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Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Report

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

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Message from the National Director



On behalf of Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia (HFHE) I sincerely thank you for your support in fiscal year 2021. It required a lot of endurance and strength which God gave Habitat Ethiopia team to work under difficult political, economic and health (the pandemic) situations and achieve what we planned. In all those difficult journeys, Habitat families and partners from every part of the world has been with us mentally and spiritually that contributed to building our endurance.

Working with Habitat Ethiopia has been a great pleasure and opportunity for me which I enjoyed also in fiscal year 2021 as I am almost clocking my second year of the National Director role. We have grown in team size and reached 37 staff and programmatically we have increased several new projects focusing on affordable and decent housing, access to safe water, hygiene, and sanitation facilities.

With funding from partners such as the KOICA-GDEF, TowerBrook Foundation, the COINS Foundation, Martin Howden, Habitat for Humanity Northern Ireland, Aktion Deutschland Hilft, JTI-CIEM and LG Electronics, Habitat Ethiopia is helping families who live in poverty gain access to decent housing and improving the hygiene and sanitation of communities. Generous support from US Tithers partners serves as foundation of our efforts, make our work sustainable to reach more families in need. Thanks to support from our partners, the number of families served increased by 31% compared to fiscal year 2020, from 13,228 to 19,193. Support from Habitat for Humanity entities has been key instrument advance our work.

Another key achievement in the fiscal year was development of our five-year strategy document following a rigorous process where we engaged staff in Ethiopia as well as from other parts of Habitat family.

We face a number of challenges that emanate from a number of causes: the pandemic, widespread conflict in the country, and economic turmoil that caused high inflations and had significant impact on the amount of funds required for our work. With the help of God, we continue our work through the difficulties and never had any incidence or loss of staff either from the COVID-19 or conflict. The protracted conflicts in the country and COVID-19 pandemic have significant impact on the amount of funds partners can make available for humanitarian work in the country as we are moving in the next fiscal year.

This fiscal year 2021 report will provide you detail information about the journey we passed, the achievements and the thematic areas of Habitat Ethiopia. I will be short of words on how to appreciate all our partners, supporters, families, communities, and Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia staff who contributed for these achievements.

Dereje Aduugna, National Director

Who we are, Mission Vision

Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia

Driven by the vision that everyone needs a decent place to live, Habitat for Humanity began in 1976 as a grassroots effort on a community farm in southern Georgia. Habitat for Humanity has since grown to become a leading global nonprofit working in local communities across all 50 states in the U.S. and in more than 70 countries. Families and individuals in need of a hand up partner with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place they can call home.

As a branch of Habitat for Humanity International, Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia started operating in 1993; initially focused on mortgage housing as main intervention area, and later diversified its work to integrate vulnerable group housing, water Sanitation Hygiene (WASH) and Disaster Risk Reduction Response (DR3)- WASH Resilience Building. Our key activities also include enhancing the capacity of families and communities for water scheme governance and sustainable.

Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia has been operating in 18 communities across the country. Over the last 28 years, we have assisted more than 140,000 families (704,000 individuals) to move to decent housing, have access to safe water, and improved sanitation facilities and enhance awareness on hygiene practice.

Amid COVID-19 pandemic, security risks due to conflicts in the country, and other challenging circumstances, Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia continues to support families affected by various types of vulnerabilities across the country and assisted 19,193 families(95,000 individuals) from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

We remain committed to partner with organizations and communities to improve the lives of families affected by various forms of vulnerability by removing the barriers that keep them away from a decent and healthy place to call home. Our approach is assisting families and communities to identify the challenges they face and manage the changes they want to see more sustainable.

Partnering with Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia through donations and volunteering creates common ground to see together the lives of families and communities transformed.

Vision

A world where everyone has a decent place to live

Mission

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

Mission principles

- 1) Demonstrate the love of God
- 2) Focus on shelter
- 3) Advocate for affordable housing
- 4) Promote dignity and hope
- 5) Support sustainable and transformational development

Through support from partner, families and communities achieve the strength, stability, and independence they need to build a better life for themselves.



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Our work in fiscal year 2021

Integrated Urban Slum Upgrading (USU) Project

About 60% of the population of Addis Ababa, roughly 3 million of the city's 5 million, lives in slum areas where substandard housing, lack of access to safe water and poor sanitation causes various forms of vulnerabilities to residents. Informal settlements, overcrowding and poorly attended solid wastes pose major health and safety hazards in large parts of the city.

To mitigate these challenges and create healthy living environment, Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia implements a multi-year slum upgrading project with support from partner organizations. Through this project, 14 families moved to decent houses; 74 families were supported to have improved kitchens; communal and public toilets were constructed for 440 households; 90 families get access to safe water in fiscal year 2021.

Drainage ditches constructed for more than 1,300 families. The drainage ditches serve as community infrastructure facilities to properly manage liquid wastes and create safe living environment where families are protected from communicable diseases.



Habitat for Humanity builds strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter.



Building homes, building hope!



Communal toilets improve sanitation and reduce health risks

More than 1,900 families have been supported through this project



Habitat Ethiopia provides training to community members to enhance awareness on personal hygiene and environmental sanitation.

Meet families in new houses

'I raise my children with hope.'

