



Report on Emergency Relief Assistance to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) Sheltered at Bakelo IDP Site (Phase1)

Implementing Organization: ADHENO Integrated Rural Development Association

Donor: Dir Biyabir & Members

Total Project Budget: 6,076,018 ETB

Beneficiaries: All IDPs at Bakelo IDP site



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1. Executive Summary

ADHENO Integrated Rural Development Association delivered food items to IDPs sheltered at Bakelo IDP camp - 10 kms north of Debre-Berhan town. All the financial support came from Dir Biyabir whereas 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 needs assessments on the IDPs sheltered at Bakelo IDP site. The needs assessment team understood that the IDPs have been receiving services such as health and counseling from various organizations. However, there was not any organization providing food items to them. The needs assessment team found out that these IDPs were in urgent need of food assistance. Also, the needs assessment team was able to identify the pressing needs of IDPs which is Teff and other supplementary items to make Injera.

Based on the urgency of the support, Dir Biyabir funded the project and ADHENO delivered the items which consisted of 274 quintals of Teff, 114 Quintals of Maize flour and 92 quintals of beans in the presence of government officials, media, ADHENO staff and IDPs and their representatives.

Ato Isayias Fikre, *ADHENO's Projects Coordinator at Debre-Birhan Coordination Office*, said that ADHENO pledged to deliver 280 quintals of Teff in order to address the food insecurity concern in the Camp. Fortunately, ADHENO managed to deliver 480 quintals of different food items. He forwarded his sincere appreciation to Dir Biyabir for exclusively funding this project. Furthermore, he made sure that other related support will continue.

Ato Anteneh G/Egziabher, *Demography Expert and a delegate on IDP issues at Mayor's Office*, offered his sincere appreciation to ADHENO and Dir Biyabir for providing 480 quintals of different food items. He recalled that ADHENO recently provided mattresses and blankets to IDPs in the same camp.

Ato Aklilu Getachew, *IDP representative at the camp*, hugely thanked ADHENO and donors for delivering the incredible types & amount of emergency food items where the emergency food support reached at the critical time that starvation reached at its peak in the camp.

The total project budget was **6,076,018** ETB which covered expenses of the food items and other logistical expenses.

There were some challenges that ADHENO faced while purchasing, transporting and delivering the emergency food items to IDPs which included security challenges, increased cost of items, limited access to Teff and transporting items.

2. Background of ADHENO

[ADHENO Integrated Rural Development Association](#) (ADHENO) is a not-for-profit non-governmental organization founded by Dr. Fisseha Hailemeskel, prominent academic & philanthropist. It 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 been delivering lifesaving Food and Non-Food Items (NFIs) such as mattress, essential clothes, sanitary materials, schooling materials to Ataye communities, Shewarobit Communities, and IDPs sheltered in Debre-Birhan town with financial supports from individuals and funding organizations both locally and in the diaspora community.

3. Background Information on Delivery of Emergency Food & Non-Food Items

ADHENO has been implementing emergency relief projects in Ataye, Shewarobit & Debre-Birhan since 2020. The financial support came from Dir Biyabir, Montreal Medhanealem Church in Canada, Stockton Community in the USA and individual sponsors. For instance, in 2022, with the financial support from Dir Biyabir members and supporters, ADHENO has delivered emergency food supports in three phases (see Reports - [Phase1](#), [phase2](#), & [phase3](#)) to 644 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) sheltered in four IDP sites in Debre-Birhan town. Items distributed to IDPs included food items and non-food items (sanitary materials, educational inputs, gaming materials to children among others). Also, ADHENO delivered [100 quintals of food items](#) to IDPs sheltered at China camp in Debre-Birhan with the financial support from members of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Medhanealem Church of Montreal, Canada.

More than 30,000 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) have been sheltered in the six IDP sites in Debre-Berhan. Majority of these IDPs were relocated to the Bakelo IDP camp - 10 kms north of Debre-Birhan- in July 2023. This shelter has started providing services to IDPs since July 2023. Also, the shelter accommodates 1,219 households (HHs) that count to 4,674 individual IDPs.

ADHENO has conducted needs assessments on the IDPs sheltered at Bakelo IDP site. The needs assessment team understood that the IDPs have been receiving services such as health and counseling from various organizations. However, there were no organizations providing food items to the IDPs.

During the needs assessment, IDPs stated that they were in need of urgent food assistance. They thanked ADHENO and its partners very much for the previous food & non-food items support to them while they were living in different IDP sites in Debre-Birhan town. They shared the challenges they are currently facing at Bakelo IDP site with the needs assessment team.

4. Delivery of the Food Items

ADHENO Integrated Rural Development Association delivered emergency relief assistance to IDPs sheltered at Bakelo IDP camp worth more than 4.6 million ETB. All the financial support came from [Dir Biyabir](#) (USA based not-for-profit organization). ADHENO managed all the logistics of purchasing, transporting and delivering the emergency food items to IDPs.

