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UNLOCKING THE POWER OF
WOMEN AND GIRLS IN ETHIOPIA

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Dear Reader,

On behalf of Ethiopiaid Canada, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks for all the support you have demonstrated to us this past year!

We are very proud that so many of you believe in our vision, and are prepared to help Ethiopiaid heal, transform lives and empower women in Ethiopia. We received several major gifts in 2015, and we now have several hundred loyal monthly donors. Your solidarity bestows an essential responsibility on us, which is to ensure that your donations are wisely used, spent where they are most needed, and have the best long-term benefits. We make efforts to be fully accountable for all aspects of our work: from raising awareness and funds in Canada to how effectively our partners manage and deliver programs, and what lasting positive changes these bring to the thousands of people we reach.

Solidarity and autonomy start with the grass roots. Our proven development model of supporting local organizations as agents of change within their own communities is one of the ways Ethiopiaid makes a significant difference with your gifts. Our partners, civil society organizations strictly regulated by local and national governments, embody the future of a more caring, more humane Ethiopia. They demonstrate how transformative change in communities can happen from within. The notion now prevails that, thanks to demonstrable achievements by the international development community and donor institutions, from small communities to large developing urban societies. The opportunity to end discrimination towards all women and girls by 2030, to eliminate harmful traditional practices, and to empower women to take charge of their own destinies is within reach.

Ethiopiaid Canada's mission is well aligned to support these ambitious goals. Our new Prime Minister in Canada has prioritized the improvement of women's condition around the world. We provided valuable input to the Global Affairs Canada (GAC) International Assistance Review, and look forward to explore potential funding opportunities and collaborations. In 2016, thanks to your loyal support, new partnerships and the expansion of some programs, we will enable more vulnerable women, children and families in Ethiopia become autonomous.

With our sincere gratitude,

Olivier Bonnet
Executive Director, Ethiopiaid Canada

Robert Gowan
Interim Chair, Ethiopiaid Canada

The woman is the foundation on which nations are built. She is the heart of her nation. If that heart is weak, the people are weak. If her heart is strong and her mind is clear, then the nation is strong and knows its purpose. The woman is the center of everything.

~ Ojibwe saying



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At Ethiopiaid Canada, we believe sustainable change is inclusive and locally sourced.

Ethiopiaid Canada is a charitable international development organization committed to empowering vulnerable people in Ethiopia to live healthy and productive lives. We seek 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 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.

VISION AND MISSION

Our vision is an Ethiopia free from poverty in which every person has access to quality education, health care and a life of dignity, and our mission to break the cycle of poverty in Ethiopia by enabling local communities to realize their potential. Our mission is to contribute to Ethiopia achieving its target of becoming a middle-income country no longer reliant on foreign aid.

ETHIOPIAID CANADA'S PROGRAM FOCUS

Improve educational and/or sustainable employment for women, adolescent girls and children;

Increase access to quality maternal and childhealth services;

Expand women's access to economic opportunities and assets.



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PROGRAM UPDATES

"It is unacceptable that in 2016, women are still denied an education, forced into an early marriage, or made victims of gender-based violence. As leaders, as parents, as community members, upholding women's rights should be – and must be – a priority for us all."

~ Prime Minister of Canada, Justin Trudeau



Healing Fistula Patients Holistically

The World Health Organization has called fistula "the single most dramatic aftermath of neglected childbirth." In addition to incontinence, many fistula victims suffer severe nerve damage and psychological trauma.

FISTULA TREATMENT IN ADDIS ABABA

In 2015, the Addis Ababa Hamlin Fistula Hospital provided life-changing surgeries to 1,351 women suffering from fistula and 166 women were treated for uterine prolapse. The success rate was 87%. There were an additional 279 minor surgeries such as C-sections. These women had the opportunity to heal physically and emotionally. *With your support, Ethiopiaid Canada funded the comprehensive treatment of 175 women at the Hamlin Fistula Hospital in 2015.*

The Hamlin Fistula Hospital plays a pivotal role in the government's plan to eliminate obstetric fistula by 2020. Recent research carried out by the Hospital in other regions indicates that the number of new fistula cases has dropped to approximately 3,500 per year. However, pelvic organ prolapse cases, another consequence of obstructed labour, are increasing.

Last year, 22 midwife graduated from the Hamlin College of Midwives at the end of a 4 year training. They were deployed across 17 rural health centres and carried out preventive, curative and promotive reproductive health services in the health centers where they work. They attended to over 13,000 deliveries, provided antenatal care for 18,498 pregnant mothers and family planning for thousands of other women in rural communities.

