With support from Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity, Habitat Ethiopia has provided COVID-19 prevention kits and food items for 120 families (about 600 individual family members). The sanitary kits (soap and sanitizers), and food items (wheat flour and oil) helps families who live in slum areas of Akakaki sub city (Addis Ababa) protect themselves from COVID-19 pandemic. The support provided is crucial to reduce vulnerability and increase resilience for the families who live on low income and have no financial capacity to purchase the items.

At the distribution event, Akaki Sub City, District 3 Administrator Genemo Yashiso said, “The government has limited resources to tackle the challenges related to COVID-19 and the support provided by Habitat is crucial to protect communities from the pandemic.”

Wondewosen Kebede, 54, father of 4 children spoke about the significance of the support provided: “I have disability on my leg, I can not work. The income from my wife’s daily labor is not sufficient to feed my children. We have not income to buy items to be safe from Corona (COVID-19). We get support from government and some people, but it is not enough as people who need support are too many. I want to thank Habitat for assisting my family. They built new home for us, then they provided these kits and food items which we need urgently for our children and ourselves. I also want to thank partners who supported Habitat Ethiopia.” [He meant Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity.]
Family members ready to receive WASH kits and food items at the event.

District Administrator Genemo speaking message of thanks to Habitat at the event.

Habitat Ethiopia program manager Yoseph Gedamu and District Administrator Genemo Yashiso handed over the kits to family members.

HFHE stretches helping hands

BY MULAYIT RELACHEW
Addis, Ethiopia - Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia (HFHE) yesterday provided emergency food items to 5,000 households in Addis Ababa, the capital city. The organization handed over 70,000 food items, including rice, flour, oil, and fruits, to the affected families as part of its ongoing efforts to support communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The event was held in collaboration with the Addis Ababa City Administration. A press conference was held at the HFHE office, where the organization’s deputy director, Yoseph Gedamu, and the city’s acting administrator, Genemo Yashiso, addressed the attendees.

Yoseph Gedamu highlighted the challenges faced by the affected families, stating, “With the current situation, the families are struggling to meet their basic needs. We are committed to providing support to ensure they are not left behind.”

Genemo Yashiso thanked Habitat for its efforts, saying, “We appreciate the work of organizations like HFHE. Their support is crucial in helping us to meet the needs of the affected families.”

The event was also attended by local government officials and representatives from various organizations. The attendees expressed their appreciation for the support provided by HFHE.

The event was covered by the national newspaper, highlighting the importance of such initiatives in addressing the needs of vulnerable communities.

Addis Ababa as well as across the country. It is also working to build integrated housing for the needy people in the country’s capital city—Addis Ababa.

Yebede Addis, a beneficiary, said, “It is great for me. I don’t know how can I express my feeling in the support has reduced my life troubles and added value to my home.”

Tadesse Gebremariam, another beneficiary, stated that helping the needy people is a great thing because it is equivalent with helping us to see light of hope.

It is an indication of the presence of kind government and across working for the betterment of destitute people’s livelihood. Today’s support is crucial for us.

In Addis Ababa 2,000 families are served through different interventions, it was informed.