On 23 Jan 2024, ADHENO [delivered 480 quintals of food aid](#) which consisted of 274 quintals of Teff, 114 quintals of corn flour, and 92 quintals of beans in the presence of government officials, media, ADHENO staff and IDPs & their representatives. In ADHENO's history of providing emergency relief assistance, this one is huge in terms of the [amount and reaching out to more IDPs](#). The distribution of [all food items](#) went well for everyone in the camp.

At Bakelo IDP site, there are 1,219 households (HHs) and 4,674 individual IDPs. The number of IDPs has increased after ADHENO conducted the needs assessment where the total number of IDPs initially was 4,145. The food items were distributed based on the number of family members in a household. Before distributing the food aid, the total kilograms of each item was divided by the total number of IDPs. The 274 quintals of Teff (27,400 Kgs of Teff) divided by 4,674 IDPs (27400 Kgs /4674) is 5.86 kgs - for an individual person. In this regard, everyone in the camp has gotten food support. The same logic was applied for the remaining items too.

For instance, ADHENO team talked to Zeineba Hassan, one of the residents in Bakelo IDP site. She has five children (2F&3M). She came from East Wellega. Before moving to Bakelo camp, she stayed at Woyneshet IDP camp for two years. She was relocated to the Bakelo IDP site in July 2023. She has been struggling to get food to her children. Fortunately, ADHENO delivered the emergency food support at this very critical time. In this regard, she received 61 kgs of food items (35 kg of Teff, 14.6 kgs of corn flour & 11.8 kgs of beans). Furthermore, she expressed that she is very interactive and good at trading and doing handicrafts. She further stated that if she gets seed money/initial capital, she can employ herself in business activities.



Figure 1: Zeineba Hassan with her son

Additionally, ADHENO team talked to two IDP households, with four family members each, while receiving their share of [20 kgs of Teff](#) for each household. They said that the emergency support was very helpful and reached at the critical time. This is because they were not getting any food item from anyone. As a means of survival, women & children begs in Debre-Birhan town and youngsters work as a daily laborer based on the availability of jobs.

The following data was taken from Bakelo IDP Camp Committee

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Note: B1=Block1

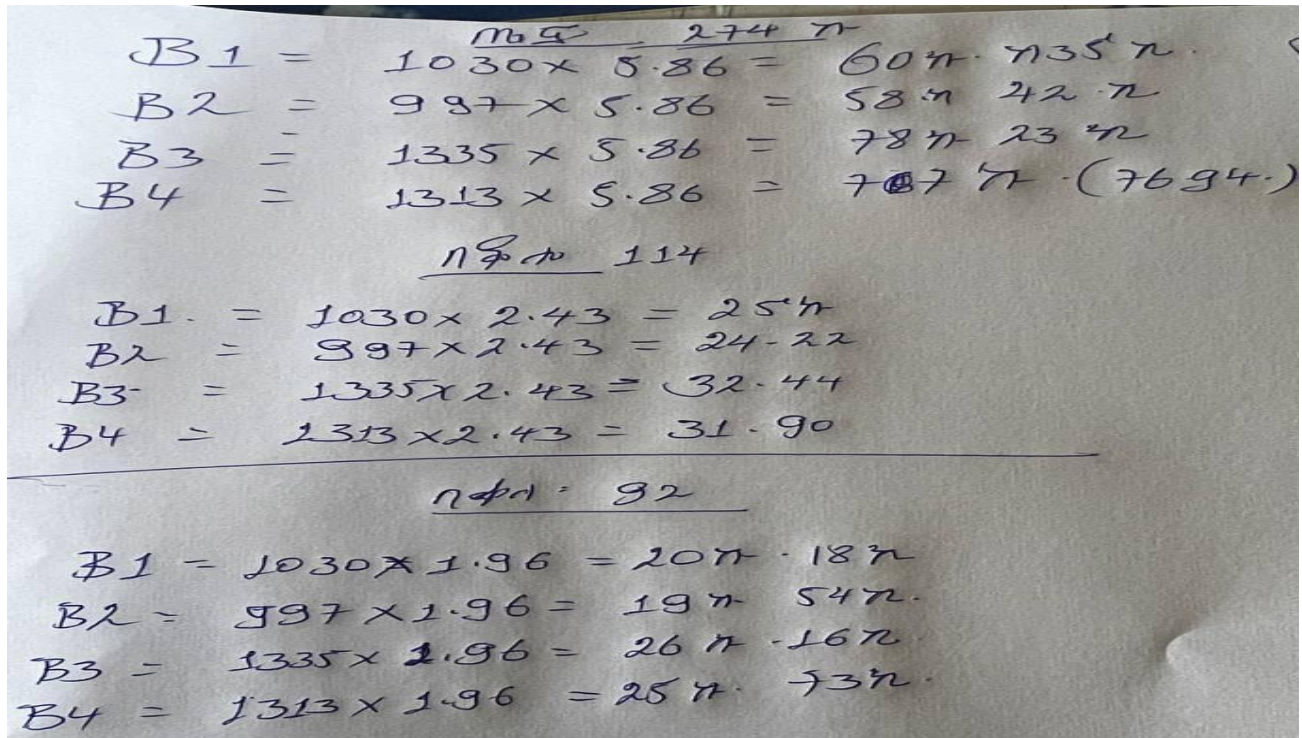


Figure 2: Data which shows number of Households, IDPs & the amount of each item per person



Figure 3: While transporting the food items



Figure 4: Food items delivered to IDPs

5. Messages from Various Actors

On January 23, 2024 ADHENO Integrated Rural Development Association (ADHENO) delivered different emergency food items to IDPs sheltered at Bakelo IDP camp. The delivery process of the food items is highlighted in this [video](#).

