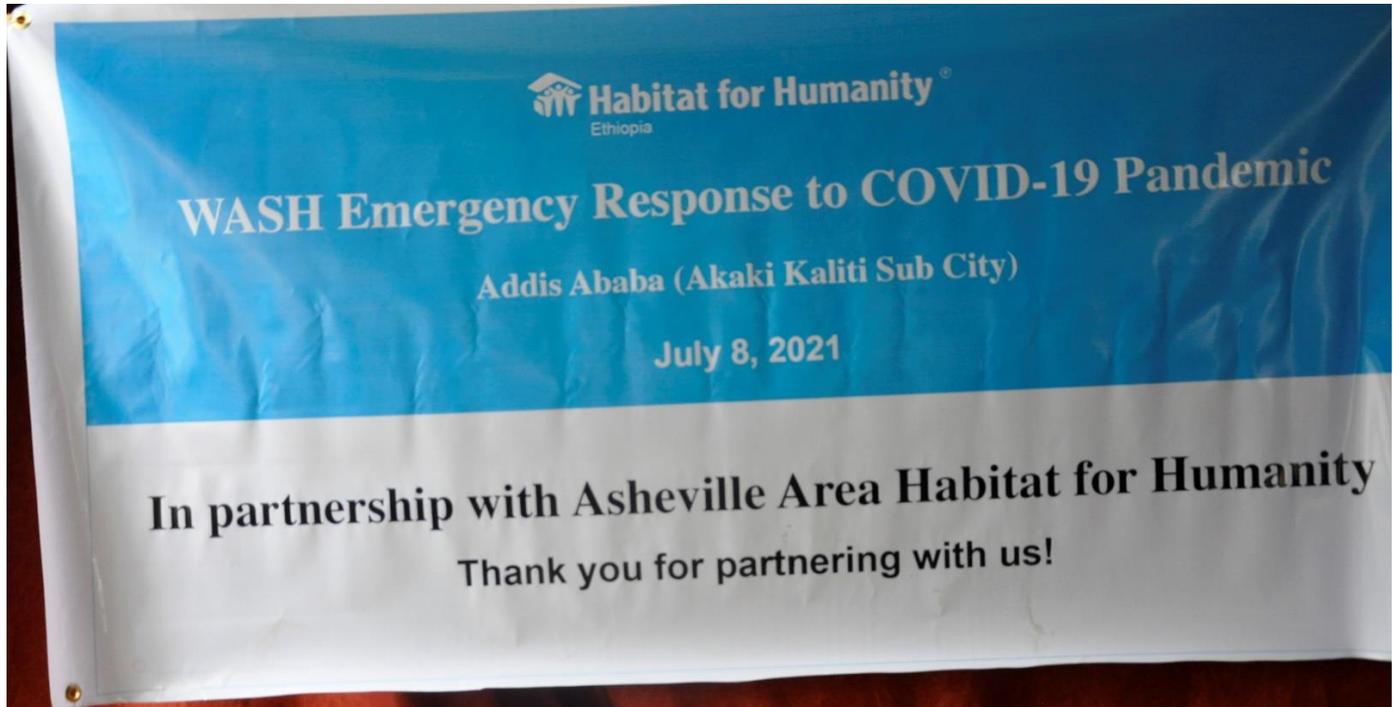


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Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia COVID-19 Prevention kits distribution event



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 MULATU BELACHEW

**ADDIS ABABA-** Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia (HFHE) yesterday provided disadvantaged families residing around Akaki Kaliti Sub City, Woreda 3 with flour, oil and COVID-19 prevention equipment worth over half a million.

Each destitute received 40 kg flour, 10 liters oil, 4 liters liquid soap 3 liter sanitizer and 10 facemasks and 12 soap which worthy over 500 thousand Bur, it was learnt.

Government Representative Genamo Yachiso said HFHE is assisting the destitute to have better livelihood at Akaki Kaliti Sub City. It has been supporting the vulnerable peoples via building houses and various infrastructures, and today it has provided this worthy support for the destitute families. Hence, it has requested the government to support it when need arises.

HFHE National Director Yoseph Gedamu said on his part that HFHE is undertaking various activities in over 18 cities in the country. It has been assisting the destitute over the last 27 years and continues assisting the needy via addressing housing difficulties, water and sanitation issues as well as constructing the waste drainage canals.

"Addressing potable water and sanitation gaps, helping segment of the needy society who are victim of natural and manmade disaster, habitat for humanity Ethiopia is playing its part in lessening the burden in



Addis as well as across the country. It is also working to avail, integrated housing for the needy people in the country's capital city—Addis Ababa."

Yenesh Lemma, a beneficiary said, "It is great for me. I don't know how can I express my feeling as the support has

reduced my life troubles and adds value to my home."

Takelewayen Gabru, another beneficiary stated that helping the needy people is 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 actors working for the betterment of destitute people's livelihood. Today's support is crucial for me."

In Akaki some 2,265 families are served through different interventions, it was indicated.

The event gets coverage in the national newspaper