"Now I am inspired to raise my children with hope," said Almaz Wolde, a mother of three who recently moved to new house constructed by Habitat for Humanity in Addis Ababa, Lideta Sub City. She washes clothes for other families to get income which is not sufficient for the family. Almaz and her children used to live in almost 'dismantled' shack covered with plastic sheet, not adequately protected them from rainwater and the dust floor was wet during rainy season. The falling door was not closed properly. Her children Tigist Gadisa, Kidist Gadisa and Habtamu Fasil were always worried about their safety in the narrow shack uncomfortable for living.

Almaz mentioned that the new house has clean rooms with sufficient space for sitting and bedrooms. A new door is well fixed; there is no safety risk. "Home means everything, family building, dignity, privacy, and hope," she explained.

Almaz's 14 years old daughter Kidist said, "Books and notebooks got wet during rainy time in the previous house and I couldn't study my lessons. In the new house I have clean space to do my homework and study for exam. I feel happy and healthy. Now I can be successful in my education."

Almaz is one of women headed families who become homeowners in fiscal year 2021 through Slum Upgrading Project. Though Habitat for Humanity assisted hundreds of families to move out of substandard houses, and get access to water and sanitation, many are still on the waiting list because of limited resources.



Almaz and her children
at new home



Almaz and her children
at new home



*Home means everything,
family building, dignity,
privacy, and hope-Almaz*

We had been leading distressful life; we couldn't sleep at night under leaking roof. When Habitat staff came last December and told me they will demolish the house and rebuild a new one, I did not think it comes true. I have no words to tell the difference. Now there is no safety problem; there is no leaking roof and dirt floor. The new house is clean and comfortable. I have never thought we could live in new house. I want to thank Habitat for helping us change our life.

-Almaz Demeke, homeowner



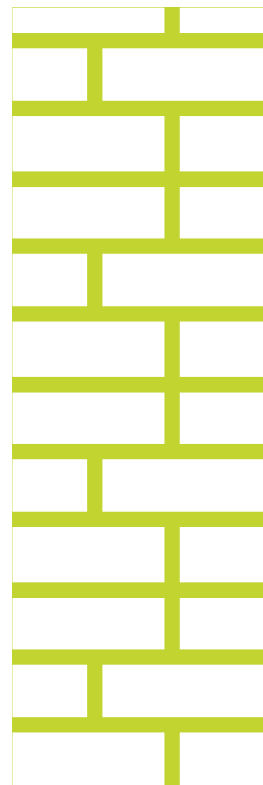
Habtam at new house

'Now everything changes!'

Buzunesh Nuru, a mother of three children recalls life in the old shack which could not protect the family from rainwater. "It was covered with plastic sheet; It had space only for bed; I cannot call it a shelter; we lived in open field," Buzunesh said. Buzunesh's husband died two years ago, and she has to raise three children with low income. She washes clothes and make Injera(bread)for other families to get income which not enough for the family.

After Habitat constructed the new house, Buzunesh and her children could not immediately move to the house. The local administration claimed she lived in the old house without tenure security and agreement with government as the house and the land belonged to government. Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia appealed to higher level government office. After two months of deal with the local administration, Buzunesh got tenure security and transferred to the new home with her children in August 2021. Though she signed agreement with government, she can live in the house and inherit to her children.

"I cannot tell the challenges I passed through but now everything changes. Habitat lifted me out of untold miserable life. I have no words to speak about the difference. The new house is clean; there is a space for me and my children to stay, to do their homework and to sleep," Buzunesh explained.



'A lifetime gift for children'



Chieftain Asefa, his daughter and grandchildren at new house.

Chieftain Asefa Mengesha, 97 years old veteran, moved to new house with his daughter Meseret Asefa and two grandsons. "The new house is pride for me and a lifetime legacy for my children," Chieftain Asefa said after receiving home key from Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia's National Director, Dereje Adugna on June 15, 2021. The new house was constructed for Korean War Veteran in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Korea. Asefa and his family used to live in old substandard house before the house was demolished and reconstructed as new.



COVID-19 Prevention

Since the first confirmation of COVID-19 case in Ethiopia on March 13, 2020, families who have already been affected by poverty and various forms of vulnerability are impacted by the pandemic. Limited movement due to the pandemic, high rising cost of living and lack of basic services forced families and individuals to face the plights of living in a difficult situation. Most importantly, poverty housing and lack of access to safe water and adequate sanitation worsens the challenges with high risk of infection.

Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia has been looking for funding and implements projects to assist families living in slum areas. Our main is to help families become more resilient and protect themselves from the disease. Habitat Ethiopia's support centers on three areas affected by the pandemic, Lideta and Akaki Sub Cities in Addis Ababa and Legetafo town in Oromia region where internally displaced people are sheltered.

Through this project, more than 1,140 families (5,500 individuals) whose income is very low received food items (flour and edible oil), soap and face masks which are key items to combating the virus. Additionally, about 3,600 individuals attended hygiene and sanitation awareness raising training which also included information on protection of COVID-19. While making efforts to meet the immediate needs of families vulnerable to the pandemic, Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia takes housing not only as sustainable solution to prevent the disease but also as means of mitigating other complex problems.



