



Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)

Newsletter

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Edget project

In this quarter Edget project produced and distributed indoor learning and outdoor playing material for new ECCE centers.



Since its establishment, ESD has been diligently working on the Early Childhood Development and Education (ECDE) program. The organization has reached a significant number of children, ensuring that they receive the best possible start in their early child development journey. ESD's journey in ECDE has been an exemplary demonstration of fostering a sense of ownership and collaboration among all stakeholders.

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The Voice of Girls and Women Workshop

The Voice of Girls and Women Workshop held, on December 12, 2023, at Harmony Hotel Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, it was a significant event, aimed to amplify the voices of girls and women in IDP centers.

The workshop attracted participants from various organizations such as the House of Peoples of Representatives, Disaster Risk Management Commission, Ministry of Peace, regional government offices, UN Women, Child Fund, World Vision, IDP center representatives, and journalists from mainstream mass media.

During the workshop, participants had the opportunity to view a powerful short documentary film that showcasing the voices of Ethiopian IDP girls. This film left a strong emotional impact.

Additionally, presentations focused on policy briefs and assessments of the psychosocial support needs of IDP girls. A panel discussion was held to address policy recommendations.

Furthermore, a discussion was conducted on situational analysis research findings, and which highlighted the challenges faced by girls in IDP centers and opportunities for improvement.



ESD Trains Food Preparation Experts: Empowering Youth in Sidama

ESD's Youth Skill Development and Job Creation program that aims to develop the skills of young individuals and create job opportunities in different regions.

The organization has successfully transformed the lives of numerous youths by equipping them with lucrative skills, enabling them to become self-sufficient and support their families.

One remarkable initiative by ESD is the Sidama Coordination office's Youth skill training and Job creation effort. Over a period of three months, 23 enthusiastic youths 19 females and 4 males, underwent comprehensive training that encompassed not only Cooking skills but also essential life skills such as Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) and Drug Effect.

The culmination of their hard work was celebrated on December 28, 2023, at Hawassa Comboni College where the training was conducted.

The graduation ceremony marked a significant milestone for these graduates who have successfully completed the training program and are now ready to embark on their professional journeys.



Achieving Success Through Sustainable Skills Development

Birhan Project

ESD's comprehensive skills development initiative has witnessed tremendous progress, with 152 passionate trainees,

They received technical training in various fields, including Sheep fattening, Poultry production, Milk collection and processing, Catering, Dairy production, Males' Beauty Salon, and Tailoring. These individuals are now equipped with the skills necessary to thrive in their chosen industries and make a difference in their community .

As another advantage, upon completing their training, these trainees were awarded certificates of completion. These certificates serve as a valuable asset, enabling them to secure loans from financial institutions, participate in enterprises, and ultimately, achieve success.

To enhance their understanding provided them with essential entrepreneurship, business plan, sexual and reproductive health (SRH), and life skills training over four consecutive days.

Following the completion of their training, graduates were granted apprenticeship opportunities, allowing them to gain invaluable real-world experience in their respective fields. To ensure the quality of this training, we provided necessary training inputs such as poultry and sheep feeds.

Furthermore, the Certificate of Competency (COC) has been granted to an impressive 97 graduates in the fields of Catering, Sheep fattening, Poultry production, Males' Beauty Salon, and Tailoring.



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Vocational Skills
Development &
Job Creation Pro-
gram

Empower the Youth and promote sustainable development

Tesfa Project

We are excited to share the remarkable successes of the Tesfa Project, an initiative aimed at empowering Unemployed youth through training and support.

Over the course of the project, ESD has made significant strides in achieving remarkable milestones. Key achievements include the facilitation of start-up support, provision of working places for enterprises, and continuous mentoring for existing businesses, among others.

To maintain this momentum and ensure the long-term success of the project, the Project Advisory Committee has been working ambitiously.

This includes conducting quarterly review meetings at the zone and district levels, focusing on essential discussion points such as facilitating working places for enterprises, supporting new trainees in accessing loans, and enhancing market linkages.

These thoughtful discussions have resulted in a solid plan for moving forward, which includes providing continuous support to enterprises at every stage, engaging in discussions with financial institutions to facilitate financial access, and adopting a coordinated approach to selecting new trainees.

In conclusion, the recent review meeting was an exemplary demonstration of the project's commitment to fostering a sense of ownership and collaboration among all stakeholders. Our efforts to provide quality practical training in three TVET centers have proven fruitful. We have managed to procure and supply the necessary training inputs for tailoring, catering, animal fattening, and poultry production. This focused support has enabled the TVETs to offer exceptional hands-on learning experiences to our trainee.

In addition, the training of 117 unemployed youths has been a resounding success. Through our partnership with the district government offices and the commitment of our team, we have been able to equip these young individuals with the technical skills needed to excel in various industries, including tailoring, catering, animal fattening, and poultry production.

But our support doesn't end there recognizing the importance of entrepreneurship and life skills in today's competitive job market, we have provided these young professionals with a comprehensive five-day training program. By honing their problem-solving abilities and decision-making skills, we are confident that these promising youths will be well-equipped to navigate the challenges of their chosen career paths.



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Empowering Youth Groups and Unleashing Potential

JV Project

In the spirit of fostering growth and empowering our youth, we are excited to share some fantastic updates from our JV project.

As we continue to invest in our youth, we have collaborated with SMART Career Consulting PLC to provide pre-job linking training for 20 graduates. This training aims to help these dedicated individuals find and secure their dream jobs, while also strengthening their relationships with potential employers.

In addition, we have facilitated training sessions for 15 one-stop center experts and 28 youth association members, covering essential topics such as communication, leadership, management, and decision-making processes.

Finally yet importantly, we are proud to announce the formation of two youth associations in Hawassa Zurya Woreda, focusing on horticulture. These talented and ambitious youths have already begun preparing their farming land, with the support of basic working materials provided by ESD.

The recently established “Yenege Tesfa” cooperative youth group has successfully completed the basic formalities process and has already established a cozy office within the ESD Compound. To date, they have welcomed 121 members, who have collectively saved 22,400 ETB.



Newly established Youth association



Interface meeting

ESD's Success in Combating Child Labor in Sidama Region:

Empowering Education and Reducing Exploitation

Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) has been tirelessly working to combat child labor and ensure education for Children.

In a Sidama region Loya, Buna Tebaba and Silcho Kebeles, five children were once forced to work as child laborers due to their family's financial struggles. However, with the help of ESD, these children were able to return to school and continue their education.

ESD's approach focuses on empowering communities and creating sustainable solutions that address the root causes of child labor. Through partnerships with local organizations, ESD provides training for school community members, children, and their families. This helps break the cycle of child labor exploitation and provides a pathway to a brighter future for all.

The organization's achievements in reducing child labor exploitation have been recognized regionally. ESD has helped thousands of children and continues to make a significant impact in the lives of those affected by child labor.



ESD's online platforms



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