



1. NEWS AND DEVELOPMENTS

I. AFD AMENDS ITS MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION (MOA)

Since its establishment in 1997, AFD has periodically been updating its MoA/bylaw to better reflect its changing objectives. In accordance with the deliberations of the 29th GA of AFD further amendments were made this year.

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2017 E.C**

Key reasons for the 2017 E.C amendment of the MoA include, among other things, AFD's plan to start income-generating activities, the need to add new objectives that align with the current program of the organization, and the overall necessity to make revisions and amendments on the bases of the Civil Society Proclamation and subsequent directives issued by the Authority for CSOs. The amended MoA was reviewed and approved by the Authority for Civil Society Organizations, and has come into effect as of 25/11/2017 E.C.

II. AFD to Establish a Social Enterprise

Having operated for over 25 years, primarily on funds received from donors, AFD has initiated the necessary processes of enhancing self-financing capacity through the generation of own income.

This move aims at overcoming challenges posed by the changing funding landscape, whereby expanding and diversifying sources of income beyond dependence on donors. It is hoped that this will enable AFD to become a self-sustaining and viable civil society organization, with its own consistent revenue stream.

III. NEW ADDITION TO AFD'S TEAM



Wzo. Selamawit Negussie

Wzo. Selamawit Negussie has recently joined AFD as a Senior HR and Administration Officer.

Being suitably qualified in finance and management, Wzo. Selamawit comes to AFD with over two decades of experience in finance and business administration.

Her extensive background spans the public, private, and civil society (CSO) sectors. Demonstrating remarkable versatility and a deep understanding of different organizational landscapes, her track record and experience will play a key role in strengthening our HR and administrative functions. AFD looks forward to the positive impact she'll have on our organization.

2. PROJECT UPDATES

I. AFD RESPONDS TO THE FLOOD EMERGENCY IN DASENECH, SOUTH OMO

Over the past 45 days, Action For Development has been providing emergency assistance to communities affected by the flooding of the Omo River in the Dasenech district of the South Omo Zone.

The humanitarian assistance, carried out in collaboration with Action Aid, with the financing of START Fund, provided various non-food items to 1,753 households in different kebeles of the Dasenech district. It, moreover, helped with the construction and equipping of three temporary health posts.



Essential non-food items like mosquito nets, cooking pots, soap, rope, CIS, mats.. etc delivered to the flood-affected community members.



Health service being delivered in one of the newly constructed health posts.

II. NEW PARTNERSHIP TO COMBAT MALNUTRITION IN EAST BORANA, OROMIA

Action For Development (AFD) and its sub-grantee, Plan International Ethiopia (PIE), have joined hands to combat severe malnutrition in the Goro Dola Woreda of the East Borana Zone, in Oromia Region. The project, funded by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), will address the high rates of malnutrition in the area through a multi-sectoral approach that will integrate four key areas to create a comprehensive strategy: Nutrition, Health, WASH, and Agriculture.

This collaborative project is expected to significantly reduce malnutrition rates and improve the health and well-being of the community in Goro Dola Woreda.

AFD is in the process of opening a new field coordination office to be based in Negele town, for the facilitation of the project.



III. A NEW PROJECT PHASE FUNDED BY SAND DAMS WORLDWIDE

As a scaled-up continuation of our ongoing sand dams development and related NRM works, one of our partners, Sand Dams World Wide, has approved a new three-years project worth US\$ 300,000 to be implemented in four communities of the South Omo zone.

The project, will commence operating in October 2025 with the back donorship of Guernsey Overseas Aid(UK). It will have such components as the construction of eight sand dams, & related environmental protection, conservation agriculture, livelihood diversification, & WASH activities.

IV. AFD HAS PHASED OUT FROM WEST HARERGHE

It is to be recalled that, for about a year, AFD had been implementing a humanitarian project funded by EHF/OCHA, in the Gubba Qoricha district of the West Harerghe zone.

Upon the successful completion of the project, which was implemented in partnership with Plan International-Ethiopia, our humanitarian operations and field office in the area, were phased out as of 31 July 2025.

The project is witnessed to have contributed to local agricultural rehabilitation & resilient livelihoods.



Animal health service being provided in Gubba Qoricha, West Harerghe

3. EMERGING PROJECT IMPACT



BREAKING OUT OF POVERTY

In the East Borena zone of the Oromia Region, women face complex challenges of survival and dignified livelihoods. They often struggle to make ends meet. To accompany them in the process of change towards food and nutrition security, Action For Development (AFD), in partnership with Welthungerhilfe (WHH), is implementing a project aimed at strengthening the livelihoods of pastoral men and women in eight kebeles of the Wachile and Arero woredas of the East Borena zone.

The project has made significant progress in empowering women who were living on a narrow livelihood base, by establishing 60 voluntary savings and loan associations (VSLAs) with a membership of 990 women. Through these VSLAs, the women received business training, startup capital, goats for asset building, and essential tools, along with ongoing backstopping.

The members of the VSLAs have so far mobilized 3,731,010.00 ETB in savings. Using the credit they received from their association, 932 members were able to start their own small businesses such as: animal fattening, petty trading, and

generate income. Beyond just complementing and diversifying their livelihoods, they were enabled to acquire assets such as improved houses, flocks of goats, and savings for leaner days. Furthermore, being part of these associations has strengthened their social bond and ability to address common local challenges.

The women proudly testify that the significant progress they've made has motivated and inspired them to strive for even greater change.



Darmi Duba, a VSLA member, and the house she built with the proceeds from her small business venture.