FISTULA TREATMENT, REHABILITATION AND PREVENTION IN NORTHERN ETHIOPIA

In 2015, we began our partnership with Women and Health Alliance (WAHA) to finance an integrated program for women suffering from obstetric fistula in Gondar. Dr. Mulu Muleta is the surgeon who manages all aspects of the program. She oversees fistula surgery and treatment in two other regional hospitals, Jimma and Asella. She has dedicated 20 years of her life to fistula, and has gained international recognition for her achievements. Last year, 175 women were treated for fistula in Gondar's Fistula Hospital, and another 10 for pelvic organ prolapse, with success rates of approx. 92%. *With your support, Ethiopiaid Canada funded the comprehensive treatment of 65 women last year.* As in Addis Ababa, the services and caring attention provided at

Gondar's Fistula Hospital transform these women's lives by restoring an invaluable asset, their dignity. Once healed, these women have opportunities to return to a productive life. Two crafts training and production centres in Gondar and Dabat provide livelihood skills training and regular income to former fistula patients. *Last year, we helped 27 women learn these skills as well as basic numeracy and literacy.* This program also has an important prevention component. 45 maternal health advocates (MHA), former fistula patients, attend community meetings with local elders, marketplace or church gatherings in all villages of three districts. Last year they spoke out in over 2,000 meetings, in the presence of husbands and men, to dispel prejudices and ignorance about fistula. They explain that fistula can be treated, is preventable, and that early marriage is illegal. They also made over 2,600 home visits to check on young pregnant mothers for referral to local health centres or to the Fistula Hospital.

The Amhara region has the highest rate of early marriage, so Ethiopiaid Canada is expanding its support to this program. In 2016, we will cover fistula surgeries, rehabilitation and skills trainings in Gondar for 200 women.



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"Canada is committed to putting women and girls at the centre of our efforts to improve global health. To do that we have to break down the many barriers they face, including lack of access to quality education, economic opportunities and health services."

*~ Marie-Claude Bibeau,
Minister of International
Development and La Francophonie*

Training Midwives to Reduce Maternal and Child Mortality

In Ethiopia's remote South Omo Zone, much of the population is made up of nomadic pastoralists who depend upon livestock as their main source of livelihood, and is characterized by poverty, underdevelopment and lack of services. The availability of critical health services is significantly low, contributing towards higher death rates among mothers and children. A study showed that 91% of women in South Omo were giving birth at home without skilled health attendance. Approximately 15% of pregnant women in Ethiopia develop potentially life-threatening obstetric complications (State of Ethiopia's Midwifery, UNFPA, 2012).

The contribution of trained Midwives cannot be understated in preventing these deaths and in ensuring the health of women, newborns and children. Quality midwifery services that are coordinated and integrated within communities and within the health

system ensure that a continuum of care can be provided throughout pregnancy, child birth and beyond.

MIDWIVES FOR SOUTH OMO

Amref Health Ethiopia has worked in this region since 2012. It established an integrated maternal and child health care project to improve services and train skilled staff, in order to reduce maternal and infant mortality in the region. In 2015, **Ethiopiaid Canada partnered with Amref to fund the final year of training for a cohort of 29 midwifery students.** These young women will complete a three-year training course at the Arba Minch Health Sciences Institute and are being trained in their local language, Mursi. This approach will make it much easier for them to earn trust when they are deployed back into their communities. Midwives can perform up to 500 safe deliveries each year.

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CARE IN AFAR

Building on its achievements in South Omo, Amref Health Ethiopia begins an integrated maternal and child health care program in eight districts of Afar region this year, which will run until 2020. The program will contribute towards reduced maternal, neonatal and child mortality in this remote region. It will provide training of health workers, improve integrated reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health (RMNCH) services, as well as water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in targeted communities and health facilities, for a total of 315,000 beneficiaries. Ethiopiaid also expects this program will have a significant impact on gender inequality and harmful traditional practices, so it was decided to expand our partnership with Amref and commit to support the program for its entire duration.



*A trained Midwife doing
a prenatal check-up,
Jinka Hospital in South Omo
© Amref Health Ethiopia*

Social Inclusion:

Care and autonomy for disabled children, youth and women

In Ethiopia, people with disabilities are at the bottom rung of the well-being ladder. Sadly they are victims of discrimination and prejudice in all spheres. The services they require in terms of specialized health care and education, or physical accessibility to schools, employment or transport are virtually inexistent. Our long-standing partnership with Cheshire Services in Harar, eastern Ethiopia, has helped empower thousands of children and adults with disabilities. Cheshire actively promotes social inclusion and acceptance of children, youth and women living with disabilities. The project includes physical rehabilitation, educational support, stigma reduction, and micro-loans for families in Harar and its neighbouring communities.

