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Report on Phase 2 Relief to IDPs Sheltered in Debre-Birhan with the Support of Dir Biyabir

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Dir Biyabir's Phase 2 Relief Report

BACKGROUND

Need Assessment Team

In order to identify the needs in IDP sites, ADHENO team (Executive Director and Project Coordinator) together with Mayor's Office of Debre-Birhan town (Plan officer - Mr. Getachew Belayneh and Finance Officer – Mr. Demeke Weldetinsaie) visited the four (Kebele 08, 06, 03, 04) IDP shelters on 14th April 2022. The team was composed of ADHENO staff and Debre-Birhan Mayor's Office for two main reasons. Firstly, the work of ADHENO always upholds the value of transparency. Debre-Birhan city administration is responsible to oversee and control all active institutions within the city and practically involved in the planning, budgeting and administration of ADHENO (Dir-Biyabir) emergency support to Wellega IDPs in Debre-Birhan. Secondly, the collaboration of ADHENO with the line government offices create higher acceptance and trust for ADHENO's intervention with the IDPs.

The total population at kebeles 03, 04, 06, & 08 are 159, 73, 94 and 246 respectively which makes a total of 572 individuals.

Figure 1: Discussion with IDP representatives

Source of information

During the data collection time, the team used data collection methods such as participant observation, document review and discussions with representatives of shelters. The total number of IDPs in each shelter ranges from 73-246 members. It was not practically possible to talk to each and everybody. Fortunately, each IDP site has committee members that represent each IDP setting. During our visit, we talked to committee members who were five at the time (three male & two female) in each center. Therefore, we managed to discuss with twenty representatives. Since the discussion was in an open area at the shelters, more people were freely involved to give additional information.

Each of the four IDP site has a list of persons that is approved to qualify as an IDP by the city administration. The list shows the IDP's name, age, gender, and place of origin. ADHENO has examined and copied the list to plan for a proportionate distribution of phase 2 relief.

During our visit, the IDPs expressed their gratefulness and cherished the first round of emergency support that was provided to them by ADHENO. They said that the support reached them when they had finished their food items. And now ADHENO's second visit made them to say, "we have friends". The elderly men and women continuously thanked God during their speech.

Moreover, the needs assessment team has observed the available food stock in each shelter. It was found that the Teff flour which was supplied during phase 1 relief is still available which can sustain them till June.

Items Identified

IDPs were very humble and reserved to list their immediate and pressing needs. They said that they didn't want to pressure us because of their endless needs. Once, they had a house with full of food and good life. Now they have noting. So, they were saying for ADHENO to just bring what it wishes. ADHENO team encouraged them to tell that they know best what they need most. Through probing and in-depth discussion with the IDP committee members, ADHENO was able to identify the food and non-food items like hair oil, skipping rope, balls, black board and others as immediate and pressing needs of the IDPs particularly to children.

Figure 2: A child with dry head

Kitchen Shades

We were able to observe that shelters at Kebele 03, 04 & 06 have poor or no shade areas for cooking. They have been cooking in an open area with wind blowing dust into the sauce (wot) and injera during backing. They asked for maintenance and construction of their kitchens with iron sheet.

Figure 3: Open Kitchen at Kebele 06

Education Initiatives

The IDPs came to Debre-Birhan after the academic year has started. Some of the shelters (Kebele 08) have organized themselves and teach young children alphabets and numbers. The other shelters have requested education materials as a need to start teaching children (alphabet and numbers). We recognized that some of the IDPs are teachers by profession. These teachers expressed their willingness to volunteer as a teacher if teaching materials such as alphabets and numbers will be available.

Group Dynamics

One of the shelters (Kebele 8) hosts two groups of IDPs. The first group is from Dodola, they came to Debre-Birhan two years ago. They are now very familiar with opportunities and offices in Debre-Birhan. Some of them went back and are now peacefully settled. Others have secured their farms back in Dodola; they plough their land; put a caretaker and came back to the shelter. Some others have got jobs or have shops and taxi (Bajaj) in Debre-Birhan. However, they still reside at the IDP shelter to continuously access for more emergency support and free accommodation.

The government officers have informed us that the Dodola area is now safe. A good number of them have already gone back. And those remaining are also encouraged to go back to Dodola or support themselves from their business income. We understand that continuing to support the Dodola IDPs will encourage dependency. Therefore, the emergency support focused only on the Wellega IDPs. It is to be noted that Dodola IDPs were included in the first round but not in the 2nd phase for good reason; not to encourage dependency.