Food and sanitary kits
were provided for
families at higher risk of
contracting COVID-19.





Wondewosen Kebede, a father of four, lives in new house constructed by Habitat Ethiopia in Akaki Sub City of Addis Ababa. He was also assisted to protect himself and his family form COVID-19 through donations from Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity. Wondewosen shared his view on the support he received from Habitat:

I have disability on my leg, I cannot work. The income from my wife's daily labor is not sufficient to feed my children. We have no 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 assistance are too many. I want to thank Habitat for assisting my family. They built new house for us which makes us safe; then they provided these kits and food items which we need urgently. I also want to thank partners who supported Habitat Ethiopia.



Sanitary kits and food items for families at risk of COVID-19

The impact of USU Project on the lives of families and individuals

Families and individuals have been witnessing the extent to which the work of Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia transform their lives. Additionally, a summative evaluation conducted by FTS Management and Strategy Consulting firm in January 2021 indicates 'the project has been instrumental in helping reduce the effects of polluted and contaminated housing units, toilets and walkways, and that now families do not frequently visit clinics and deplete their meagre incomes on medical expenses. People used buckets, plastic barrels or other containers to collect water leaking through the ceiling during rainy seasons; ceiling leakages often caused health problems to residents, and that time has now gone and people are happy and grateful to Habitat for its work that has helped change the lives of many poor and vulnerable families in the project areas.' The summative evaluation draws four major outcomes of Habitat's Urban Slum upgrading Project in the City of Addis Ababa:

- **Increased access to decent housing units**
- **Increased access to sustainable and safe water supply for vulnerable households**
- **Improved sanitation facilities accessed by vulnerable households**
- **Improved personal hygiene practiced by vulnerable households**



**The work we do
with our partners
creates decent place
to live for families
and individuals!**

Integrated Vulnerable Group (VG) Housing and WASH Project

Habitat's work in Ethiopia focuses on assisting vulnerable families to make basic improvement to their living conditions. To achieve this objective, Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia implements Integrated Vulnerable Group housing and WASH project in towns of Oromia and Amhara regional states. In Oromia region, VG housing project is located in 'Satori' village of Ambo town, isolated settlement for families affected by leprosy. Construction of houses has been completed and five families moved out of substandard shacks.

In Debre Berhan town of Amhara region eight houses have been completed and handed over to families. In Bahir Dar 12 families moved to new homes. Part of this project in Amhara region is being implemented in the town of Shewarobit which aims at creating access to safe water for the entire population of the town. The project will be completed fully in November 2021 but some of the components started to provide service. Group water tap is connected for 43 families affected by vulnerability. The families used to buy water from distant locations; and now get the chance to save money and time. Moreover, 679 individuals attended hygiene and sanitation training. Despite Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia's efforts to assist families affected by vulnerabilities in regional towns, there is still huge need in housing, safe water, and improved sanitation.



New house constructed in Debre Berhan

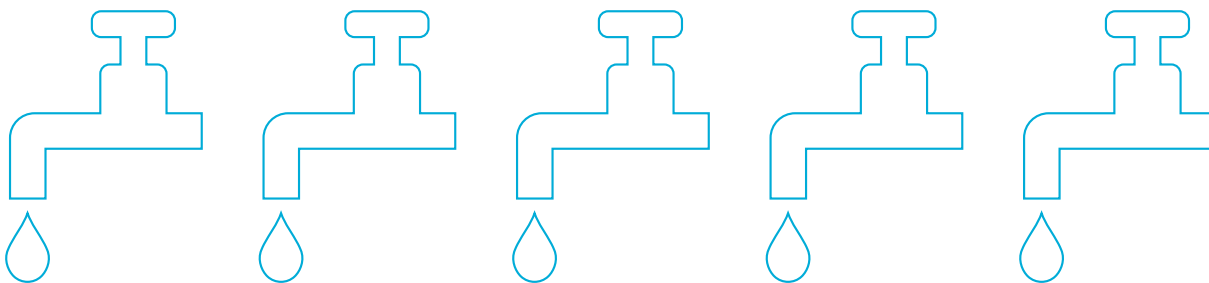


Nearly completed house for leprosy affected family in Ambo town

- Only 57% of the population have access to safe drinking water nationwide.
- Access to improved sanitation is only 28% nationwide.
- Only 17 % of people practice improved hygiene behaviors and live-in healthy environment.
- 60-80% of communicable diseases are attributed to limited access to safe water and inadequate sanitation.

Urban Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Project in Shewa Robit town

Through Urban WASH Project in Shewa Robit town, Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia has constructed a large water supply schemes which include construction of water reservoir with a capacity of 500 cubic meters (500,000 liters), installation of 5,869-meter pressure and distribution lines, construction of four water points, connection of individual water taps for 43 families, and installation of submersible water pump and diesel generator with all accessories. The project will be completed in October 2021 and serve more than 41,000 people in the town and addresses 44% the town's water gap. As part of the project, individual water taps started to serve families.



Stories from the Project

Almaz Ayele lives in the town of Shewa Robit with 12 years old son Joseph Aschale. Almaz is the bread winner of the family. Before getting individual water tap service through support of Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia in December 2020, Almaz and her son used to fetch water walking about 300 meters and had to pay for transportation. Shortage of clean water was the main challenge for the mother and son. They couldn't wash their house, used unclean house utensils and had to face health risks because of lack of water.

