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Expansion into Pastoral areas. Does the CHILD concept need adaptation?

Earlier in the year CHILD expanded into the Semi-Pastoral area of Borena, which is found in the southern most part of Ethiopia. The area is located in the Oromo region and borders Kenya, the land is dry and arid inhabited mostly by herders and semi-pastoral communities. The training included 20 new schools and is intended to be a learning experience for the CHILD project, as previously targeted schools were located in highland communities, where life depends upon subsidence



A group of Girls standing in the playground of a Borena school.

farming rather than nomadic herding. As the core of the CHILD project is community lead development, it is felt that community characteristics need to be considered when implementing this concept, hence lessons learned from the Borena experience will be integrated into future approaches during further expansion into pastoralist communities. Communities in the Afar Region will be included in the next expansion, which is planned for Septmeber of this year.

New Arrivals

The CHILD newsletter would like to take this opportunity to invite the readers in welcoming Askale Tekalu and Mamo Getanun to the CHILD team. They will be activity involved in the CHILD project, bringing new ideas and fresh approaches.

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Update...

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The Power of Cleanliness

Health, Hygiene, Sanitation and Potable water are all crucial elements of the Essential Package, the framework of activities which the CHILD project is working to implement in CHILD Based FFE Schools. A UNICEF and WFP concept, the Essential Package will develop child friendly schools and promote educational attainment, not to mention improve the health of students overall. With funding from WFP and Procter & Gamble, Population Services International (PSI) has set about training 40 schools in Amhara, Oromiya and Somali Regions of Ethiopia, in water treatment, sanitation and de-worming. 24,000 students will be included in the pilot with many more community members being exposed to the improved behaviours and practices.

The package includes de-worming tablets for students, water treatment kits and educational training and materials for school teachers to continue disseminating these life long skills. A pilot was launched in June of this year, which included 7 schools in Kobo Woreda, Amhara Region, Ethiopia, with further expansion planned for September of 2007 regions, once the schools return from the summer break.



PSI Trainers giving training on water treatment, the method being demonstrated is applicable to home treatment. (Photo provided by PSI)

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In Brief...

News Highlights on CHILD in Ethiopia

The visiting of a star!

The CHILD project has caused much of a stir among donors, as it shows the abilities of communities to steer themselves towards a brighter future, so much so the Hunger Ambassador and Swiss Pop Star DJ Bobo paid a visit to two CHILD Based FFE Schools in Tigray. DJ Bobo was impressed by the positive impact of the Food For Education programme as it was explained to him how the programme had doubled the number of children attending the school from 655 to 1352 in only three years. Continuous amazement gripped DJ Bobo as he witnessed the influence of the CHILD project and how communities can manage and create assets themselves when given the opportunity and tools to do so. He intends to promote the project upon his return to Europe. ➡

DJ Bobo sampling school feeding meals in Tigray, over his left shoulder you will notice a canteen constructed by the community,



Fourth Bi-Annual Experience sharing

In April of this year the CHILD project held its fourth Bi-Annual experience sharing workshop in two regions, Ba Hir Dar and Mekele, participants came from all over Ethiopia to share their experiences of the project. There was good representation from Schools, Woreda Office and Regional Bureaus of Education. The agenda was packed with discussions of implementation and management, not to mention gratitude and praise for the astounding advances those involved had created within the project. The next meeting is planned for No-



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Best Practice Case Studies on Environment

Burning more effectively!

As part of the CHILD concept to improve the effectiveness of the School Feeding Programme in Ethiopia, efforts have been made to introduce fuel efficient stoves into schools to be used for meal preparation. The stoves have been designed and developed by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ), previously mentioned in newsletter No4. The stove is designed to reduce fuel consumption during burning and subsequently address the pressing issue of deforestation as homesteads who adopt the new technology will require less fuel (typical wood or charcoal) during cooking. By providing school kitchens with modified stoves it is intended that students and communities will be able to witness the increased performance that the stoves offer, and seek to adopt the technology in their own home. As part of this package, GTZ has designed educational literature, a modified stove that will be used to cook the food provided by WFP and a standard stove designed for injera (the national food of Ethiopia) preparation in the homestead. The first phase of the pilot, to orientate Woreda



Mirt stove being installed



Finished Mirt stove modified for School Feeding pots.

Office in Borena, has already been undertaken and the second phase of the pilot is planned for September, when school training will commence in 53 schools across Ethiopia.

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