At the event, Ato Isayias Fikre, *ADHENO's Projects Coordinator at Debre-Birhan Coordination Office*, conveyed a message. In his message, Ato Isayias said that ADHENO pledged to deliver 280 quintals of Teff in order to address the food insecurity concern at Bakelo IDP Camp. Fortunately, ADHENO managed to deliver 480 quintals of different food items. In this regard, the food items included 274 quintals of Teff, 114 quintals of corn flour, and 92 quintals of beans. He further said that this support is not the last one.

He added that ADHENO will also support IDPs who engage in artisan and weaving activities. Therefore, ADHENO will provide the raw materials and further inputs needed for the artisan activities. Moreover, Ato Isayias made sure that ADHENO will provide stationary materials and textbooks to students attending their classes in the camp. Finally, he forwarded his heartfelt gratitude to Dir Biyabir and members for funding this project.

Ato Aklilu Getachew, *IDP representative at Bakelo camp*, hugely thanked ADHENO and donors for delivering the incredible amount & types of emergency food items. He said that the emergency food support reached at the right time that most households at the camp were out of food stocks. He mentioned that there were incidents of suicidal attempts and disappearance of parents in the camp in order not to see the sufferings of their starving children.

IDPs W/ro Debitu Bekele and Ato Nigatu Woldeamanuel said that their lives were at risk due to lack of food and they have never been in trouble like they face this time. They thanked & blessed ADHENO and others who collaborated in the process of making this support happen.

Ato Anteneh G/Egziabher (*Demography Expert and a delegate on IDP issues at Mayor's Office*) was present and conveyed his message at the handover of food items at Bakelo IDP site. He said that there are more than 29,000 IDPs in Debre-Birhan and stated that they have been starving due to severe food shortage. He further said that ADHENO Integrated Rural Development Association understood the problems that IDPs faced. In this regard, he offered his sincere appreciation to ADHENO and Dir Biyabir for providing 480 quintals of different food items. He recalled that ADHENO recently provided mattresses and blankets to IDPs in the same IDP camp. He also pointed out that ADHENO is doing a great job by identifying gaps and filling them. Besides, Ato Anteneh called on other humanitarian organizations, investors, associations and volunteers to save the lives of IDPs by extending their hands to reduce the suffering of starvation due to food shortage.

6. Next Steps: Material Inputs to Artisans at Bakelo

During the delivery of the emergency food support, ADHENO team got the opportunity to communicate with different IDPs ranging from children to the elderly. In the meantime, there were skilled basket and [cotton textile weavers](#) in the camp who can make money by selling their products.

Also, there are girls and women who have exhibited the skills for handicraft to make woven baskets and embroidery activities if they get the essential tools and material inputs. By doing so & selling their products, they would earn income which in turn motivates them for more endeavors.

In this regard, phase2 of this project is aimed at addressing the above needs of artisans who are engaging themselves in weaving, baskets, and embroidery & crochet activities. The total budget allocated for this phase is 1,398,000 ETB. Additionally, ADHENO will deliver books and stationery materials to children who have been denied access to education.



Figure 5: Children engaging in crochet work

7. Challenges

There were some challenges that ADHENO faced while purchasing, transporting and delivering the emergency food items to IDPs. These challenges included security challenges (the existing state of emergency), increased cost of items, limited access to Teff (the suppliers were challenged to provide 274 quintals of Teff from the local market) and transporting items (owners of trackers were afraid of being obliged to give transportation services to the national army).

8. Solutions

In addressing the above challenges ADHENO worked with the Mayor's Office of Debre-Birhan town, merchants (emergency food suppliers) and IDP representatives.

9. Lessons Learnt

In implementing this project, we learnt that the emergency food support that we delivered to everyone at Bakelo IDP camp will serve for a maximum of two months. In this regard, they need continuous food support from different actors. Also, we learnt that coordinated efforts with different stakeholders can make a difference in implementing projects successfully.

Above all, we learnt that there are significant numbers of youths who can work and generate their own income. These youths may be supported in terms of getting training; provide them seed money; create market linkages; and connect them with industries. For instance, ADHENO team met a group of young girls who shared their ideas with us to start a business at the IDP camp. Their business idea is to bake Injera and present for sale either in the camp or out.