

**Integrated Community and Educational  
Development Association (ICEDA)**

**Annual Report of 2000/2001  
(1993 Ethiopian Calendar)**

**March, 2002  
Addis Ababa**

## **1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Integrated Community Education Development Association (ICEDA) is a non-profit, non-governmental, voluntary organization founded by 15 members who support the vision of the association. Initiated by an individual to address the development problems of the deprived communities

Founded in 1998, ICEDA has 4 areas of focus, education, health, poverty reduction and civic rights of women and children. As a pilot, ICEDA has started its activities in Akaki district of Oromia regional state, in Billy, Yerer-Abayi, Chaffe Tuma and Gogecha villages where all the people are illiterate and violence against women is rampant.

Board of Management (BOM) governs ICEDA, which is accountable to the General Assembly. The Board has 5 members (one of them female) who are working voluntarily ICEDA directed by an Executive Director.

Vision of ICEDA is to see ignorance, illness, poverty and discrimination free society created and its mission is to achieve sustainable development in social, economic and political position of neglected parts of the society through accessing integrated basic services.

### **Main objectives**

- To ensure access to basic education for poor out of school working children.
- To promote primary health care, clean drinking water services and prevention of HIV/AIDS.
- To enhance the economic status of poor women and families by encouraging indigenous self-help techniques.
- To promote conventions on the basic rights of children and women to survival, development, protection and participation.

## **Strategies of ICEDA**

- Participating the community in any development activities proposed for them from problem identification up to managing the projects to build the maximum ownership feeling.
- Seeking cooperation and maintaining networking with the government and NGOs as well as groups of individuals prepared to work on grassroots community development activities.
- Promotion of indigenous knowledge and different cultural conflict resolution, child protection and development and decision making techniques.

\* Conducting different studies and researches on the socio-economic Problems of the target community and disseminating the outcomes..

- Introduction of alternative and efficient natural resources conservation, environment protection and rehabilitation strategies.
- Developing appropriate education, training materials, courses and train a wide range of persons.
- Provision of consultancy, legal and technical services

## **2. ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION IN 2001**

### **2.1 CIVIC LITERACY**

#### **Campaign against violence**

The effect of gender-based violence is devastating and long lasting. Violence is a particular danger to a woman reproductive health and can scar a survivor psychologically. Since girls are more often subjected to sexual violence, they are at risk of becoming infected with HIV/AIDS at a much younger age than are boys.

In Ethiopia, violence against women includes FGM, rape, abduction, wife battering, forced marriages and cruel neglect. It is perhaps the most compelling yet least recognized human rights issue. It is also seen as a private issue.

However, after discovering that violence against children and women was rampant in the Akaki district, ICEDA organized different advocacy and awareness raising workshops for elders and religions leaders men and women groups separately relating the issue of violence with the Ethiopian constitution, human rights declarations and conventions. Totally 320 persons have been sensitized.

At village level, 64 victims of abduction have attended 2 day long discussions on gender based violence against women.

In order to find a community based solution for the violence,, conference on forced marriages and their consequences have been organized for 80 community leaders. After they vowed not to mediate the case of abduction, each village has set-up women support group consisting of 9 persons. They meet monthly to discuss the cases of vulnerable women and find the solution together with the village administrations.

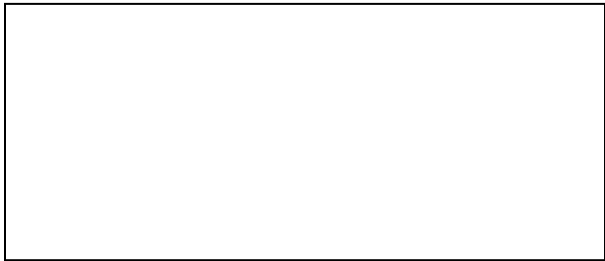
On March 8, 2001 rural women who have been abducted appeared in the Ethiopian television witnessing what physical and psychological injury abduction has caused to them and their families.

Since December 2000. ICEDA has distributed 2,000 white Ribbons to district administration workers education office workers, Oda Nabe and 1

Dalota Junior secondary schools, Dukem primary school and the 4 community literacy centers.

Demonstration rally of 1500 students of Tijo junior secondary school was organized against forced marriages and abduction. The school was to be closed because teachers beaten while they tried to stop abducting their students of age 10 to 12 years.

*"Woman and donkey like beating Ethiopian Saying "*



## **2.2 WORLD LITERACY**

### **Non-formal Basic Education**

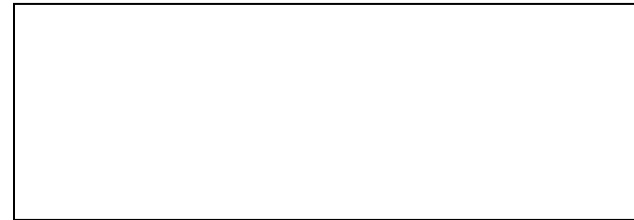
Providing access to education for women helps them to expand the horizon of their knowledge and enrich their source of information. It all enables them build a career on their way to economic independence.