In 2015, thanks to your support we were able to achieve the following:

- Provide 255 children, youth and adults with physical aids such as crutches, wheelchairs and vision devices;
- Provide inclusive kindergarten education services throughout the year for 25 children with physical or intellectual disabilities;
- Organize a music band and dancing shows for youth with disabilities;
- Construct 5 ramps and adapted toilets in local schools in the region;
- Provide support to 141 youth with disabilities (many of them girls) to continue attending school;
- Provide business skills training and microloans to 15 disabled women and women with disabled children (sustainable livelihood program).



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"History will judge us by the difference we make in the everyday life of children."

~ Nelson Mandela



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From the Street to a Job:

Empowering Vulnerable Youth with Skills

Our partner Hope provides free meals in different parts of Addis Ababa, and runs a variety of vocational technical trainings targeting youth, in an effort to afford better life opportunities for children and youth who have lived on the margins of society for most of their lives. Homeless adolescent girls and boys can enroll in the Vocational Training program, and learn trades such as carpentry, cooking and catering, metallurgy, electricity, or tailoring, based on market needs. The two year trainings are certified and comply with strict government standards.

Hope then helps the trainees find work in local companies or supports the most entrepreneurial to become self-employed.

With your support, we provided custodial training to 20 street girls, and vocational training to 125 youth (53 girls) who became certified trainees in 2015. 96% of them secured employment within a few months, and are now able to be productive members of society – a significant socio-economic impact!



OUR SUPPORTERS

THANK YOU to all our individual, foundation and corporate donors!

In 2015, we received **\$67,200** in
major gifts from individual donors!

"I hope that someday women and girls in Ethiopia will be
treated as all women should be treated: to be able to feel and
say what they think, without being afraid of consequences."

Myrna, donor from Manitoba

The cumulated total of our monthly
donations amounted to **\$66,672** for
the year 2015! Thank you for your loyalty:
it enables us to achieve our long-term goals.



OLIVIER BONNET



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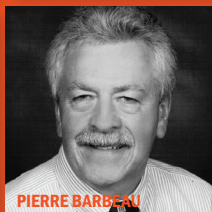
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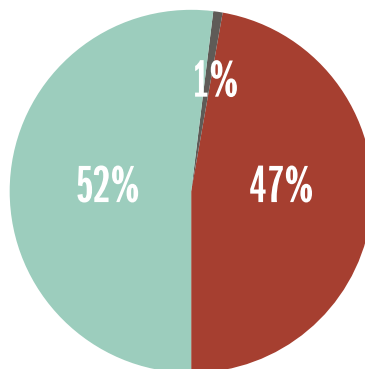
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Thank you to all our volunteers and collaborators
who contributed to Ethiopiaid's work in 2015.
YOUR SUPPORT IS MUCH APPRECIATED!

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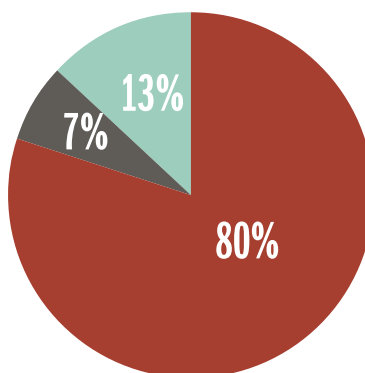
In 2015, Ethiopiaid Canada's sister organization in the UK reduced its annual grant which helps offset our fund-raising and administration costs. Thanks to the loyalty of our donors and to several major gifts, not only did we manage for the first time to commit all the funds raised in Canada to our programs in Ethiopia, but we also significantly reduced our fundraising expenditure from the previous year. In turn, the ratio of funds allocated to programs increased, while we continued to maintain extremely low overheads that compare very favourably to those of international development NGOs. This is a great source of pride for Ethiopiaid Canada.

Ethiopia remains prone to food insecurity and natural disasters such as droughts and floods, so a portion of our project reserve was used earlier this year to provide relief to Afar communities made destitute by the prolonged drought.



INCOME

DONATIONS	\$245,834
INTEREST	\$2,245
GRANTS	\$221,000



EXPENDITURE

PROGRAM FUNDS COMMITTED	\$552,924
ADMINISTRATION	\$51,126
FUNDRAISING AND COMMUNICATIONS	\$91,401



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We established some new partnerships in 2015 which we will expand this year.

The excess of revenue over expenses is detailed in our audited financial statements that are available on our website. Our projects cross fiscal years, so any excess is absorbed to cover project expenses incurred in the following fiscal year or subsequent years. As all charities are required to do, we report additional financial information to the Canada Revenue Agency in our annual information return.

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