“Don't ask me to compare the previous one with the current blessed situation; there is a big difference,” said Almaz. Now, Almaz's family get clean water just at front door and inside the house through Habitat Ethiopia's Urban WASH Project.



Almaz and Yoseph at the water tap

Water pipeline has been extended from main government line to families' homes.



Azalech at water point

Sixty years old **Azalech Tesfaye** lives in the town of Shewa Robit. She lives alone and faced many challenges in getting clean water. Through WASH Project, Habitat Ethiopia extended water pipeline from main government line and installed water tap for Azalech at her home. “Living without clean water is a headache,” Azalech said. She added that she was troubled in fetching water because of long queue at communal source. When there is no water in communal water point, Azalech had to carry water from a river which is one km away from her home. "Thanks to Habitat and those who help in fixing water tap at my home," Azalech said.

'Full of hope!'

Ayelech Direba, 60, lives with her two sons and a daughter. All the children have no job and depend on their mother for living. Ayelech spends time in begging to win bread for her children. Ayelech has disability on her leg and arm due to leprosy. Like other people affected by leprosy, Ayelech used to live in substandard house.

Habitat for humanity Ethiopia constructed new house for Ayelech's family and they moved out of old house in June 2021.

Ayelech said, "I started new life with my children. I want to thank Habitat for giving me this opportunity that changes our life. Without support from Habitat we would continue to live in a bad situation as there are no other alternatives to get new house for people who have no income."

After moving to new house, Ayelech has bought furniture for the new house with the money she borrowed from credit association. "My children and I are full of hope since we started to live in the new house," Ayelech mentioned.

Through integrated vulnerable group housing and WASH project Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia constructed five houses for families affected by leprosy in Ambo town.

More than 52 leprosy-affected families are still waiting support of Habitat for Humanity to move out of poverty housing.



Ayelech's her children at home



Ayelech's old house

Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Resilience Building Project

This multi-year project was initiated in 2016 in Southern Nations Regional state, Silte Zone to tackle severe shortage of water caused by El Niño-induced drought draught. Currently, the project is implemented in Negele Arsi and Shashemene zuria districts in Oromia Regional State. Funded by various partners, this project focuses on WASH infrastructure and sanitation marketing initiatives for community members. Other components of the project include capacity building for stakeholders and support for micro enterprises who are engaged in promotion of sanitation marketing.

In Fiscal Year 2021, Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia completed construction of reservoirs with 200 cubic meter and 100 cubic meter; installation of pipelines with more than 25km; construction of 20 water points and 10 communal toilets linked with income generating activities. More than 4,300 households (21,500 individuals) get access to clean water and more families will be served when the project is completed. Families who used to travel for hours in rural villages now fetch water from half a kilometer distance which saves their time and energy and help them focus on other activities for livelihood.

About 160 households (800 individuals) started to use improved sanitation facilities in community neighborhoods. The facilities are managed by women and youth organize in groups which collect water service fees for income and upkeep and maintenance of the facilities. Another important part of the project is avoiding open defecation through hygiene awareness training which improves the health condition of families in rural areas.

In addition to creating access to water and improved sanitation, Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia provides non-food items such as water treatment chemicals, buckets, and Jerrycans which help them keep the water cleaner, and reduce incidences of water born diseases.

Part of the project is also community capacity building and awareness raising training sessions for more than 4,200 health extension workers, health development 'army', government officers from water and health departments. The training focus on hygiene, sanitation marketing, cholera prevention and mitigation mechanisms.

Started as emergency WASH response; then evolved into Resilience building project.

53% of rural households travel 30 minutes or longer round trip to fetch drinking water.

KOICA-GDEF WASH Project

Project location: Negele Arsi district, West Arsi Zone

Project duration: 01 April 2020 to 31 December 2022

Time of Commencement: Date of Agreement: April 1, 2020

Number of individuals to be reached: 76,567

Project activities:

- Construction of water reservoir and pipelines
- Construction of water points
- Provision of tool kits for maintenance work
- Monitoring of water facilities with WASH Committees
- Organizing activities for awareness raising and sanitation marketing products to communities
- Organizing activities aim at avoiding open defecation

Project objective:

Build improved resilience to water-borne diseases through increased access to clean water, adequate sanitation and better sanitation behavior.



A concrete reservoir constructed by Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia at Gode village, Negele Arsi district through a three-year WASH-Resilience Building Project. With the storage capacity of 200 cubic meter (200,000 liters) the reservoir provides clean water for 25,000 people. It is also used to avail water for a health center and a school.

Stories from WASH Resilience Building Project

Young boys and girls in Negele Arsi district, Bombaso village used to fetch water for families from distant ponds and springs. They spend time travelling for hours carrying Jerricans of water. The water was unsafe for families health and not sufficient for drinking and cleaning. Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia constructed a reservoir and water points close to the village through WASH-Resilience Building Project. Now, the young boys and girls get clean water from the water points; save their time for schoolwork.



Hirpha Husien(left) and Mertu Eshetu (right) at water point just 50 meter from their homes with other community members.

