

Vision for Ethiopia  
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## Children Development Sponsorship program

Report of January - Dec /2014

## **Project preview**

<b>Organization Name</b>	<b>Vision for Ethiopia Association</b>
<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Children Development Sponsorship Project</b>
<b>Donors name</b>	Covenant international Ministry(CIM)& Living word International Church (LWIC)
<b>Reporting Period</b>	Jan 1/2014 till Dec 31 /2014

## **Project Summery**

VEA (Vision for Ethiopia) strives to ensure wellbeing of target children in its operational areas by addressing their needs in a holistic manner covering every area of their needs. The target beneficiaries may include; children of poor families specially single parents unable to have access to basic services, orphans, street children, Children exposed to neglect or various kinds of abuses for various reasons. Priority areas of VEA for enhanced child wellbeing in the first place is **Welfare & Safety** - addressing immediate needs of **needy** children through feeding; such as Monthly groceries such as (Pasta 1kg, Macaroni 2kg , flour 2kg , oil 2 liter, Rica 2 kg) and Hygienic Material ( 1 soup ,1 hair oil ,1 Vaseline) . And depending on their age they also get ladies hygienic napkin). Secondly ensure free and immediate access to health care **for Sponsored Children** .and health education on ways to improved access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene. 3rd great deal of attention is given for **Education and life skills** – ensure targeted children attain at least universal primary education. School material (exercise book, pen, pencil, eraser and sharpener) given 2 times a year and after school tutorial, special attention to those taking national exam at 8, 10, and 12 grades is education support VEA provides. In recently attention is also given to Facilitate pre primary school (Kg) education, age of 3-6 years. Pre primary school (Kg) education has multiple advantages such as helps the kid to be acquainted with basic skill such as read write and familiarization with school environment. Moreover VEA ensuring sustainable protection and respect for rights of all children by working with families and guardians. Economic empowerment arranging possible micro lone opportunity for working mothers who have the inner desire to change their family's life. Finally Child Evangelism is done in partnership with local churches i.e. counseling and one to one care and support system, Sunday school and in summer times Ethical education.

This report will briefly explain the overall activity of the VEA with respect to the above Program Components set in the annual plan.



### **Activities completed**

Over all activity of the organization seems bit low and didn't accomplish almost 40% of the Plans and strategies set in the year 2014. However major activities done at head office (Addis Ababa) level are:-

➤ General Assembly meeting was hosted On Feb /2014 the first; Around 13 Members where present including the current Board members. The first Agenda of the Meeting was the 2013 Activity and finical Report .The 2013 Audit report clearly shows the 30/70 Regulation was not kept. The General Assembly then tried to see the root cause of the problem and also possible solution to prevent this happening in the budget year 2014.

Second Agenda was the 2014 plan; the general Assembly also questions all the budget sources and the viability of some activates. Last but not list the Agenda was ways to strengthen the General Assembly and current Board of Directors of Vision for Ethiopia. As result the General Assembly has welcomed 9 new Members 2 each from (Diradawa and Diberberhan), 1 form Sirenka and 3 form Addis Ababa. In addition to that since some board member are not present for the past 3 or 4 meeting the board has disused to include 2 more active board members and strengthen the work as well as creating precondition for the coming board , since the current board will finish term end of Dec /2014.

However the board meeting was only held once ; July/2014 due to budget constraints, and expected to meet being of January /2015 before the general assembly meeting that dissolves theBoardof



Director

➤ VEA staff encouragement and prayer meeting was made at head office in Addis Ababa, around 10 employees of the organization form different level and Project attend the program. The staff also gave comment on the current organization statues and working condition. VEA staff annual evaluation and planning retreat to be hosted Form Dec 11 - 12 /2015 , at Betal Guest house Diberzaite the purpose of the retreat is one to inspire and motivate the staff

second to evaluate VEA's 2014 performance and study strengths and weakness of the staff and finally making plan for 2015.



➤ New Project in Sirinaka /Wolo started with signing agreement with the Northern Wolo Zone , Habru Word Department of Finance and Economic Development , Department of Women , Children and youth & Department of Education Development & Development of Health for total amount 874,130.88 Birr (Eighty hundred seventy four thousand one hundred thirty birr and 88 cent). VEA shall manage the program and the activities as outlined in the project document to benefit directly 50 Children in 18 month time (Beginning form April



/2014 till Dec 2015).

However the anticipated Project work was not started on time one due, First uncooperativeness of the Worda, even at Kebele level they refused to participate in children selection because they were afraid this is approach used to expend our religion. Currently we have 31 children at Sirinak all the care and support is given to them.