Women denied the access to education end up being victims of discrimination and carriers as well as transmitters of social ills with all their complexities. Alike developing countries women in Ethiopia have been denied access to education.

*" If women farm, rain will stop" Ethiopian saying*



In order to address this, ICEDA has opened 4 literacy centers in 4 villages of Oromia regional state where all women are with no education. Since there are no schools around them, ICEDA has introduced non-formal primary education as an innovative approach. Three hours per day and three days per week at time convenient to the community.



700 males and 500 females are enrolled in the literacy programmes. Prior to the commencement of the educational programme 3 male and 1 female literacy facilitators have been trained for 15 days. Through this non formal education we access information we have enabled women to read and writer, to learn their environment, good cultures and harmful traditions children rights and women rights in the local language, primary health care and family planning issues.

The literacy school facilitators conduct on going meetings every fifteen days to share experiences and community education committees composed of 7 members (out of whom 2 are female) meet each month to discuss on the progress of the literacy program in their respective villages out of the 2000 non formal education students 100 of them have joined formal schools.

A blind boy of 15 years who was looking after cattle using only stick was discovered and ICEDA has contacted the Oromia Education Bureau to admit him to one of the blind schools.

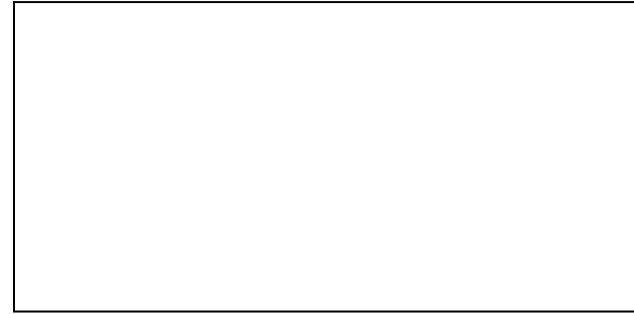
## 2.3 Body Literacy

### Campaign against HIV/AIDS and HTPs

Ethiopia being the most least developed country in the world with GNP per capita of USD 100 but with a population estimated to be 66 million in 2001, the health service coverage is very low.

In Ethiopia, one in every 11 is people living with HIV/AIDS. The impact of HIV/AIDS has been devastating. Already, an estimated 2.9 million adults and 150,000 children living with HIV/AIDS, more than in any country except South Africa and India. Approximately 900,000 children of Ethiopia are thought to have been orphaned by AIDS. Each day 750 new cases are reported. However, the awareness is still very low.

Women are infected earlier, often before they reach 20 years of age about 5 times higher among women than men in the age bracket of 15-24. ICEDA has been organizing different awareness raising workshops for women and men in the district of Akaki on HIV/AIDS, early marriage, abduction and rape, FGM and tattooing. 320 persons have attended the workshops at all level. Special school event have been organized on the world's AIDS day in which about 3000 student in 3 junior high schools have attended. Young women from Down of Hope-Ethiopia have sensitized the participants both at the village and school levels. The four villages and the 3 schools have established anti-HIV-AIDS clubs and every month different activities are performed. These activities have been screened through Ethiopian television's youth programme and as current news.



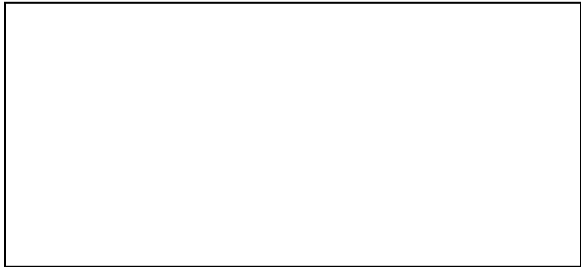
## 2.4 MONEY LITERACY

### Livelihood Improvement

In the Oromia region, forced marriage is rampant. One in four marry by abduction. 31.6 percent of the women have married early before they reached 15 years of age. Most of the forced marriages end up in divorce. A case study done in the Bili- Silto and Yerer Abay villages reveals that 80% of the girls abducted have run away to their parents within a period less than a year. These women are leading their lives by distilling and retailing local alcohol (Arake). This has exposed them to further rape and unwanted pregnancy and HIV/AIDS.