"We had to travel for two hours to fetch water from unclean ponds and rivers. There were many risks while we travelled to get water in scorching sun, and rain during wet season. Now we fetch water close to our homes; we save our time and energy. Thanks to Habitat we are able to get clean water as we want," said Chaltu Gebi, a 14 year old girl who is now relieved of traveling for hours to get water for a family of six members in Negele Arsi district, Bombaso locality.



Families Served in Fiscal Year 2021 (July 2020-June 2021)

Interventions	Families served
Housing	39
Kitchen improvement	74
Access to improved sanitation(toilets)	440
Access to safe water	133
Walkways and ditches- create clean living area	1,313
COVID-19 prevention, none-food items	1,140
DR3-WASH residence building, none-food items	11,734
DR3-WASH construction	4,320
Total families served in FY21	19,193
Individuals served in FY21	95,964
Training and capacity training	8,593

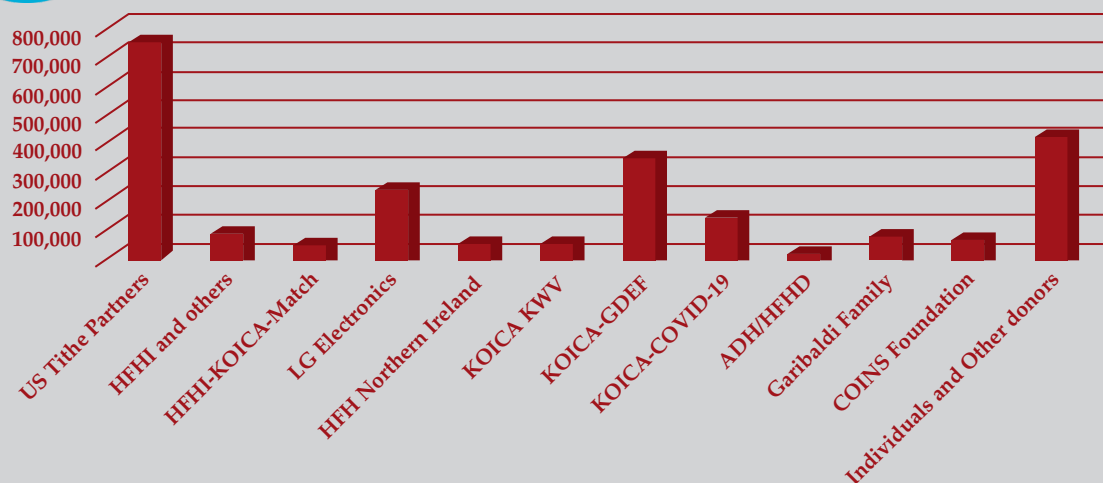
All Time Families Served (1993-2021)

Interventions	Families served
Housing	2,831
Access to safe water	10,405
Access to improved sanitation(toilets)	7,320
Kitchen Improvement	7,643
Walkways and ditches	3,640
Solid waste	13,820
Nurturing saving groups and linkage with municipality	272
Technical Support	77
COVID-19 prevention, none-food items	1,140
DR3:Non-food items	56,570
Dr3: Emergency WASH Construction	37,190
All Time Families Served	140,908 families (704,541 individuals)
Hygiene awareness and financial literacy training for individuals	40,808



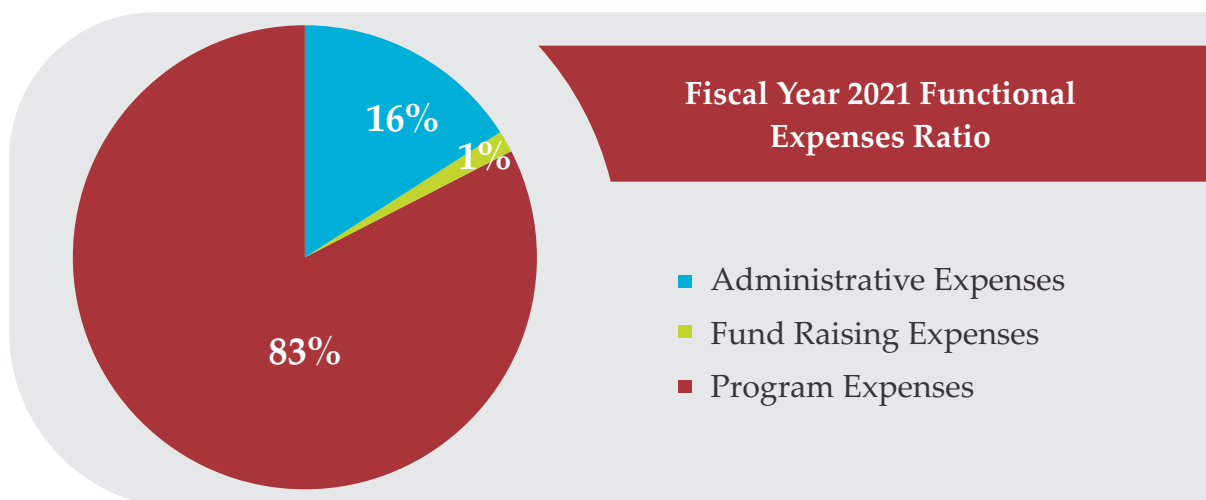
Finances

Fiscal Year 2021 Funding Source-Reportable USD Amount



Fiscal Year 2021 Revenue and Expenditure

Income-USD	Figures in USD
Donors contribution	2,327,801.29
Other income (loss).....	(170,414.13)
	2,157,387.16
Expenditures-USD.....	1,974,633.83
	1,974,633.83
Excess of expenditure over income.....	182,753.33
Fund balance brought forward	581,381.03
Fund balance carried forward-USD.....	764,134.36



Our valued partners

In fiscal year 2021 (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021), Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia assisted more than 19,000 families (95,000 individuals) to move to new homes, and get access to safe water and improved sanitation facilities which help them lead safe, healthy and dignified life. Habitat's work of transforming the lives of families and individuals in Ethiopia could not be realized without generous support from our partners.