- In this year, the project has received over dozen visitors from Canada. VEA Addis Ababa office made all the arrangement to show them the Sponsor child's home, current living standard and all the activity the organization



does

- Both June and December Letter Report has been sent the Canada, According to the recent letter report we prepared the sponsors in each city in Canada who are about to get letter report and presumably paying are,

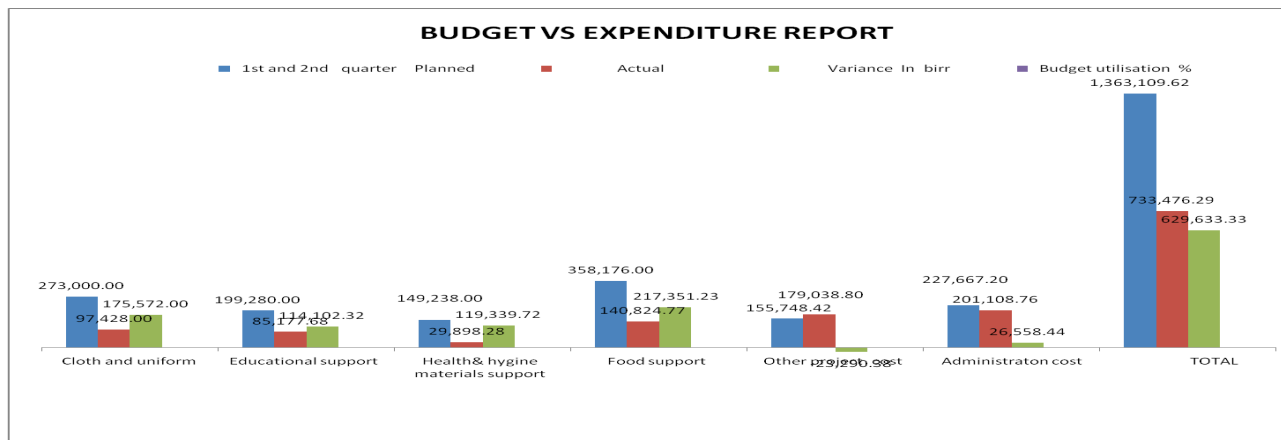
City	July - Dec
Edmonton	163 Children
Winnipeg	111 Children
Calgary	55 Children

Vancouver	14 Children
Toronto	4
Other small Province	10
Living word International Church (Diradawa)	31

The total Number of Children Sponsored by Covenant International grow from 342 to 357. Sponsors under the facilitation of Covenant International are not making their donation. Despite all this you can see under the table below in the past grant transfer has not grown equal with the Number of Children.

Month / 2014	Amount in Canada Dollar	Amount in Birr (Exchange rate 17.8 Or 17.9)	Number of Children money sent for	Number of children we currently have
January - Feb	12,000 \$	212,606 birr	240	356
March – April	9000 \$	155,926 birr	180	356
May – June	13,968 .93 \$	250,044.20 Birr	278	356
July - August	14,000 \$	250,600 birr	280	382
Sept- Oct	13,081 \$	234,150 birr	261	382
Nov – Dec	14,795 \$	264,824.26 birr	365	382

The first two Quarters has showed greater Variance as result of explained reason before as it can be seen from the Chart Below. Project Activities such as food, Health and Hygiene and Cloth suffered the greater budget cut from the overall Activates planed.



The Total six month budget was 1, 363, 108 .92 birr, However only 733,476 birr was actually spent on the project which is 53.8 %.The Budget Variance was minimal only in Administrative cost in the mean time other Project Cost which is all the cost at the project office which includes Project Staff, Project office utility and communication Expense, Loading and Unloading and the like. The variance is exceptionally high on the Food and Cloth Support.

The Addis Ababa office has been reduced in size from 71 square meters to 50 square meters which means the office rent cost annually was 119, 280 birr and now reduced to 79,560 birr. So pre square meters the current market price is minimum 200 birr, but was we are its 130 birr.

project proposal to start bakery business and hire the mothers for sponsored children so the Sustainability program which is in the organizations 5 year strategic plan can be settled . It's time VEA uses the grant we get form fundraising to set up income generating projects that can benefit the children and program part of the organization. Attached with this Document is the project proposal the business. Since this income generating wing of project need different license form ministry of trade and industry up on recommendation for the charitable organization agency the start up budget met be prepared before starting to apply for license.

Project agreement with Lutheran Church Ethiopian Social and Development to work in Diradawa, it is in the western part of the city particularly in Gendemiskin community where VEA has commissioned itself to work in the flood killed hundreds possessions and home and also the community's natural beauty is sternly affected i.e. trees are eroded away ; droops /pot spots are also formed .This community is said to be the oldest slum area of the city inhabited by the most impoverished, marginalized segments of the community, especially women and children . The program is expected to benefit 240 children and 66 women. Children are selected in the support program based on poorest of the poor criteria. The child development activity, women empowerment and community development components have a total amount of Eth. Birr 728,973.00 grant. Project Duration will be from October 2014 – March 2016.

**Program components undertaken by the project offices:-**



**Food support** ; Due to the high shortage of food supply in the market Specially Oil it has been the was major cause for the under achievement of this program Component .In Diradawa food is bought form Diradawa food Complex which has made some of the above issue less easy . July - Dec No food distributed in Diradawa and Diberberhan .Since Sirenka project is new and all the children are malnourished food is given each month.



