

WASH and Small Scale Irrigation Support for Vulnerable Agro-pastoralist Communities Living in Riverine Areas in Southern Ethiopia



Country
Ethiopia

Key words
Safe drinking water, sanitation infrastructure, hygiene practices, awareness and behavioural change, WASH at schools, gender equality

Beneficiaries
Domestic water supply
Target: 3,210 people
Achieved: 3,210 people

Institution water supply
3 schools and 2 health posts get water

Latrines constructed
Target: 2,096 households (HH)
In Progress: 517 HH
Achieved: 5,186 HH (Higher number achieved b/c ODF is verified by whole kebele not by village, as a result the effort is done to reach the whole kebele)

Latrine at institution
2 schools and 2 health posts get VIP latrine

Hygiene and Sanitation Promotion
Target: 17,466 people
Achieved 26,295 people

School H&S Promotion
Target: 1,215 students
Achieved: 1,486

Livelihood
Target: 93 HH
Achieved: 93 HH (mainly training on modern farming practice)

Budget: Total 775,860 CHF
SDC funds: 581,895 CHF
Own funds: 193,965 CHF

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Approach, methods and strategy

- Strengthening local capacities of communities and government bodies
- Consolidating experience gained with beneficiary community, compilation and sharing of lessons learned and best practices
- Participatory Learning for Action approach
- Government endorsed CLTSH approach through health extension workers
- Mass campaigns on proper H&S practice
- Technical assistance to beneficiaries on how to construct latrines
- ToT trainings on CHAST and CLTSH
- CHAST approach
- Blue schools concept
- Operation and maintenance training
- H&S Volunteers training



HH Latrine with hand washing in Nurahumba kebele



Harvesting agricultural product in in Keraro kebele, small scale irrigation practice site

Good Practice

- Organizing awareness creation workshop for school community on CHAST approach help to get more time for facilitation during school hours as well as support from other teachers during out reach programs.
- Community collaboration, government strategy to speed up excavation of latrine. Groups of five HH work together to excavate latrines. This creates a good opportunity for the project in a way that active and strong HHs grouped with the weaker ones so that together they construct latrines for every HH turn by turn.

Lessons learnt

- Early training of WASHCO helped to mobilize community towards the development of the scheme by excavating and back-filling nearly two kilometers of pipe line trench in short time. They divided the work per household and followed up on the progress of the work on a daily basis.
- Translation of CHAST manual into local language would alleviate language barrier and also save time of the project's H&S experts.



Gobile village water supply scheme equipped with solar powered submersible pump

Acronyms:

HH: households
 CLTSH: Community-Led Total Sanitation and Hygiene
 H&S: Hygiene and Sanitation,
 ToT: Training of Trainers,
 CHAST: Children Hygiene and Sanitation Training,
 WASHCO: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Committee