We would like to thank all partners for their contributions for the work we do which help create better opportunities for thousands of families and individuals. We particularly wish to thank the following most recent donors who supported our work in fiscal year 2021.

Donations from our partners make it possible for Habitat to transform the lives of families and individuals.

Korea International Cooperation Agency(KOICA-GDEF/HFH Korea	Cedar Valley HFH	HFH of Ohio, Inc.
TowerBrook Foundation/HFH Great Britain	Twin Cities HFH	HFH Rowan County
COINS Foundation/HFH Great Britain	Indian River County HFH	Midland HFH
LG Electronics/Community Chest Korea/HFH Korea	Greater Birmingham HFH	Fresno HFH
Aktion Deutschland Hilft/HFH Germany	InterAction (The American Council for Voluntary International Action)	HFH Maumee Valley
HFH Portland Region	HFH of Metro Denver	HFH of Marion County
Garibaldi family	Southeast Volusia HFH	Lisa Vagge
Martin Howden	HFH of East Jefferson County	HFH of Archuleta County
HFH Northern Ireland	HFH Evergreen	HFH of NW Connecticut
Asheville Area HFH	Flower City HFH	HFH of California Inc.
HFH of Lee and Hendry Counties, Inc.	Willamette West HFH	HFH Blue Ridge
Livingston County HFH	HFH of Orange County Inc.	Newberg Area HFH
HFH of Iowa	Belaynesh Tadesse (In honor of Aleme Mulat and Tadesse Gete)	Thomas W. McGlinn
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		HFH of Grant County
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		Jennifer Fischer
		David Kess

Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia would like to thank the following government partners who worked with us to reach thousands of families and individuals in fiscal year 2021.

- Addis Ababa City Finance Bureau
- Addis Ababa City Health Bureau
- Addis Ababa City Women and Children Affairs Bureau
- Sub City Administrations and Respective Woreda Administrations
- Negele Arsi Zonal Administration, Zonal Health, Water, Small and Medium Enterprise Offices
- Negele Arsi district Administration, Health, Water, Finance, Small and Medium Enterprise, Women and Children Offices
- Bahir Dar City Administration
- Dessie Town Water Supply and Sewerage Office
- Shewa Robit Water Supply and Sewerage office
- Debre Berhan Town Administration
- Amhara Region North Shewa Zone Finance and Economic Cooperation department, Bureaus of Health, and Bureau of Water, Irrigation and Energy
- Amhara Region Bureau of Finance and Economic Cooperation Department, Bureau of Health, and Bureau of Water, Irrigation and Energy
- Oromia Region Bureau of Finance and Planning Commission, Bureau of Health, and Bureau of Labor and Social Affairs, Women and Children Affairs Office



Project review meeting with government representatives-Addis Ababa



Project review meeting-Ambo town

Five-year strategic plan (2021-2015)

Through the five-year strategic plan, Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia envisions expanding its work and bringing positive impact in the lives of individuals, families, and communities across the country in several key areas. The following key strategy goals are identified based on thorough analysis of internal and external situations, stakeholders' expectations, mission, vision, and core values.

Housing

Strategic Goal 1: To improve the slum housing conditions in the country through affordable, low-cost, and climate-smart sustainable housing

WASH

Strategic Goal 2: Improved public health through inclusive WASH intervention and increased resilience of vulnerable communities, schools' public spaces, and health care facilities.

Emergency Response and Resilience Building

Strategic Goal 3: In-line with HFHI's 'Pathways to Permanence' strategy, reduce vulnerability and provide humanitarian assistance to people in need (IDPs, refugees and host communities).

Organizational Capacity building

Strategic Goal 4: Enhance the Capacity of HFHE to ensure productivity and Sustainability.

Policy and Advocacy

Strategic Goal 5: To fight for pro-poor policies that deliver real change for the people we serve mainly addressing the systemic inequity in the housing ecosystem.

Communications, visibility, and Volunteer engagement

Strategic Goal 6: Maintain Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia's brand and increase visibility of HFHE's work among partners through development and dissemination of effective communication materials.

Events and milestones in fiscal year 2021

Together with partners, Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia marked several significant achievements and events in fiscal year 2021. We have built new partnerships, began communicating next phases of our commitment and worked alongside communities to help improve their living conditions.



September 2020- Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia was featured on the national television for Ethiopian new year celebrations. It was the first major media engagement to publicize the life changing work of Habitat in Ethiopia.



