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## EDTF HAS SECURED THE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

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The Ethiopian Diaspora Trust Fund (EDTF) is pleased to announce that it has just secured the long-awaited Registration Certificate on the 1st of July 2019 to improve the lives of poor and disadvantaged people in Ethiopia. This milestone is a platform for EDTF in collecting and channeling the financial contribution of the Ethiopian diaspora community that will immediately lead EDTF towards launching its first “Call for Projects”. The first “Call for Projects” is expected to be held on the 16th of July 2019.



EDTF is committed to fulfil the broader vision of achieving a durable solution to Ethiopia’s socio-political and economic challenges that meets the legitimate aspirations of all of Ethiopians, irrespective of ethnicity, language, religion, and gender. EDTF is a completely independent non-governmental non-profit entity operating under its own Terms of Reference, independent Board of Directors, independent Secretariat and independent Advisory Council.

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## About EDTF

The call to donate a dollar-a-day by all Ethiopian Diasporas came from the Prime Minister of Ethiopia, H.E. Dr. Abiy Ahmed, on July 08, 2019. This was followed by his appointment of the Ethiopian Diaspora Trust Fund (EDTF) Advisory Council (AC). The purpose of the AC is to function as a structured link between the EDTF and the diaspora community for a united dynamism against poverty.

EDTF is a non-profit organization established with the goal of achieving a resilient solution for Ethiopia's disadvantaged groups and communities and contribute towards the legitimate aspirations of all Ethiopians, irrespective of ethnicity, religion, language, region, gender, political views or any other factors. EDTF neither advances nor promotes any partisan political agenda and is solely focused on its mission of raising awareness and funds to finance and assist poor and disadvantaged people of Ethiopia. The Fund aims to finance projects that meet critical and selected needs based on their potential to make the highest positive impact on groups and communities in Ethiopia in such areas as health, education, water, sanitation facilities and rehabilitation of persons with disability, agricultural development, technology, women empowerment, youth, financial inclusion, small scale entrepreneurship and other income and employment generating projects.

Responding to the PM Dr. Abiy Ahmed's call for action and in support of his message of love, forgiveness, reconciliation, unity and peace, the Ethiopian Diaspora has enthusiastically accepted his challenge and, the EDTF has continued to grow with donations made through the website wire transfers, bank deposits to the EDTF Citibank and Commercial Bank of Ethiopia EDTF Accounts, PayPal and GoFundMe totaling USD 4 million from about 21,000 donors in 77 countries since 22nd October 2018. The Trust Fund highly appreciates not only the contribution of financial resources but also the time and intellectual expertise being provided by the Diaspora.

EDTF presently is establishing different EDTF Chapters globally. As these Chapters are entirely volunteer-based initiative, it is the free will of all Ethiopian Diasporas to join one of the chapters in their locality or open an EDTF Chapter per the guiding principle of the EDTF.

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The United Nations Development Program (UNDP) has given EDTF a two-year grant to fund the cost of the EDTF Secretariat in Addis Ababa. The UNDP grant is an affirmation of the long-term success of EDTF.

EDTF is neutral with respect to political views, opinions or orientations. EDTF neither advances nor promotes any political agenda. EDTF is keenly focused on its mission of raising awareness and funds to support and finance critical socio-economic projects in Ethiopia. EDTF fully respects the rights of free expression of its members, donors and Ethiopians at large.

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