



## OVERVIEW OF Ethiopia

### Overview of Ethiopia



YEAR OF  
N/A

INDEPENDENCE  
Ethiopia is one of the few African countries to have maintained its independence.

POPULATION  
82,000,000  
MILLION

38.9%  
Population  
BELOW  
poverty line

### Languages

Major languages in Ethiopia are Amharic (official National) 29.3%, Oromifa (official regional) 33.8%, Somaligna (official regional) 6.2%, and Tigrigna (official regional) 5.9%. There are also other ethnic languages, some of which are serving as working official languages. These include Sidamigna 4%, Wolayitigna 2.2%, Guaragigna 2%, Affarigna 1.7%, Hadiyigna 1.7%, and Gamogna 1.5%. English is a major foreign language taught in schools.

**Under-five Mortality Rate:** 106 per 1,000 live births  
Ethiopia ranks 23 in the world.

**Human Development Index (HDI) for 2011:** 0.363 (ranked 174 out of 187, indicating low human development).

### Brief History of ChildFund in Ethiopia

**ChildFund came to existence in Ethiopia: 1971**

**Number of enrolled children FY12: 37,927**

**ChildFund Ethiopia Works in Four Regions**

**Number of beneficiaries FY12: 1,141,248**

**ChildFund Ethiopia** was established in 1971 and currently supports 13 community based child development and protection programs in four regions (Amhara, Oromia, Southern Nation Nationalities and People - SNNP, and Addis Ababa). It is assisting over 37,000 children and about 30,000 families directly, and over 1 million community members.

# Brief Program Overview



ChildFund Ethiopia's vision for children in Ethiopia is that they will grow up in an environment where basic survival, development and protection needs are met and they are enabled to become productive citizens. Interventions are carried out through a multi-sectoral approach, focused on ensuring successful transitions between infancy, early childhood, middle childhood, adolescence and young adulthood to meet the following goals:

- Deprived, Excluded and Vulnerable infants and young children have improved cognitive, psycho-social and physical development.
- Education quality and life skills of girls and boys are improved.
- Disadvantaged youth in urban and rural environments are engaged, safe, have applicable skills and are hopeful for the future.
- ChildFund is a partner of choice building alliances and sustainable partnerships to improve the wellbeing of deprived, excluded and vulnerable children.
- Strong linkage between sponsorship and program is developed to improve the sponsorship relations process at all levels.
- Increase and diversify resources for deprived, excluded and vulnerable children.

## 2012 Program Achievements

### Care and Development of infants and young children

In FY12, 26 ECD centers were supported to improve access to safe water and personal hygiene. Initiatives included constructing portable water and 17 water points with a shower room, drilling two deep bore holes, and developing three springs to enable the community to enjoy safe water. In addition, a number of children received medical service (11,424), immunization (3,102), supplementary food (6,390), vitamin A and de-worming (875), school fees (465) and uniforms (65).

### Quality learning opportunities and enhancing achievements in basic education

ChildFund made great strides in improving educational quality by upgrading infrastructure and renovating more than 18 schools; providing educational resources and materials for 21,340 children and teachers; providing training for teachers; creating and strengthening participatory school governance; creating access and/or strengthening alternative basic education; and improving community child protection systems and health services.

### Leadership and livelihood skills for youth

To achieve the core outcome of skilled and involved youth, ChildFund assisted 623 youth with acquiring entrepreneurship skills and training. Training and RH service were provided to 2614 youth in an effort to protect them from RH related infectious diseases. With Australian AID support, a youth livelihood security project was implemented to improve agricultural productivity of youth farmers and their families. In addition 30 cisterns were constructed and handed over to involved youth, enabling them to start producing vegetables.

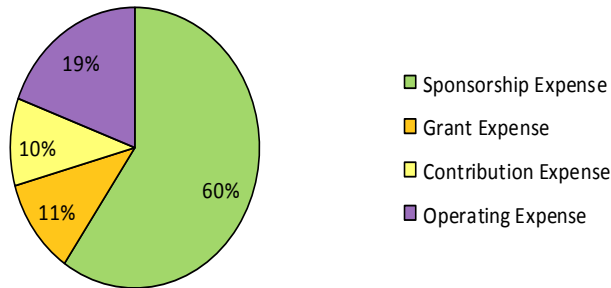
### Emergency

Emergency relief efforts included: (1) providing 18,431 drought affected people with general food support, edible oil and supplementary food; (2) providing 5,876 malnourished under five children with supplementary food; and (3) providing 1,622 pregnant/lactating mothers with supplementary food assistance through Siraro, Balaya and Sodo-Buee local partners. Further loss of assets was prevented by supporting livestock for the affected households who sold these productive assets to cope with the drought.



# Financial Report

## Ethiopia Total FY12 Expenses: \$11,629,811



## Ethiopia FY12

Sponsorship Expense	6,926,331	60%
Grant Expense	1,287,324	11%
Contribution Expense	1,171,331	10%
Operating Expense	2,244,825	19%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>11,629,811</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Challenges

Inadequate resources, which is one of the major challenges that ChildFund Ethiopia experienced, couldn't enable the organization to expand its coverage geographically and its program interventions to address more children.

## Why Sponsorship is Important

ChildFund is recognized for its sustainable support to children in need. Out of the total number of 39,000 children enrolled in 13 Local Partners, 31,061 children have sponsors. The majority of the sponsors are from ChildFund International, with the rest contributed by ChildFund Alliance members. In FY12, 60% of the annual budget of ChildFund Ethiopia was secured through sponsorship funds. The Sponsor Relations department is working vigorously to ensure its reliability to partners.

Like many others in the operational areas of ChildFund Ethiopia, Nurya, Hiwot and Munaja are from poor families in Aynage (one of the local partners). They live in a community that believes "educating girls is a waste." Girls are expected to marry so that their husbands can supplement the family's income. Through enrollment in sponsorship, this story is changing communities, families, children and youth, especially girls—they are recognizing the importance of education and school. Today, Nurya, Hiwot and Munaja are realizing their dreams. These visionaries are now 21 years old and enrolled in their third year at local universities. Nurya explained, "Currently, I'm studying medicine in Gonder University, many thanks to the Association and ChildFund. If I was not enrolled in the ChildFund project, I would have ended up being a housewife and mother of many." Hiwot and Munaja are third year students studying Management and Engineering, respectively, in Axum University.



**Munaja, Hiwot (middle)  
and Nurya**

