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ENGAGE Project Ethiopia 2020-2025

Women's Empowerment and
Active Citizenship



INTENDED OUTCOMES OF THE PROJECT

1. Strengthened leadership of women and men for gender equitable community-driven change processes in Ethiopia
2. Enhanced performance of WISE in supporting women's
3. Improved and increased use of gender equitable, community-driven policies

TRAINING OF TRAINERS AND LEADERSHIP COURSES TO WOMEN AND MEN

Partner Organizations

Members



KEY MILESTONES

5 women-only Saving and Credit Cooperatives (SACCOs)



2400
Aged 18 - 60



Training and Business Development Service

Access to Financial Services

Strengthening SACCO governance

Scholarships to key partners to attend Coady Courses in Canada and in partner countries

23 Staff

In person and online courses

10 Courses

Advocacy initiatives to promote gender equitable local governance, inclusive economies, and community resilience

- ✓ Community conversations
- ✓ Sensitization activities with men
- ✓ Engagement with media
- ✓ Experience sharing
- ✓ Women-only space

ASSET- BASED COMMUNITY DRIVEN DEVELOPMENT (ABCD)

Integrating ABCD into programme:-

Training of Trainers
28



Training of Practitioners
456



Symposium
200

> 200
participants
> 60
organizations

First ABCD National Conference



Second ABCD National Conference

> 200
participants
> 80
organizations



RESEARCH AND LEARNING



MEL system design

Adaptation into training curriculum

Dissemination

KEY IMPACTS

1. COMMUNITY

- ✓ Over 80% of registered members reported improved income and quality of life.
- ✓ Leadership skills and participation increased to 83.7%.
- ✓ 100% of members accessed financial services.
- ✓ Men were positively influenced in gender equality, women's leadership, and male empowerment.
- ✓ Community change agents (active citizens) were developed.

2. ORGANIZATION

- ✓ More than 23 staff accessed training locally and internationally, strengthening their capacities.
- ✓ IT facilities were upgraded.
- ✓ Over 18 staff gained exposure outside the country.
- ✓ A participatory MEL system was adopted.
- ✓ Growing funding partnerships were observed.
- ✓ Internal research capacity improved.

3. LOCAL PARTNERS AND NETWORKS

- ✓ Over 250 individuals participated in training and forums.
- ✓ Government, civil society, and higher education institutions endorsed ABCD, TOT in Business, and Cooperative approaches.
- ✓ Demand is increasing among forum practitioners and government for training, experience sharing, and partnerships. Duty bearers are becoming more responsive.

MAJOR CHALLENGES

- ✓ COVID-19
- ✓ Displacement
- ✓ Unprecedented inflation
- ✓ Insecurity

***ENGAGE Project Official Launch
at WISE During COVID-19
December 15, 2020***

