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MHO does whatever it takes every day & in times of crisis - to ensure women Children grow up healthy, learning and safe especially those internally Displaced

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Why We Exist?

Ethiopia is the second most populous country in Africa with more than 100 million residents. In the decade before the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, Ethiopia achieved remarkable progress in development. The economy was steadily growing at double-digit with an average growth rate of 10%; headcount poverty declined from more than 29.6% in 2010/11 to 23.5% in 2015/16. Nevertheless, Ethiopia is still one of the poorest countries in the world with a per capita income of USD 1092 in 2020/21. The economic growth momentum has also declined to 3.8% and 3.4% in 2019/20 and 1920/21, respectively, which is predicted to decline further to about 2% in 2021/22... Besides poverty and vulnerability is still widespread in different parts of the country. In Ethiopia, Women make up more than half of the total population and make important contributions to the country's socioeconomic development. However, Ethiopian women traditionally have suffered socio-cultural and economic discrimination and have had fewer opportunities than men for personal growth, education, and employment. According to the World Economic Forum (2019) Global Gender Gap Report 2020, Ethiopia ranked 82nd among 153 countries in the Global Gender Gap Index. This wide and pervasive gender gap hinders not only female livelihood but also the potential for poverty alienation and sustainable economic growth on a national level. Although efforts have been made to minimize the gap, still Ethiopian women have been facing a number of challenges. They were neither being offered equal opportunities nor receiving a fair share of the nation's wealth. They were neither being offered equal opportunities nor receiving a fair share of the nation's wealth. On the other hand, growing youth unemployment is a reimaging challenge for countries. Despite efforts made by the government to create jobs for its young and growing population, with approximately 2 million new entrants joining the labor market each year. However still rising youth unemployment, particularly among recent graduates from universities, colleges, and other tertiary institutions is a major concern. Still today, nearly 36 million children in Ethiopia are poor and lack access to basic social services On top of this Orphans and vulnerable children makeup up about 12% of all children in Ethiopia . Malnutrition remains a key challenge in Ethiopia, where 37% of children under the age of five are stunted, 21% are underweight and 7% are wasted. The percentage of stunted, wasted, and underweight is still high even by sub-Saharan African Standard

Sector-wise Ethiopia Health sector is among other priority sectors affected by poverty. Despite evident progress toward the improvement of primary health service delivery and other health-related, much remains to be done to produce the desired health outcomes, and address the persistent inequalities and barriers to quality, accessible, and safe, health care services.



. In Ethiopia Still, the healthcare system is characterized by understaffed healthcare systems and shortage of well-trained healthcare workers, lack of access to health services, unaffordability of healthcare, and ill-equipped healthcare systems

Poor maternal, newborn, and child health outcomes remain a major public health challenge in sub-Saharan Africa. Women are 136 times more likely to die than in developed countries. Every two minutes Ethiopia experiences newborn deaths and a woman dies in childbirth.

Also, Education in Ethiopia has been severely stunted by three decades of food insecurity and conflict. The education system has improved since the regime change in 1991, but it largely remains inadequate or simply inaccessible for most children. Class sizes are too large, and teachers are underpaid. Impoverished families are unable to pay for textbooks, school clothes, and other necessities needed. Primary school attendance rates are low, about 80 percent. With secondary school attendance rates as low as 26 percent, families are less likely to emerge from generational poverty. Ethiopian girls face even more of a challenge in receiving a proper education equitable access to education for all children and denial of early childhood education main concerns in Ethiopia, According to a recent study, about 1.03 million children of official school age were not in primary education. Urban poverty is also another unaddressed chronic problem in many Cities in Ethiopia. yet many cities do not meet the primary needs of residents. Many of these households are chronically poor, and tend to be larger, less educated, and have fewer productive assets than other households Poor families,. Poor women and children are affected disproportionately and differently by urban poverty. Besides the city faces challenges around the homeless which is a common feature of urban life. Especially, the number of homeless girls and women in Ethiopia is growing exposing them to psychological, health, social, and economic misery. The problem of Access to clean water and critical shortages of WASH in different parts of the country are also alarming situations, given the current severe drought and the last three years of consecutive failure of rain. The situation exacerbates by the existing level of poverty and various natural (drought and flood) and man-made (political unrest) risks as well as unfavorable trade policies and increases in food prices. Further to this, climatic change, displacement, conflict recurrent drought with erratic annual rainfall, traditional ways of farming, and unstable political and economic conditions remain a challenge for many families. Taken together, the above-illustrated general contexts clearly indicate that this multifaceted problem is not solved by the government alone, it needs multistakeholder involvement. In this regard the role of CSOs/NGOs/CBOs is irreplaceable. In view of this, that's why MHO exist to address these challenges by Empowering people out of poverty to contribute to the efforts made by the government and other stakeholders in eradication poverty and to pave the way path to prosperity To achieve this works together and alongside the governmental and non-governmental actors in an effort to improve the well-being of the most vulnerable women and children and their families to ensure all women and children's of Ethiopia who live in under poverty have the opportunity to Empowered, thrive and transformed by giving the opportunities and supports which leads to the development

