform
- School supplies



## HEALING HANDS OF JOY

Healing Hands of Joy strives to radically reduce new cases of obstetric fistula and ensures that fistula survivors are empowered and successfully reintegrated as self-contributors to their communities and educators in safe delivery.

Ethiopiaid Canada will support this project by providing micro loans for 30 women to support their economic independence. All the women will be supported with a business plan and a business start-up fund. We will also fund seven community engagement events to inform the rural community at large about the true causes of fistula and the steps they can take to end its prevalence in their community. In addition to community engagement events, we will support five stakeholder workshops. These workshops allow Safe Motherhood Ambassadors (SMA) to connect with influential members of their communities that can form a support network for their reintegration and SMA work.



*A mother with her child*



*Graduates of the safe motherhood ambassador program*

# OUR SUPPORTERS IN FACTS & FIGURES

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR INDIVIDUAL DONORS, FOUNDATIONS & CORPORATIONS!

Between 2018-2019 you donated a total of \$ for critical and life-saving programs. Thank You!

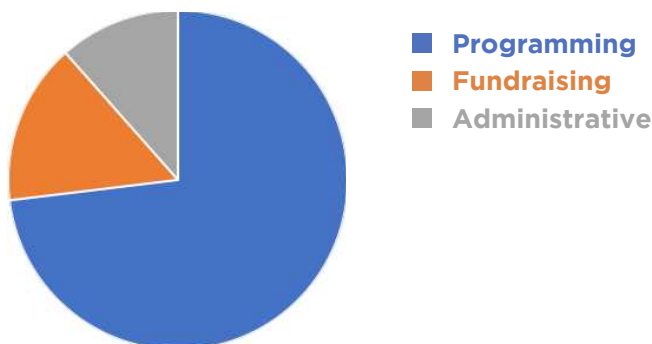
At Ethiopiaid Canada, 76 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to Ethiopia. We are a small, grassroots team of two people without a lot of overhead, only 12% to be exact. The Executive Director travels to Ethiopia to do the monitoring and evaluation and can speak to you directly about the impact of the donations.

We also invest in fundraising wisely and make decisions that lead to a sustainable future for Ethiopiaid Canada.

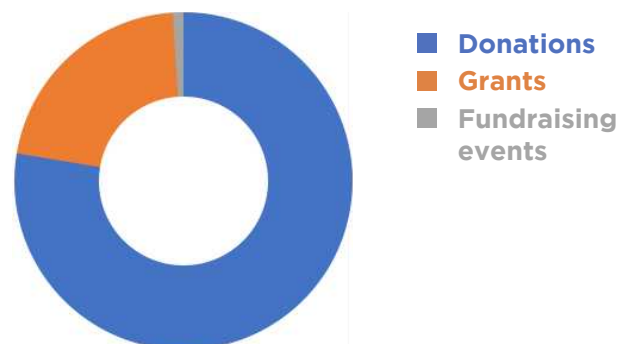
## ETHIOPIAID CANADA STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

| REVENUES                                   | 2019       | 2018          |
|--|------------|---------------|
| Donations                                  | \$ 551,491 | \$ 328,691    |
| Grant from Ethiopiaid UK                   | \$ 151,741 | \$ 159,940    |
| Fundraising events                         | \$ 7,226   | N/A           |
| Interest income                            | \$ 2,827   | \$ 2,302      |
|  | \$713,285  | \$ 490,933    |
| EXPENDITURES                               |            |               |
| Program support in Ethiopia, Schedule 1    | \$ 542,725 | \$ 351,099    |
| Fundraising and communications, Schedule 1 | \$ 115,564 | \$ 91,752     |
| Management and administration, Schedule 1  | \$ 86,702  | \$ 60,898     |
|  | \$ 744,991 | \$ 503,749    |
| DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES   | (31,706)   | (12,816)      |
| BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR                 | \$ 289,265 | \$ 302,081    |
| BALANCE, END OF YEAR                       | \$ 257,559 | \$ \$ 289,265 |

### WHERE DOES YOUR MONEY GO?



### WHERE DO OUR FUNDS COME FROM?



## WHAT OUR DONORS HAD TO SAY:



*"I first heard about Ethiopiaid through a former friend who worked for me for a number of years. I was impressed with the work that was so unique and yet necessary to relieve the anguish that so many young girls are subjected to in this country. Non-skilled people out in the country perform fistula surgeries on these young girls who are often under 10 years of age leaving them mutilated in such a way that many of them die while giving birth. They then seek out help to correct the problem which brings them to Ethiopiaid. They provide a service in a hospital where they operate on them for free and correct the mutilation. There is opportunity for them to have counselling and are given a new dress prior to leaving for their village. I have supported this work for many years and am glad to have been made aware of this organization that has such a holistic approach. It will continue to be one of the charities that I support wholeheartedly."*

*Hazel Boyd, Donor*

*"Sending a cheque to help the girls and women who suffer with obstetric fistula. It makes me realize how fortunate we are. My hope and prayers are that these young girls will not be married at such a young age and have children when they are children themselves. That this practice will change. Thank you for what you are doing to relieve their suffering."*

*A donor from British Columbia*

*"In November of 2019 I was very glad to be able to return to Ethiopia to visit some of the projects that are supported by the donors of Ethiopiaid Canada. The projects at Hope Enterprises, Cheshire Services and AWSAD are especially dear to my heart. The children being taken care of and educated at Hope, the disabled children at Cheshire, the women and children at AWSAD are all so worthy of our support. There are many such projects throughout Ethiopia, so many are supported by Ethiopiaid in Canada, U.K. And Australia. The Executive Directors of each work so hard to monitor the projects carefully and to bring awareness to the many donors in each country. The need is great in Ethiopia, as in so many countries in Africa, and obviously one cannot support all projects, but those chosen fulfill ongoing care and support for those fortunate enough to be sponsored. On this trip I was also able to meet Valerie Browning and learn much more about the amazing people and culture of Afar. As I learn more I realize how much greater the need it. I felt very fortunate to improve my knowledge of the country and its people. The appreciation of the people of Ethiopia for all support is beyond measure."*