As an innovative approach to rehabilitate violence victim women, by creating alternative employment for these poorest of the poor young women, ICEDA has discussed with 60 women who are victims and found out that they are very much interested to stop alcohol retailing and 20 women preferred petty trading, 30 women sheep, goat or cow rearing and 10 women in handcrafts activities. These women have organized themselves into "Yerer women self help center" and elected their chairperson, treasure, secretary and two members as executive, treasurer, secretary and two members as executive committees. Trainings on 3

family planning, HIV/AIDS and STI as well as legal rights of women have been provided every month. Some of them are attending the non-formal adult education. However, due to lack of funds for the physical rehabilitations of abduction victims, the women are not able to change their livelihood.



### **3.PRODUCTION AND DISSEMINATION OF IEC MATERIALS**

As one of its strategies to achieve its objectives, ICEDA develops different IEC materials appropriate to the activities.

In this regard,

- a) In collaboration with Gem-TV, a documentary video drama on abduction has been prepared, which focuses on Billy Silto peasant association. After completion of the film, it has been disseminated for 17 minutes in two consecutive series separately, first to 30 women, later to 100 men and 20 children, totally, 150 persons have watched it. The documentary video drama was called in the Oromo language “Mana qoraatti” which means a thorny house.

Similarly another film, which had been screened through Ethiopian TV, was also disseminated for 25 minutes.

After the dissemination of the film, they were interviewed to give their comments regarding the abduction and they condemned the practice and the elders, explained that they had

already quitted to mediate abduction cases since the first workshops and as of this second refreshment workshop, they promised to end up such harmful practices

According to the respondents, their daughters are exposed to abduction while they are going to fetch water from distant area and on their way to school or from the school.

In order to solve this problem they requested to get the service of water and school at their vicinity.

- b) A monthly newsletter (now quarterly) known as “Segni Newsletter” has started to be published bi-lingual (in English and Amharic)
- c) Together with Ethiopian Television, Ethiopian Herald, Addis Zemen, Barisa newspapers, Ethiopian radio, Radio Fana and Walta Information Center different activities of ICEDA have been disseminated.

### **4. NETWORKING**

After ICEDA got its legal certificate as a development local NGO, it has prepared different project proposals, related to education, poverty alleviation, Reproductive Health Rights HTPs and Gender and has submitted to Save the Children Denmark, Action Aid –Ethiopia, Ford Foundation, Netherlands Embassy, Woman Kind World Wide (UK), US cares for Ethiopia, Oromia Education Bureau, Oromia Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Bureau, Canada Embassy, American Embassy Ireland Embassy, Austrian Embassy, Ipas- Ethiopia and Oromia HIV/AIDS Prevention Secretariat, Save the children USA and Oxfam-Canada.

Except for the positive response of German Development Service, US Cares for Ethiopia and Womankind World Wide we are waiting for the rest of funding agencies for funding our projects. ICEDA has joined the 4 East African literacies programme network and became partner with Woman Kind.

Guests from US Cares for Ethiopia, Womankind worldwide and German Development Service have visited the project sites and the head office and have discussed with the beneficiaries, staffs and board member.

ICEDA has participated in the training workshop prepared by the British Council on project preparation and management. Also ICEDA has become member of BEN-Ethiopia (Basic Education Network of Ethiopia)

In addition ICEDA participated at the launching ceremony of DEVINET (the development information network Ethiopia) held at the Sheraton Addis and Registered as a member of this newly established web site.

This web site was the joint initiative of the CRDA (Christian Relief and Development Association) and the British Council

## **6. ICEDA'S ACHIEVEMENTS**

After ICEDA's intervention, there are some indications for a change to occur.

These are:

1. The literacy rate of the community raised by certain percentage

2. The target community has got the necessary awareness on the benefits of educating children.
3. The target community has gained the capacity of managing their projects.

## **15 PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED**

As a beginner NGO, we have faced different problems, some of them are:

- b) Long bureaucratic process of concerned government bureau to sign project agreement.
- c) The frequent exchange of officials.
- d) Lack of budget to fulfill the necessary manpower and materials for the program.
- e) High need of the labour of children at home.
- f) In availability of facilitators at some peasant associations e.g Yerer Abbayyi.
- g) Shortage of books for Non-Formal Education including facilitators' guidebooks.
- h) Lack of office equipment (computer with its accessories) exposed ICEDA to additional expenses for secretarial services and IEC materials.
- i) Inability to respond to the request of different peasant associations to introduce new centers for their communities (e.g. Odda Nabee).
- j) Lack of vehicles and motor bicycles for transpiration of monitoring and follow-up purposes to the distant centers (e.g. Billy and Yerer Abbayyi).