MHO Believes every child deserves a future. That's why we do whatever it takes every day and including in times of crisis - to ensure children grow up healthy, learning and safe Especially those hardest to reach.. MHO Work with and for communities particularly Work with communities who are experiencing inequality of opportunity and accountable to the community we serve





MHO is an award winner & women headed a non-governmental, organization formed with the aim empowering and changing the personal social and economic status of women and children's of Ethiopia who lives in under abject of poverty by giving the opportunities and supports which leads to development. We work to achieve the vision "To see all Ethiopian women & children inspired to prosperity" as supported by Mission, "Building socio-economic empowerment through right based and participatory development approach for the realization of improved standards of living in poor and vulnerable women and children's of the target community. The organization has been functioning in diversified thematic areas with a major focus on Women Empowerment, Reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health (RMNCHI), Childcare services, orphan and vulnerable children and destitute women relief and emergence Peace and Security, Child & girl education, Youth & Community Capacity enhancement, WaSH, Environmental protection, social accountability, Prevention of Illegal Migration and Human Trafficking.

For nearly more than one decade the organization has performed commendable jobs providing both institutional and community based support to orphan and vulnerable children and destitute women

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This successful accomplishments of by Meseret Humanitarian Organization (MHO) from development engagements to helping unfortunate children and women to providing life-saving food, emergency Nutrition, Health, water, sanitation, hygiene supplies, and other needs to people affected by conflict in Ethiopia. MHO successful track records have led to more recognition of the sector in Ethiopia, mobilization of donor partners and public support and enabled the Organization trustful among other donor partners and supports Currently for Donors and funders want to implement projects in Ethiopia Meseret Humanitarian Organization (MHO) the number one is preferred local organization in Ethiopia. Interims of capacity, experience, efficiency, effectiveness, transparence and accountability Further to this, in the 11 short years since its founding, the MHO has played a major role in transforming and improving social and economic well-being of most marginalized women, their families and communities in Ethiopia through its holistic, right based transformative and participatory innovative and high quality programs. For this MHO earned its reputation and established good rapport with government, development partners and project beneficiarie





Long Journey from Gojam to MHO Rehabilitation Center for homeless women with children- Addis Ababa

Full Name: Habtam Mekuria Age: 19 Number of Children: 2 Place of Birth: Gojam Bichna School Level: $\bf 6$

As she was married at the age of 14 in the traditional way, she was unable to complete her education. When she was a mother of twins at a young age, one of her children suffered from a lack of food due to a health disorder that she faced since birth, and she was under medical supervision while she was at home. He spent weeks on the streets in the bus .She doesn't know where her partner is and what his condition is. During her stay on the street, she stated that it was very difficult to get milk for her child, stating that the street life was terrible. After a week, the relevant governments bodies in the area understood her problem and made her enter a charitable rehabilitation center. She also stated that she is ready to live on her own and that she has a can-do spirit. Her children's health is also in good condition.