*Sue Ferguson, Donor and Fundraiser*





# STAFF



**Kristin Douglas**  
**Executive Director**

Kristin Douglas joined the Ethiopiaid team as Executive Director in September 2018. Kristin is an enthusiastic non-profit expert who brings more than 7 years of professional experience from both small, grassroots non-profits, as well as large, national and international NGO's. With a BA in Philosophy, Minor in Social Justice and MSc in Human Rights & International Politics, she has a passion for the type of work that Ethiopiaid does as well as an appreciation for our approach in how we conduct the work that we do. Some of her interests include international travel, human rights advocacy, women's empowerment, and justice for political prisoners.



**Kayleigh Jooste**  
**Fundraising and Communications Officer**

Kayleigh Jooste joined the Ethiopiaid Canada staff as a Program, Fundraising & Communication Officer in February 2019. Prior to holding this role, she worked in fundraising, communications, public engagement and volunteer management at various non-profit organizations in Ottawa and Toronto. Kayleigh is a graduate of Trent University with an Honours Bachelor of Arts in History and Anthropology, and of the Humber College Fundraising and Volunteer Management Post-Graduate Certificate Program. She is passionate about politics, social justice, and gender equality, and outside of work spends much of her time engaging with these issues in her community.



*The Sister to Sister: Kehit Lehit Committee*

## **Sister to Sister: Kehit Lehit**

In 2019, Ethiopiaid Canada started a project called Sister to Sister: Kehit Lehit to engage the Ethiopian community in Canada, to connect and share networks between NGOs and diaspora communities and to support projects aiming to empower women in Ethiopia. We launched our first event in November 2019—the Sister to Sister: Kehit Lehit Women's Empowerment Brunch. More than 100 people attended including the Ethiopian Ambassador Nasise Challi Jira and Prince Ermias Sahle Selassie, Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia. We raised over \$5,000 dollars and donated the proceeds to our new partner, Healing Hands of Joy.

## **Volunteers**

Thank you so much to all of our dedicated volunteers who spent many hours last year supporting Ethiopiaid's work. As such a small staff with limited overheads, we really rely on volunteers to provide vital contributions to our work.

Last but not least, an enormous thanks to our volunteer Board of Directors!

As of July, 2020, Pierre Barbeau will be stepping in as our Interim Chair as we search for a new Chair and we will be welcoming two new Board Members, Ted Dreger and David Thompson. We also would like to sincerely thank Alexandra Chapman, Patty Carson and Betty Hope-Gittens for their time on our Board. They have contributed immensely and positively contributed to the growth of Ethiopiaid Canada.

## **Board of Directors**

Mahlet Seifu - Board Chair  
Pierre Barbeau - Director  
Erica Dorvault - Director  
Ruth Foster - Director  
David Kilgour - Director  
Daniel Sahleyesus - Director

# ETHIOPIAID: PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Ethiopiaid Canada is part of an international network of Ethiopiaid charities with offices in the United Kingdom, Ireland, and Australia. Together, we have more than 30 years of experience in creating lasting change through collaboration with Ethiopian partner organizations. In 2019, we came together produce a new global strategic plan 2020, aiming to bring together a coherent and effective global plan for the years ahead. Stay tuned for more information!

Ethiopiaid Canada also celebrated its ten year anniversary in 2019. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for support over the last ten years. We hope we can count on your support for the next decade and beyond as we continue to strive to empower people in Ethiopia to live healthy and productive lives.

## EXCITING NEWS: GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA FUNDING

In April 2019, we found out that we were successful in receiving funding from Global Affairs Canada. Ethiopiaid Canada will receive \$1.6 million over four years from Global Affairs Canada. This support to small and medium organizations for innovative projects is part of the Feminist International Assistance Policy.

In Ethiopia, women and girls' low status in society makes them extremely vulnerable, unable to make choices about their own and their family's development, or to take advantage of opportunities to fully participate in society. Women are also affected by a lack of access to quality sexual and reproductive health services, as well as by harmful traditional practices and gender-based violence. This project will enhance the well-being of 6,190 marginalized women and girls in four districts of the Afar and Harari regions of Ethiopia. Ethiopiaid, through its local partners, the Afar Pastoralist Development Association and Cheshire Services Ethiopia, will increase access to and utilization of sexual and reproductive health and rights services by marginalized women and girls and create income-generating opportunities for women and youth through vocational training and business skills development.

## SUPPORT FROM PARTNERS IN THE HORN OF AFRICA

We are excited to announce that in 2019, Partners in the Horn of Africa—a long-standing charity whose reputation revolves around its support of hundreds of sustainable projects in Ethiopia, has made a matching contribution for a total of \$248,000 to support our partnerships with Women's and Health Alliance, the Afar Pastoralist Development Association as well as the Association for Women's Sanctuary and Development. Like us, Partners in the Horn of Africa aims to improve the lives of Ethiopians by listening to their needs and partnering with them on projects that empower communities and contribute to their well-being.

As Partners in the Horn of Africa's incredible journey comes to a close, they wanted to ensure that they made a lasting impact. Giving to Ethiopiaid Canada seemed like a natural fit because of how closely our missions aligned, the similarity of our priorities and goals and our shared commitment to transparency and accountability. Ethiopiaid Canada is very grateful for this contribution, which will be felt for years to come in the communities that are being supported in Ethiopia.