Modality of Distribution

After careful analysis of the information collected, situations observed and discussions made, the need assessment team has come to the conclusion that the mentioned food and non-food items should be distributed:

- proportionally among the IDPs as per population size
- the emergency support to cover only those who came from Wellega
- The emergency support to be given in two phases: the first part (50%) to cover the identified items and be distributed within one-week time before Easter Holiday. And the second half (the remaining 50%) to be used to buy Teff flour to be distributed in June. This is expected to last them till spring (September).

Note: June-August, the wintertime in Ethiopia is very cold, rainy and it's a time where food shortage (especially cereals including Teff) is experienced.

DELIVERY DAY OF PHASE 2 RELIEF (21 APRIL 2022)

Messages from ADHENO's ED and Deputy Mayor of Debre-Birhan

Ato Yonathan Fikre, Executive Director of ADHENO, said that ADHENO has been dedicated for environmental rehabilitation, integrated rural development and improving rural livelihoods for long time. But now, time demands, cooperation and supporting one another particularly to IDPs who are in desperate need of lifesaving supports.

Dir Biyabir (in USA) funded phase 1relief items were delivered successfully in March 2022 and phase2 emergency support by Dir Biyabir for four IDP sites took place taking into account the Easter Holiday. Finally, Ato Yonathan Fikre expressed that ADHENO is getting prepared and looking for more funds for phase 3 relief to these groups of IDPs until they get sustainable solutions.

Ato Bedilu Wubshet, Deputy Mayor of the Debre-Birhan town, spoke that more than 18,000 IDPs are staying in different IDP shelters in Debre-Birhan town who have been displaced from different parts of the Oromia region. Furthermore, he said that these IDPs have been getting emergency lifesaving supports such as food, clothes, shelter and other essential services from volunteers since they came into Debre-Birhan. He also stated that these IDPs used to live better lives and they shall not continue in this condition. Also, he said that different efforts are being taken by high level officials from both the regional and federal governments in finding sustainable solutions to these IDPs.

He has forwarded his gratitude to ADHENO and its partners Dir Biyabir for providing essential lifesaving emergency supports to IDPs in phase 1. He also told that ADHENO in partnership with Dir Biyabir came up with phase2 relief which includes food and non-food items which would help IDPs feel better and joyous on the Easter Holiday.

Finally, Ato Bedilu calls the international humanitarian organizations to support IDPs sheltered in Debre-Birhan who are in desperate need of more emergency supports until they managed getting sustainable solutions.

Messages from Priests /Religious leaders

Aba Yonas, Head of Aid and Voluntary Services of North Shoa Diocese from Ethiopian Tewahido Orthodox Church (EOTC) attended and conveyed their appreciations, best wishes and blessings to Dir Biyabir and ADHENO including all those who participated during the distribution of essential food and non-food items of Dir Biyabir's phase 2 relief bearing in mind the Easter Holiday. They also wished good health and successful life for each of the contributors who showed us that love and humanity do not have boundary. During the distribution of items, some IDP members have expressed how they are thankful and gave their testimonies.

Lists of Items Distributed

On 21 April 2022, ADHENO has delivered phase2 relief donated from Dir Biyabir members and volunteers to the same IDPs who have received phase 1 relief in the presence of Debre-Birhan deputy Mayor and representatives from Office of North Shoa Zone Diocese of Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church.

Phase2 relief encompassed food items, sanitary materials, educational equipment and game materials to children and youths. Food items delivered were 17 quintals of raw beans, 800 kgs of sugar, 574 liters of cooking oil, 600 kgs of salt, and 800 kgs of onion.

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Figure 4: Different food and non-food items

Provision of sanitary materials included 315 bottles of hair oil for children and women; 814 dry soap (200 gram); 630 sanitary pads; firewood for the four shelters; and maintenance and construction of temporary kitchen in two (2) shelters. Women and girls in each IDP shelter were run out of sanitary materials particularly sanitary pads.

Figure 5: Ms. Eden (ADHENO's Project Cashier) delivering women sanitary materials

In order to prevent risks of cooking at open areas, ADHENO facilitated the maintenance and construction of temporary kitchen in two IDP sites based on the results from the needs assessment.