Our Vision

To see all Ethiopian women & children inspired to prosperity

Our Mission

Empowering and changing the personal, social and economic status of women and children's of Ethiopia who live in under poverty by giving the opportunities and supports which leads to development.

Core Value

 Humanity, Dignity, Selfsteam Building, Trust Building and Love Each Other

We CHOOSE MHO mission to. Change the lives of many By choosing One of MHO Initiatives and programs, You will empower someone like Habtam and her tiwins children to create lasting change in their own life -even in yours. Help MHO to carry out its mission by donating today.



MHO Core Values& Development Programmed Approach (DPA)

To aim at achieving the above-mentioned vision and mission, MHO Organization will have to maintain high ethical standards and be committed to:

- a) **Collaboration and Coopera**tion we value cooperation, working well with others, partnership (local and foreign institutions) with open mind, effective communication, and understanding of other parties' needs, interaction, and focusing on developing solutions,
- b) **Respect and Human Dignity** is the super ordinate goal that guides everything we do. We offer opportunities and service that empower individuals to enhance their lives and integrate into Ethiopian society with dignity.
- c) Honesty, Integrity and Ethical Behavior-At MHO, this is articulated in responsibility and accountability.
- d) Love for Each Other
- e) **Equity and Fairness** we value equity of access and opportunity for all.
- f) Innovation –creativity and "outside the box" thinking one of core values of MHO in order to provide professionalism, passion and self-sufficiency in everything we do.
- g) **Entrepreneurial Risk-Taking** we are willing and able to identify opportunities, assess their risk/benefit mix, and reach consensus regarding whether a risk is or is not justified.
- h) Pursuit of Excellence at MHO we strive to achieve the highest quality in service / program delivery and in recognized effective business practices.

WHAT WE DO

Urban Poverty is a chronic problem in many Cities in Ethiopia. yet many cities do not meet the primary needs of residents, Many of these households are chronically poor. Besides the city faces challenges around the homeless which is a common feature of urban life. Currently, the number of homeless girls and women in Ethiopia is growing exposing them to psychological, health, social, and economic miseries. They are also vulnerable to the use of drugs, alcohol, and inhaled substances and some of dragged into criminal and violent activities. That's why we're helping vulnerable homeless women and children MHO's UD programs improvement of the economic, educational and social reintegration of homeless women and children by providing basic social and livelihood





Reaching Out to Street Women with Children in Ethiopia

Across Ethiopia there are thousands of children living on the streets who everyday suffer hunger, violence, poverty and abuse. There are many reasons why children are forced to live on the streets - they may have been affected by HIV/AIDS, extreme poverty or family breakdown, Parental deaths, parental neglect and other social factors such as violence and abuse of children at home or within communities. They may even have been trafficked or abused. In the capital, Addis Ababa this crisis is severe with MHO, only one of eight NGOs/CBOs providing support to full time street children. Through the decades, that's why we're MHO has continued to work to save street children's lives, and that's still what we do today.. MHO project supports homeless children sleeping on the streets in Ethiopia and provide them with food, medicine, shelter, education .and everything they need to build a new life away from the street .Beyond this, MHO works hard to tackle the root problems that led them onto to the streets initially. Our priority is to return each child to a safe and caring family environment



When you sponsor a child, you are helping give one of these orphaned or abandoned children a family and a future. With your child sponsorship, ou are directly contributing to the costs of raising the child you are

MHO Free Quality Childcare and day Drop in Services for Poor Mothers and Women in Informal Work afford daycare. Currently, Child care challenges have become a barrier to work, especially for poor mothers and Women in informal work due to their poor economic status MHO first its kind and pioneering free child care and drop in center Program that provides free childcare and day drop in center and support poor mothers and women informal workers who cannot find or afford child care and disproportionately takes on unpaid caregiving responsibilities The program to address poor Mothers Women in Informal Workers unique child care needs, giving and allows them to participate in income generating activities Empowering them towards economic development will not only facilitate in improving the socio-economic condition of poor women but will also help their children, getting quality childcare services can contribute to lifelong health, educational and social development. The service also provided early childhood development and enhances learning through play. The initiative includes parent coaching, health, and social support services for vulnerable families. Hence, MHO has achieved its objectives significantly in its

