



ETHIOPIAN DIASPORA TRUST FUND

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ETHIOPIAN DIASPORA TRUST FUND (EDTF) FUNDS FIVE OUTSTANDING PROJECTS

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The Ethiopian Diaspora Trust Fund Advisory Council (EDTF-AC) was established on August 9, 2018.

On its second anniversary, the EDTF-AC is proud to announce the funding of the first set of five outstanding projects in Ethiopia, which were approved by the EDTF Board of Directors. These projects were reviewed by expert Technical Review Teams which confirmed their compliance with EDTF's proposal eligibility criteria. Before final funding, each project was subjected to rigorous and transparent capacity assessment and budget review focusing on organizational capacity, operational and financial management and effectiveness to deliver on proposed project outcomes. Among the key proposal evaluation criteria include project sustainability, potential impact, scalability, innovation and creativity, cost efficiency (value for money), accountability and transparency and communication. All project related documents are available at www.ethiopiastrustfund.org/approved-projects/.

The five funded projects include:

Help for Persons with Disabilities-Organization (HPD-O) - Construction of special needs education units for disabled and neglected children in selected primary schools in 3 Woredas of Amhara Region, Semien Shewa Zone.

Hiwot Integrated Development Organization (HIDO) - Early Childhood Care and Education Services for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) at Woreda 06 of Addis Ababa.

Pro Development Network (PDN) - Promotion of Safe Water Supply, Hygiene and Sanitation - For hard-to-reach communities using renewable energy in Afar and Tigray Regions.

Gurmuu Development Association (Gurmuu) - Improving children's learning environment in four primary schools in Oromia Regional State.

Korah Great Hope Charity Organization (KGHCO)- Hygiene and sanitation promotion education and practices in Kolfe Keraniyo Sub-City Qoshe area of Addis Ababa.

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Prof. Alemayehu (Al) Mariam, EDTF-AC Chair said, “This is truly a momentous occasion for EDTF. We began our labor of love for EDTF exactly 2 years to the day. We have passed this milestone because so many people of good will stretched helping hands. I want to thank and express my appreciation to EDTF Advisory Council members, EDTF Board of Directors in Ethiopia, the EDTF Secretariat, EDTF Chapters throughout the world, the various tireless EDTF Volunteer Teams for their outstanding contributions to the EDTF mission. My special thanks goes to the nearly 26 thousand EDTF donors who gave so generously. We should all be proud of our achievements because there is no global diaspora organization like EDTF. As we continue our EDTF journey, I urge all members of the EDTF family to strengthen their resolve and reaffirm their commitment to the EDTF cause. Let’s join hands and give our people a hand up!”

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About EDTF

The call to donate a dollar-a-day by all Ethiopians in the Diaspora came from the Prime Minister of Ethiopia, H.E. Dr. Abiy Ahmed on July 08, 2018. This was followed by his appointment of the Ethiopian Diaspora Trust Fund (EDTF) Advisory Council (AC) on August 9, 2020 and the EDTF Board of Directors EDTF Board of Directors on May 20, 2019.

The EDTF Board of Directors is the apex governance body. It comprises of eleven persons, drawn from the Ethiopian government, Diaspora and Civil Society. Whereas the 18 members of EDTF-AC is tasked to mobilize the Ethiopian Diaspora Community in the United States and globally to make financial contributions to the EDTF Account on a timely and sustained basis to ensure the realization of the EDTF mission and objectives.

EDTF operates as Friends of EDTF, Inc., and is a tax-exempt 501c3 nonprofit organization (Tax ID: 83-2100439) established in the United States to help raise funds to support social projects in specific critical areas in Ethiopia such areas as health, education, water, sanitation facilities and rehabilitation of persons with disability, agricultural development, technology, women's empowerment, youth, financial inclusion, small scale entrepreneurship and other income and employment generating projects.

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

All donation to EDTF are committed to projects. No EDTF donation is used for administrative or related purposes.

To date, EDTF has mobilized USD\$ 6.82 million from nearly 26 thousand donors living in 93 countries and supported by 46 chapters globally. Diaspora Ethiopians may set up their own chapter by completing an online application available at the EDTF website.

EDTF is an equal opportunity organization dedicated to serving all Ethiopians without regard to race, 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.

Donations to EDTF can be made through the website, wire transfers, bank deposits to the EDTF Citibank and Commercial Bank of Ethiopia EDTF Accounts.

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