September 2020- Thanks to support from Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and Habitat for Humanity Korea (HFHK), Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia provided sanitary Kits and food to IDP's and host community in Legetafo Legedadi town, Oromia Region.

The items were distributed through WASH Emergency Response to COVID-19 project valued at 5.1 million and supported 530 internally displaced families and 200 host families who have been affected by the pandemic.

The sanitary kits and food items were handed over to the families at the presence of Lagetafo Legadadi town officials and community and religious leaders.

December 2020- In partnership with LG Electronics, Community Chest of Korea and Habitat for Humanity Korea, a three-year housing and WASH project was launched to serve more than 2,600 low-income families (13,000 individuals) who live in slum areas of Yeka and Gulele Sub Cities, including families of Korean War Veterans.

The project launching event took place at the presence of Mr. Seokhee Kang, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Ethiopia and Mr. Seung Hwan Yang, LG Electronics Ethiopia Office Country Director.

LG Electronics Ethiopia Office, Addis Ababa City Administration Senior Officials and representatives of Korean War Veterans.



Partnership Building



February 2021- Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia hosted a virtual conference, 'Journey to Ethiopia', with major US title partners to share program updates, recent achievements, and the impact of their support in transforming the lives of families and building sustainable communities.

More than 40 senior leaders and staff from 19 US Affiliates who strongly believe in the mission of Habitat for Humanity and support Habitat's international work participated on the conference.

March 2021- Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia handed over completed houses and WASH facilities to families in Addis Ababa at the World Water Day event attended by government and community representatives.

The new houses, communal and public toilets, communal kitchens, school toilets, and sewer lines which were constructed in the last one year serve more than 6,100 families (31,500 individuals) who live in crowded slum areas. The completed components worth 18 million Birr include 38 new homes, 13 communal toilets, 28 communal and public toilets, 3 school toilets, 4,633-meter sewer lines, and 79-meter water pipelines.



Inauguration of USU project components



Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia Staff- the team that brings change



Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia staff at Entoto Park

Staff engagement for sustainable relationships with families

Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia staff and management visited families in the town of Fitché who live in new houses constructed through a project completed three years ago. The purpose of the trip was to see families' living conditions in their new homes and spend the day with them, particularly at the time of COVID-19 pandemic. The families shared their views; how life improves in 'Habitat Village'. The staff provided sanitary kits and cleaned houses and yards to help families protect themselves from COVID-19.



Habitat Ethiopia staff support to families in Fitché town

- Spent time to support cleaning elders' home
- Shared meal with family members
- Provided sanitary materials and educating on the use
- Conducted devotion services
- Personal attachment, sharing experience



Best performing staff in fiscal year 2021

Yoseph Gedamu

Yoseph Gedamu is one of the longest serving staff and best performing colleague in fiscal year 2021. Yoseph speaks about the work of Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia and his experience for over two decades.

I am the Program Manager for Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia. I have been serving Habitat for the last 22 years out of which 12 years as program manager. During this time, I have the chance to witness Habitat's work in Ethiopia growing significantly and reaching more families. I am pleased to be part of a new strategic plan which aims at expanding our work for the next five years. I am very much impressed always by the depth and impact of our work on partner families and communities which is beyond provision of basic services like housing, water and sanitation facilities. Following support from Habitat, families show change of attitude, become inspired and work for overall livelihood improvement.



Several settlements created by Habitat over years have been changed to wings of major towns. After Habitat constructed houses, water and sanitation facilities, government installs infrastructure such as electricity and road and communities establish schools, churches, and mosques. This is a living example of building communities through the work of Habitat.

Our Urban Slum Upgrading Program is also impacting many neighborhoods not only in terms of household level interventions but also creating healthy environment through drainage systems and walkways. Above all, the impact of Habitat's work in Ethiopia is deeply felt by partner families. One of partner families in the town of Fitcha mentioned,

'Living in poverty housing adds to lack of food which we would have died of; now that we are in decent house, we survive.' Apart from partnering with families, local administrations in many places become part of our work through engaging in advocacy and sharing costs of projects. All these will be capitalized in the implementation of the new strategic plan to partner with families, communities and government and scale up the work. May God bless the work of Habitat globally and in Ethiopia as always!

Beadge Ayele

My name is Beadge Ayele. I have been working for Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia for the last 25 years. I am accountant for the national organization. I am very much pleased to be part of Habitat's unforgettable work. It inspires and makes me so proud to see Habitat lifts many families and individuals from disparate living conditions. It gives me profound spiritual satisfaction and happiness to contribute my part to the process that brings significant change. I would like to thank God for giving me this chance. I am grateful for my family and work colleagues for their support.



Abebe Geremew

I am Abebe Geremew. I joined Habitat for Humanity Ethiopia in April 2020. Since I joined Habitat, I have found the work of the organization inspiring, serving the needy who do not receive support from other organization. I am serving in full capacity as I can see Habitat's work bringing a difference in a lot of humanitarian interventions; housing is one of the focus areas. In our country housing is everything. I learn that Habitat not only build houses but also a home and hope. I feel proud to be part of Habitat family!