MHO was the first Ethiopian organization devoted solely to providing full-time and Free Quality Childcare and day drop Services for Poor Mothers And Women in Informal Workers located MHO free daycare service in akakikality and Day Drop in Centre located at Kadisco/ Nifas Silk Lafto Sub Cit



he well-being of young children is often provided for at the expense of their mothers, pushing them out of the labor market which MHO believe that upporting the well-being of children are crucial to lighten the existing burden of caregiving responsibilities on women, and to promote women's full conomic and societal participation. When donating MHO Free Quality Childcare and day Drop in Services for Poor Mothers and Women in Informal Workers!, you are only alleviating poor mother multiple burdens of household chore and but also crate children early learning opportunities give one children a family and a future. With your donation, you are directly contributing to the costs of promotes children's development and learning, and narrows socioeconomic inequalities and promotes poor mother employment and family self-sufficiency.

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EDUCATION

1. Educate Ethiopia Children One Pack for One Child

In Ethiopia it's a every parent's dream to be able to provide for their child; to raise them healthy and happy with all the opportunities in the world ahead of them. As a parent when your child is aged for early childhood education, you don't forget to send four children to school and you don't expect and even think your child grow without education. For poor children from poor families you can expect the opposite:

Across Ethiopia, there are millions of children's are out of schools due to poor economic conditions, family unemployment and social crisis, On top this families are not able to pay school fees & provide the necessary and nutritious food and educational materials for their children. Also many children are out of schools and experiences shockingly high rates of hunger, school dropouts

Our pioneering Educate Ethiopia Children One Pack for One Child programs address children's unique needs, giving them early childhood education opportunity children and ensure their continued education by provide educational material supplies including, clothing, medical services, feeding service (school meal), and counseling and socialization service and enable highly vulnerable children's attend their school without any problem That's why we're working in the in the entire country. to ensure every child has access to a quality education, right from the start. In Ethiopia and in all regions, our work creates lasting change for children, their families and communities - ultimately, transforming the future we all share

We are on the ground alongside them at rural school, listening first and then









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Improve Childrens' Education in Ethiopia

Ethiopian girls face even more of a challenge in receiving a proper education. They are expected to perform housekeeping duties on top of school, and marry young. With two in five girls married by 18 and one in five girls married by 15, many never get a chance for a full education. Girls who do attend school are also more vulnerable to physical violence from teachers and classmates. Overall, social pressure puts girls in Ethiopia at a significant disadvantage for education. MHO has improved poor and underprivileged girl access to education in Ethiopia by providing education support, provision of educational material, accommodation/transport, and female hygiene an empower them through girl club in school for collective action MHO also help poor girl families economically and mentor scheme female hygiene, noon-meal & transportation subsidies to underprivileged girl We also work with parents and caregivers to show them the best ways to teach their children and foster healthy mental, physical and social development



2 Child Sponsorship

Equitable access to education for all children and denial of early childhood education are the main concerns in Ethiopia, On top of this low-income families are not able to pay school fees & provide the necessary and nutritious food and educational materials such as books, transportation, school uniforms, school supplies (notebooks, pens, chalk, etc) for their children. As a result, many children and poor youth from disadvantaged and poor communities are out of school in Ethiopia. Children who are the most disadvantaged in Ethiopia include girls, children from very poor and unemployed families children with disabilities, and children living without parents MHO Child Development Sponsorship and Education Support for the Disadvantaged Children and youth unable to access education in Ethiopia provides educational assistance to poor students and underprivileged children It provides Educational materials , monthly pocket money, transportation cost, descent clothes and shoes, blankets, bed sheets, and other necessary supports until they graduate from the universities



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MHO believes every Girl has a future. That's why we do whatever it takes every day and including in times of crisis - to ensure children grow up healthy, learning and safe. Especially those hardest to reach. But we can't do this important work without your support especially those in poorer households or in crises and conflict zones.



