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ADHENO: Integrated Rural Development Association is a non-profit grass roots non governmental organization operating in North Shoa Zone of the Amhara Regional State, Ethiopia. The present issue of this Newsletter covers project activities undertaken over the first half of the year 2013. The activities are compiled under four headings.

1. Completed projects

1.1 CCRDA/Sida project

The multi-year support coming from the Swedish International Development Association (Sida) and administered by the Consortium for Christian Relief and Development Association (CCRDA) has been the back bone of ADHENO's activities since 2005. Over half a million tree seedlings were raised and planted in the project area. Several community members were trained on environmental rehabilitation, conservation of natural resources (soil, water and vegetation). Support was provided on income generation and economic empowerment for the less fortunate members of the community. In June 2013 an official project closing ceremony was organized at the project site (Workegur) where invited officials of relevant worda offices, beneficiary representatives and local CBO officers were present. Project achievements were presented and discussed following which the responsibility of sustaining project outcomes was transferred to the CBO and kebele officials.

1.2 The one-year project funded by MRDF also terminated in April 2013. Although short, the project has made a significant contribution particularly

toward strengthening the bee keepers' cooperative at Goshebado. The coop was provided with honey processing equipment as well as funds for the initial purchase of honey from the farmers. The visit of the MRDF Director (Dr Maurice Adams) and his staff has helped the ADHENO staff gain more credibility by the project beneficiaries at Goshebado. The meeting and intimate discussions with the beneficiaries at the project site has explored deeply into problems of bee keeping in the area. The discussion in the office has been educational particularly in developing project proposals with MRDF.



Photo1. Breaking Bread together

1.3 The project with CSSP too is limited to one year and will be completed in a few weeks. Two water springs have been developed, forty five youths trained and organized to manage a tree seedling station. Four individuals have been trained to produce fuel-saving stoves, of which some have already been produced and distributed. Eighty six destitute women were assisted in establishing income generating enterprises. Soil and water conservation works have been carried out in two watershed areas, and tree plantation (including fruit trees) has just been completed.

1.4 ADHENO has been involved during the reporting period in implementing a sizable relief project in Antsokia Woreda of Noth Shoa Zone. This involved in implementing the ECHO/Plan International-Ethiopia project in support of people affected by hail storm and flood. Cash was transferred to 935 households engaged in hillside terracing, 131 unconditional cash transfer in the highland, and restocking shoals for 210 households affected by flood in the lowland.

2. Projects in progress

2.1 With financial support received from DB/TCF, ADHENO started in January 2013 implementing a three-year project entitled “Environmental Rehabilitation and Economic Empowerment for Poverty Alleviation in Moyi kabele. Tree nurseries at Workegur and Kasset have been supported to produce indigenous tree seedlings. Support was also given to develop soil and water conservation structures at two sub-watershed areas. Additional seedlings (particularly coffee, fruit tree, and medicinal plants) have supplemented the locally produced indigenous tree seedlings. These activities were preceded by appropriate short trainings to selected local residents. Work has started on refurbishing the Farmers Training Center and building two class rooms at Amora Gedel.

2.2 Support to school girls

The first year plan of the new program in support of needy school girls has come to a successful completion. Thus the fund provided by the late Heywote Haile Meskal has been used to meet room rents for 16 girls attending grade 9 at Debre Berhan. The Dir-Biyabir support also went to the same group of girls to supplement their other costs (uniform, sanitation and, educational materials). Fourteen of the girls have been promoted to grade

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4.1 Forest Management

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4. School Support

4.1 Professor F.Turnowisky and M.Krötlinger, long established friends of ADHENO from Austria, donated their sizable wedding gift for building two additional class rooms at the Workegur elementary school. A contractor has been selected and ground breaking is expected soon.

4.2 Considering the hardship faced by secondary school students from several kebeles in and around the ADHENO project area, the Annual General Assembly of ADHENO held last March recommended to consider building a secondary school at Goshebado. The idea was appreciated by the Woreda Education Office which agreed to provide necessary staff and manage the school provided ADHENO could raise the funds for building. There is at

present little light on how to raise the estimated cost of 15 million Birr. Meanwhile ADHENO will explore support for the most needy school girls (see below)

4.3 Fourteen of the 16 secondary school girls who were provided with financial assistance form funds provided by the late Heywote Haile Meskal have been promoted to grade 10. The same group of girls were also provided with funds form the California-based NGO Dir-Biyabir to meet their other expenses. Both donors have indicated to continue their support. Dir-Biyabir has also provided funds to purchase stationeries for 89 elementary school girls. We have news that Dir-Biyabir will also continue to support the same girls in the coming academic year.

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CCRDA- Consortium of Christian Relief and Development Association

CSSP- Civil Society Support Program

DB- Dir-Biyabir

ECHO- European Commission for Humanitarian Organization

MRDF- Methodist Relief and Development Fund

PI-E- Plan International Ethiopia

SIDA- Swedish International Development Association

TCF- The Christensen Fund