- k) Inability to fulfill the request of peasant association to solve the shortage of pure drinking water (which takes much of their education times to fetch), besides this, lack of health posts and access to road are left unsolved.
- l) Lack of budget to rehabilitate violence victim females in the project area to make them self-supportive.
- m) Due to large family size many families are affected by poverty and hence they rent their children to be shepherd and serve as a farmers to rich ones rather than send to school.
- n) High gender discrimination and forbidding girls participate in different association and NFE programs.
- o) Inability to cover 4 shifts with only one facilitator (e.g. Billy center).
- p) Low payment for facilitators has pushed them to intend to go to the other high paying NGOs around the vicinity (because ICEDA's programme have pulled the attention of other NGOs to focus at the Akaki district).
- q) Absenteeism because of going long distance to fetch water.

#### 15 PLAN OF ICEDA FOR THE YEAR 2002 /1994 E.C

No	Activity	Quarter				Output
		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	
1	To continue non formal primary education in 4 centers in Gogecha, Billy, Yerer Abbayi and Chaffee Tuma	x	x	x	x	560 children
2	Organize Special School/ centers events on HIV/AIDS		x		x	5000 persons
3	On job training for NFBE Facilitators	x	x	x	x	5 facilitators
4	Conduct different workshops on HTPS and HIV/AIDS preventions			x		16,666 person
5	Awareness creation for gate keepers			x		30 persons
6	Organize an education development forum (FED)			x		30 persons
7	Submit project proposal to a potential funders	x	x	x	x	-
8	Gender equity and good governance training			x		130 persons
9	Organize training on reproductive health rights	x	x			60 persons

10	Prepare and disseminate IEC materials	x	x	x	x	-
11	Exchange visit for the CEC	x		x		20 persons
12	Capacity building for CEC club member and women leaders		x			70 persons
13	Livelihood improvement for poor women and families (poverty Reduction)	x				120 persons
14	Board /members/ staff development training	x				15 persons
15	Monitoring and evaluation	x	x	x	x	-

### Integrated Community Education Development Association

#### Income and expense statement for the year ended

#### 31<sup>st</sup> December 2001 (Ethiopian Birr)

Income	2001	2000
<b>Balance on January, 01, 2001</b>	<b>245.00</b>	
Membership Contribution	1,000.00	5,710.00
German Development Service	25,200.00	
Womankind worldwide	16,455.90	
US cares for Ethiopia	4,967.40	
	47,868.30	5,710.00
<b>Expense</b>		
Administrative cost	5,947.74	61.00
Capital cost	28,199.51	4,344.00
Project cost	-	1,060.00
	34,147.25	5,465.00
<b>Represent by</b>		
Cash on hand	4,073.75	
Cash at bank	9,647.30	245.00
	13,721.05	245.00

### I. Board member of ICEDA

- Dr. Engineer Hailu Ayele  
Ex- Academic vice presented of Addis Ababa University (AAU)  
Chair person
- Ato Berhanu Geleto  
General Manager of Rift Valley Children and Women Development Association  
Treasurer
- Ato Mulugeta Gebru  
Managing Director of Jerusalem Association for Children's Homes  
Vice Chairperson
- Ato Teshome Segni  
Regional Coordinator of the Oromia Branch of NCTPE  
Executive Director
- S/r Nigat W/Hawariat  
Children Nurse at Yekatit 12 Hospital  
Member
- Ato Fetene Kebede  
Legal Advisor at the present's office of Oromia Regional state  
Legal Advisor

## II. Founder and executive director

Teshome Segni

## III. Staff (volunteer)

Alemayehu Debele	-Project coordinator
Admasu Girma	-Education Facilitator
Debele Belda	-Education Facilitator
Amelwork Belachew	-Education Facilitator

Wandimu Gudda	-Education Facilitator
Yisahq Shiferaw	-Education Facilitator
Eshetu Birra	-Supervisor

Our special thanks to:

-Rift Valley Children and Women Development Association  
Down of Hope - Association for people living with HIV/AIDS

Gem- Tv

-Ethiopian Press Agency  
-Ethiopia Television  
-Ethiopia Radio  
-Radio Fana

## V. Volunteers

-Lidia Bekele  
-Dr. Engineer Hailu Ayele  
-Ato Berhnau Geleto  
-Ato Mulugeta Gebru  
-Ato Teshome Segni  
-S/r Nigat W/Hawariat  
-Ato Fetene Kebed

## VI. Funders

Woman kind World Wide (UK)  
German Development Service  
US cares for Ethiopia

Friends of ICEDA

-Mr. Christian Caspar  
-W/ro Rebeka Atanafu  
-Mrs. Helen Pahankrust  
-Mrs. Debrah Kingsland

## **In Akaki District**

100 percent of the women are circumcised.

60 percent of the women have married below 15 years of age.

The mean age at marriage is 14 years.

25 percent of the women have married by abduction

80 percent of the abducted women have divorced within less than a year.

75 percent of the women use traditional medicines to terminate unwanted pregnancies.

92 percent of the women cannot read and write.

92 percent of the women lack proper information about family planning and about HIV/AIDS.