Country facts

Capital city.....	Addis Ababa
Population.....	117 million
Population growth rate.....	2.6%
Urban population.....	16%
Life expectancy.....	63.5
Unemployment rate.....	17.5%
Population below poverty line	22 million

(Source strategic document and World Bank)

The need

- 70% of housing units require total replacement.
- 3 million of the Addis Ababa's 5 million residents live in slums.
- About 60-80% of communicable diseases attributed to lack of access to safe water and adequate sanitation.
- Only 17% of the population practice improved hygiene behaviors.
- Access to improved sanitation is only 28% at national level.
- Coverage of safe drinking water is only 57% country wide.
- 53% of rural households travel 30 minutes or longer round trip to fetch drinking water.
- Ethiopia has a long history of drought, shortage of safe water and other disasters.

(Source strategic document, World Bank and UNICEF)



The need for potable water



One of slum areas in Addis Ababa-housing situation

What can you do?

We would like to encourage our partners to help the most vulnerable families who have no access to basic services. Be part of our efforts to create healthy living environment, access to safe water, improved sanitation and hygiene, and respond to emergencies in Ethiopia through:

Funding projects

Establishing strong tithe partnership

Volunteering

To support the work of HFH Ethiopia, please send your tithe to:

Habitat for Humanity International

P. O. Box 6598 Americus,

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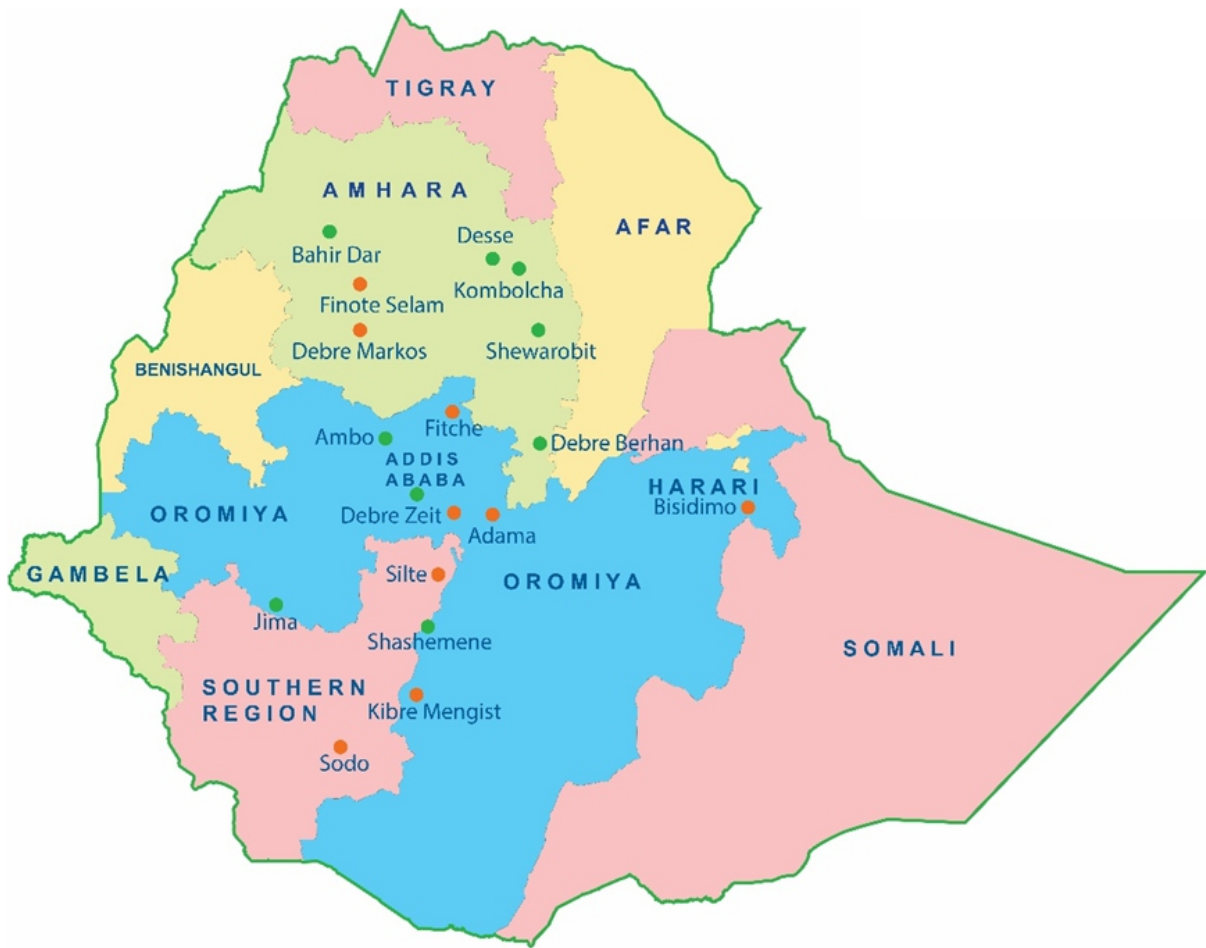
Additional information about tithe and HFH Ethiopia may be found by visiting the tithe page on my.habitat.org or e-mailing tithe@habitat.org.



Support from our partners help families to lead stable life.



Habitat Ethiopia Intervention/Project locations



● ACTIVE PROJECT LOCATION

● PAST INTERVENTION AREAS





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