Picture 6: Temporary kitchen under construction and completed in Kebele 06 shelter

Furthermore, distribution of educational equipment for children and youths was part of the phase2 relief which covered four (4) black boards, 10 boxes of chalk, 240 exercise books, 440 pencils, 240 pens, books to children and youths in all shelters, and indoor and outdoor games (8 Handballs, 4 Volleyballs, 2 Footballs, & 2 pumps) for children and youths.

Based on the needs of IDPs, ADHENO has delivered different educational inputs to help children and youths attend classes. To encourage recreational activities in each IDP centers, ADHENO has delivered different balls such as handballs, footballs and volleyballs.

Figure 7: Ato Yonathan delivering balls to children and Children receiving exercise books

Cost of Phase 2 Relief For Wellega IDPs in Debre Birhan- April 21, 2022

Items	Amount Distributed	Unit of Measure	Cost Per Unit of Measure (in birr)	Total Cost
Raw Beans	17	Quintals	4,300	73,100
Sugar	800	Kgs	65	52,000
Salt	600	Kgs	20	12,000
Oil	574	Litres	200	114,800
Onion	800	Kgs	45	36,000
Hair Oil for chilren and women	315	Bottles	100	31,500
Dry Soap 200 gm	814	Number	35	28,490
Sanitary Pad	630	Number	45	28,350
Firewood	298	Number	40	11,995
Maintenance & Construction of tempo Kitchen	2	Shelter	12,957.5	25,915
Blackboard	4	Number	2,200	8,800
Chalk	10	Box	20	200
Exercise Book	240	Number	40	9,600
Pencil	440	Number	7	3,080
Pen	240	Number	10	2,400
Books and educational charts	93	Number	77.3	7,189
Handball small	8	Number	220	1,760
Volleyball	4	Number	750	3,000
Football	2	Number	1,300	2,600
Pump	2	Number	350	700
	Subtotal			453,478
Running Cost				
Car rent & related transportation costs	3	Number	2,300	6,900
	Subtotal			**460,378**
Logistics and Administration costs (5 % of the total budget)	5%	Birr		23,018.92
	Grand Total			483,397

Table 1: Summary of cost of items distributed in Phase 2 Relief

Phase 2 Relief for Wellega IDP in Debre Birhan- April 21, 2022

	Kebele 08	Kebele 06	Kebele 04	Kebele 03	Total	Remark
Number of IDPs	246	94	73	159	572	
Raw Beans (Quintals)	9	0*	3	5	17	
Sugar(Kgs)	344	128	104	224	800	
cooking Oil (Litres	248	94	73	159	574	
Salt (Kgs)	250	100	100	150	600	
Onion (Kgs)	344	128	104	224	800	
Hair oil for children andwomen(Bottles)	136	52	40	87	315	
Dry Soap 200 gm (Number)	496	0*	0*	318	814	
Sanitary Pad (Number)	272	104	80	174	630	
Maintenance & construction of Temporary Kitchen (Number of Shelter)	0*	1	1	0*	2	
Firewood (Number)	123	55	35	85	298	
Black Board (Number)	1	1	1	1	4	
Chalk(Boxes)	3	2	2	3	10	
Exercise Books (Number)	104	38	31	67	240	
Pencil (Number)	189	70	57	124	440	
Pen(Number)	104	38	31	67	240	
Books and Educational Charts (Number)	28	19	19	27	93	
Handball small (Number)	2	2	2	2	8	
Volleyball (Number)	1	1	1	1	4	
Football (Number)	1	0	0	1	2	
Pump (Number)	1	0	0	1	2	

Table 2: Summary of items distributed in Phase 2 Relief

Note

1*. We didn't provide Raw Beans to Kebele 06 in the 2nd round. It was covered by another funding organization.

2*. We didn't provide soap to Kebele 04 &06. They have already received it from other individual donors.

3*. We were able to construct temporary kitchen to Kebele 06 IDPs and a kitchen maintenance took place at Kebele 04 IDP shelter. However, we couldn't make maintenance to Kebele 03 shelter due to lack of budget.

4*. Allowance for government experts was covered by Members and volunteers of Medhanealem Church of Montreal (Canada) who have donated six slaughtering oxen for the Easter Holiday on the same day we provided phase2 relief.

5. About 72 Dodola IDPs sheltered at Kebele 08 didn't get phase 2 relief. Phase 2 relief considered only Wellega IDPs