



Report on Emergency Relief Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) sheltered in Debre-Berhan town

Implementing Organization: ADEHNO Integrated Rural Development Association

Donor: Ethiopians under the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido Medhanealem Church of Montreal, Canada

Total Project Budget: 779,434 ETB

Beneficiaries: New Arrival IDPs (3,020) sheltered at China Camp in Debre-Berhan

Project Period: One time Support



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1. Executive Summary

ADHENO Integrated Rural Development Association delivered food items to IDPs sheltered at China camp in Debre-Berhan. All the financial support came from *Members of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Medhanealem Church of Montreal* in Canada. ADHENO managed all the logistics of purchasing, transporting and delivering the items to IDPs.

Prior to the delivery of the food items, ADHENO has conducted a needs assessment. Based on a recommendation by the Mayor's Office of Debre-Berhan town, the needs assessment team paid a courteous visit to the China Camp, one of the six IDP sites in Debre-Berhan which hosts more than 12,000 IDPs. Recently (end of March), additional 3,020 new arrival IDPs joined the camp. However, they have not received any assistance from the government. The needs assessment team found out that these IDPs were in urgent needs of food assistances. Also, the needs assessment team was able to identify the pressing needs of IDPs which is Teff and other supplementary items to make Injera.

Fortunately, there are more than 10 international humanitarian organizations such as UNHCR, UNICIEF, International Medical Corps (IMC), Tesfa-Berhan, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), DEC among others in China camp. However, none of these organizations provide food items other than providing services related to shelter, medical, Gender Based Violence (GBV) protection, education, and psychosocial supports.

Based on the urgency of the support, members of the Montreal Medhanealem Church funded this one time support and ADHENO delivered the items which consisted of **75 quintals of Teff & 25 Quintals of Maize flour** in the presence of government officials, representatives from the Ethiopian Orthodox church, North Shoa Diocese and ADHENO's Executive Director & staff.

Ato Yonathan Fikre (ADHENO's ED) forwarded his sincere appreciations to members of the Montreal Medhanealem church for such priceless supports to the needy.

Megabi Senayat Yonas from the North Shoa Diocese expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Montreal Medhanealem church communities for the support that they have practically shown the teachings of the church in this difficult time.

Ato Anteneh G/Egziabher (from Debre-Berhan town Mayor's office) expressed his gratefulness to members of the Montreal Medhanealem Church & ADHENO for coordinating the support at this critical time on behalf the Mayor's Office.

The total project budget was **779,434 ETB** which covered expenses of the food items and other logistical expenses.

2. Background of ADHENO

[ADHENO Integrated Rural Development Association](#) (ADHENO) was established in 2002 G.C. and re-registered as “Local Organization” (Reg.No.0353) based on proclamation N^o 1113/2019 of Civil Society Organizations. ADHENO aspires to see healthy, socially and economically empowered, and self-sufficient rural people with sustained livelihoods. ADHENO has been actively working in the North Shewa Zone of Amhara region providing development related services on the thematic areas of sustainable environmental rehabilitation, food security and livelihood improvements with a focus on agriculture, gender, health and basic education for more than 20 years and has brought tremendous impacts.

ADHENO has also been actively engaging in humanitarian and emergency relief activities. For instance, it has delivered lifesaving Food and Non-Food Items (NFIs) support such as mattress, essential clothes, sanitary materials, schooling materials to Ataye communities, Shewarobit Communities, and IDPs sheltered in Debre-Birhan town with financial supports of individuals and organization both locally and in the diaspora community.

3. Background Information of the Support

Prior to the delivery of the food items, ADHENO has conducted a needs assessment. Based on a recommendation by the Mayor’s Office of Debre-Berhan Town, the needs assessment team paid a courteous visit to the China Camp, one of the six IDP sites in Debre-Berhan, hosting more than 12,000 IDPs. According to Ato Getye (an IDP representative at the camp), additional 3,020 IDPs joined the camp at the end of March 2023. These IDPs came from Anno & Bako areas of East Wellega Zone. These IDPs are being registered by the government. Yet, they have not received any assistance from the government. The needs assessment team found out that these IDPs were in [urgent needs of food assistances](#). Additionally, they are not allowed to work as a daily laborer in the town since they don’t have any Identification Cards (ID). Also, the needs assessment team was able to identify the pressing needs of IDPs which is [Teff to make Injera](#). This is because they have been baking Injera from Teff & maize for long time. Furthermore, IDPs recommended that they would be glad if they can be provided with Teff and other supplementary inputs such as maize to bake Injera. Even though more than 10 international humanitarian organizations (such as UNHCR, UNICIEF, International Medical Corps (IMC), Tesfa-Berhan, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), DEC) are available in China camp where none of these organizations provide food items other than providing services related to shelter, medical, GBV, education, psychosocial support among others.

In this regard, ADHENO has shared the results of the assessment with representatives of members of the Montreal Medhanealem Church. Members of the church generously donated **779,434 ETB** which was used to buy 100 quintals of food items to IDPs who desperately need it and covered all logistics expenses.