The adverse effect of discontinuing food support have multiple damnation , families are to cooperative the way they used to be , children miss Sunday schools and most of all some children are suffering from food shortage. However all children has got casual clothe and uniform as well as T-shirt and Shoe for Christmas gift time in this year. 31 new children form Sirinak are also given new cloth up on being accepted by



project.

**Education support;** After school tutorial attendance didn't show any progress to the past six month, due to one the tutorials are not given in convenient location, children either has to travel long distance or tutorial is not facilitated for primary education. Even if the tutor clearly has direct effect with their educational Performance and let the computing in school only National exam taking children attending study.

Education Level	Number of Children
Pre primary (KG)	35
Primary (1- 4)First cycle	163
5-8 (Second Cycle)	115
Secondary school ( 9-10)	35
Preparatory (11-12)	3
TVET	2
High Education	3



Monthly Partners meet with VEA project staff and Volunteers form Partner Church to discuss basics child Development about proper and effective way to discipline children and how to show them right way to do things.



	Diberberhan	Diradawa
Children Attending	33	70
Children who didn't get pass mark	11	8

Vision for Ethiopian School Award for the best student and teacher of the year has given effective result to inspire and support all children and teachers. The award is done on two Primary schools Gendtesfay primary school of Diradawa and Tabesay Medihanealem primary school of Diberberhan. The Award also gives motivation gift to teacher for the school that got higher score in their midterm evaluation and to Genda Tesfay School principal who exceptionally was cooperative and supporting this activity. Where as in the other hand Principal of Tabesay Medihanealem primary school Ato Taddessa Tesama was very much uncoordinated delayed the award program till December with no apparent reason.



**Free health care system** for children is facilitated with the help of local Health center in the past six month 24 children from Diradawa and 15 children from Diberberhan got immediate and acute health care. Total of 90 home visits to see sick children and follow up their health was made.

Health Issues	Number of Children Affected
Common Cold	Almost all
Stomach Problem ( <i>Intestinal parasites, Typhes &amp; Typhod</i> )	Almost all
Malnutrition	27
HIV /AIDS	25

Most Concerning issue coming to surface is Parents of our children are getting sick and permanently disabled due to the harsh life style, in this year only we lost 5 parents; one in Diradawa and Four Diberberhan.

All the project office participated in local city council local NGO forum for 3 days. The Ngo forum day exhibition to show all the Ngo` s and their current work was prepared and also networking opportunity.

### **Psycho social support**

As the Age of children and the approached to pre teen and teenage, it clear children demand more support to help the cop up with emotional and physical change. In the Table below by age stratification is stated.

<b>Age of Children</b>	<b>Number of Children</b>
3-7	<b>66</b>
8-12	<b>166</b>
13-17	<b>94</b>
18 and above	<b>16</b>

Counseling is given to 102 children and 44 parents who have social problem. On top of that 3 sexual violence was inflicted on our project children form Diberberhan. The GBV is reported in the local government women and children affair office.

Children evangelism facilitation and leadership training in collaboration with Living word international was given for 3 day in Diradawa. Major goal of the training was to create awareness on Ministers discipleship teachers children ministry is new Door for the Gospel. As result participation of Children to Sunday school in Diradawa in January was 100 children have grown to 158 children in June. In February Four children got baptized.

Where as in Diberberhan the church Sunday school in collaboration with VEA prepared Picnic and pay day for the children at near pond few Kilometer out of Diberberhan Town. The goal of the picnic trip was to teach the children form the Environment.

**Income Generating Activity;** Seed money arraigned with the local Microloan agency for 30 women in 2013 was under critical evaluation and monitoring in 2014.

Activity on IGA	Number of women supported	Seed money given Per person	Loan returned money
Before 2012	65	3000 birr	16,000 birr
In 2013	25	2000 birr	-
In 2014	0		16,000 birr



All the 30 women have invested the money to the small business. Critical follow up on how they do business and always to create profitability is undertaken by VEA, Where as follow up on loan return and saving of the women is done by the Microloan Agen

### **Major challenge**

- Shortage of funds; Sponsors filed to make payments on time for various reason due to that almost 40% of the program Components were unable to be carried out. Adding to it question and compiles for stakeholders and beneficiaries are growing. The Government demands we follow the annul plan and do everything stated in the plan; but we can't afford to do everything. In the mean time Great fear and worry we have to look out for the Administration **cost**; since Program is done less and less Administration Cost goes higher every month



- Exception and request from beneficiary especially the kids ask when r we going to have shoe or cloth and also needs and basic benefit of the VEA employees; 2014 there was no Salary increase but everything is expensive. All the Employees of the organization due to constant cancelation of program component asking lost of question and demand comprehensible explanation.
- The market instability; Goods are not available in much quality and quantity. Price on Food items increase every month, and now it has reached to level higher than what be set on the Annual plan. Even when good price is got the Whole sellers will not have enough amounts we need.