Similarly, it is to be recalled that in April 2022, members of Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Montreal Medhanealem Church (Canada) supported six (6) slaughtering oxen to IDPs sheltered at four kebele IDP camps for the Easter Holiday in the presence of representatives from Debre-Birhan Mayor's office and Office of North Shoa Diocese.

4. Delivery of the Food Items

ADHENO Integrated Rural Development Association delivered food items to IDPs sheltered at China camp in Debre-Berhan. All the financial support came from *Members of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Medhanealem Church of Montreal* in Canada. ADHENO managed all the logistics of [purchasing](#), [transporting](#) and [delivering](#) the items to IDPs.

On 15 June 2023, ADHENO delivered the items which consisted of **75 quintals of Teff & 25 Quintals of Maize flour** in the presence of government officials, representatives from the North Shoa Diocese and ADHENO's Executive Director & staff.





Figure1: Items delivered to IDPs

5. Messages from Officials and Guests

During the delivery of the food aid, *Ato Yonathan Fikre (ADHENO's Executive Director)* was present and conveyed a message. In his speech, Ato Yonathan said that ADHENO has been implementing development related projects in North Shoa for more than 20 years. In this regard, ADHENO has been working with the North Shoa Diocese on tree plantation around churches and education based on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by both parties.

He also said that ADHENO has been implementing emergency relief projects in the last three years due to the situations in the country.

He forwarded his [sincere appreciations](#) to members of the Montreal Medhanealem church for such priceless supports to the needy. He also thanked the IDPs for accepting the food aid. Finally, he advised the IDPs to stay strong and hopeful.



Figure 2: Ato Yonathan Fikre (ADHENO's ED) while giving a speech

Megabi Sanayat Yonas Admasu expressed that ADHENO Integrated Rural Development Association has repeatedly been supporting displaced people. He also said that ADHENO is supporting 60 clergy disciples who are concurrently attending modern schools. He further said that ADHENO provides tree seedlings to different churches and monasteries as part of its mission of environmental rehabilitation. Finally, he forwarded his [heartfelt gratitude](#) to Montreal Medhanealem church communities for the support that they are practically implementing the teachings of the church.



Figure 3: Megabi Senay Yonas while conveying a message (Pictured second from left)

Ato Anteneh G/Egziabher (Demography Expert and a delegate on IDP issues at Mayor's office) was present at the handover of items and [expressed his gratitude](#) to members of the Montreal Medhanealem Church & ADHENO for coordinating the support at this critical time on behalf the Mayor's Office. He also said that there are more than 26,000 IDPs in six IDP sites. According to him, some of these IDPs have been staying for more than a year and half. He further said that most supports come from individual sponsors and NGOs. Besides, he said that the government is not providing supports.

Furthermore, he requested that the support provided by charity associations and various aid organizations should be strengthened as IDPs are not being given the support that should be given to them by the regional and federal governments as per international standards.



Figure 4: Ato Anteneh while delivering his speech (Second from left)

Ato Demeke W/Tensaye (*External Resource Mobilization Officer at the Mayor's Office*) forwarded his [sincere appreciation](#) to Montreal Medhanealem Church communities for this great support via ADHENO. He said that we don't know these communities but they know us very well and they sent this aid by limiting their needs & wants.

He advised the IDPs to stay hopeful that good times will come and we will pass this difficult time.



Figure 5: Ato Demeke conveying his message

Ato Isayias Fikre (*ADHENO's Projects Coordinator*) sent out his message that ADHENO purchased [100 quintals](#) (75 quintals Teff & 25 quintals of corn flour) and delivered to IDPs at China camp particularly to the new arrival 3,020 IDPs.

He also said that the support was delivered to reach out 500 households who shall receive 15 kgs of Teff & 5 kgs of corn flour. Finally, Ato Isayias thanked the contributors particularly Ato Adugna who has been facilitating the fundraising activities and swift transfer of the money.



Figure 6: Ato Isayias conveying his message





Figure 7: Items that were ready to be delivered





Figure 8: during loading & unloading



Figure 9: Handing over of items to IDP representatives



Figure 10: ADHENO Staff with Megabi Senayat Yonas

6. Financial Report

Budget Line	Items	Units	Amount	Single price	Total cost	Remark
1	Purchase of Teff for 500 HH/15 kg / households	Quintal	75	8200	615,000.00	
	Purchase of corn flour 5 kg /HH/ for 500 HH	Quintal	25	5900	147,500.00	
2	Transport	Trip	2	2000	4,000.00	
3	Loading and unloading services	Quintal	100	30	3,000.00	
4	Allowance for facilitators from the Mayor's Office	People	2	1000	2,000.00	
5	Allowance for Ethiopia Orthodox Church North Shewa Diocese representatives participated during the delivery of items	People	3	1000	3,000.00	
6	Printing Banner	M2	10	400	4,000.00	
	Sub Total				778,500.00	

Table 1: Financial report

7. Challenges

There were some challenges that faced ADHENO while purchasing, transporting and delivering items to IDPs. Increased cost of items, limited access of Teff (the supplier was challenged to provide 75 quintals of Teff from the local market at the time) and transporting items (owners of trackers were obliged to give transportation services to the national army) were among the challenges.