When you don't have what you need to fit in, school can feel like the worst place in the world



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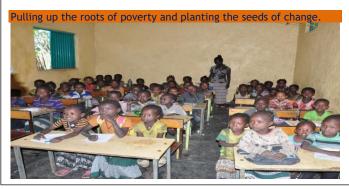
By a sponsor a children at MHO or Donating to MHO, you create early learning opportunities for someone like to create lasting change in their own life -and

CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, CARE, and Development

Early childhood education is determinative of a good educational life. The ages of 0 to 6 constitute the most critical phase in child development. The foundations of children's cognitive, mental, linguistic, physical, and social skills are laid down during this phase. However still today, nearly 36 million children in Ethiopia are poor and lack access to basic social services including access to education for all children. On average, children growing up in disadvantaged homes are two to three years behind their more advantaged peers

The impacts of poverty are severe and far reaching. When they start school, many children in disadvantaged families are behind in basic reading and math skills, lacking the essentials they need to fully participate in their education. Without the skills they need to keep up in class, these students can fall even further behind, making it more difficult for them to stay engaged and motivated at school. The percentage of stunted, wasted, and underweight children below 5 in 2019 was 37%, 7%, and 21%, respectively which is still high even by sub-Saharan African Standard. As result, most children in rural areas are unable to attend school and are mentally and physically stunted due to lack of proper nutrition, while many suffer from a lack of access to early learning. Without early intervention, these children can fall so far

MHO also believes that All children, regardless of sex, ethnic origin, religion, socio-economic and cultural differences, different health and special needs, should have the opportunity to access the education system;. All children can learn. MHO ECD Programme provision access to basic education, clothing, medical services, nutrition & feeding service (and counseling and socialization service



Children Orphan and vulnerable children who have either lost one or both parents live in extreme poverty with their guardians with little access to basic needs. In Ethiopia Orphan and vulnerable children make up of about 12% of all children. These children who have lost one or both parents, mostly due to HIV/AIDS, live in extreme poverty with their guardians, are highly vulnerable and have no access to basic needs. After losing one or both of their parents, most of these children are forced to drop out of school to support themselves, their single parents or their guardians who are usually their elder grandparents

MHO' OVC educational project covers children's school fees, tutorial lessons, after school meals, school uniforms and materials. Children receive after school meals and tutorial lessons at our drop in center with a library and other services. Brave Hearts helps these children build a bright future through quality education and holistic care. The children have access to healthy after school meals so they remain energized and focused on their studies at our drop in center. Children previously in this project are now studying in university.

MHO believes every Orphan and vulnerable children — a future. That's why we do whatever it takes - — every day to ensure Orphan and vulnerable children grow up healthy, learning and safe. Especially those Orphan and vulnerable children do not have access to Education. But we can't do this important work without your support. Give now to educate OVC — a child in need







In Ethiopia Education is in crises
YOU CAN SPONSOR an Ethiopian CHILD TODAY

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Still today, nearly 36 million children in Ethiopia are poor and lack access to basic social services Most of them are growing up in poverty1, where even the bare necessities are hard to come by. In a family where there is no regular income Finding money for school uniform, proper shoes, textbooks or the next school excursion is often impossible. MHO We believe that no child should grow up alone. We hope you do too. Become a child sponsor today! Please sponsor an Ethiopia child especially those children from poorer households in hardest to reach area and give them the vital, ongoing support they need to fulfill their potential, no matter what challenges they face.ort that means you're providing food, clothing, parental care, housing, education, healthcare and all things needed for a happy and healthy childhood.

Women Economic Empowerment

In Ethiopia Women make up more than half of the total population and make important contributions to the country's socioeconomic development. However, Ethiopian women traditionally have suffered sociocultural and economic discrimination and have had fewer opportunities than men for personal growth, education, and employment. According to the World Economic Forum (2019) Global Gender Gap Report 2020, Ethiopia ranked 82nd among 153 countries in the Global Gender Gap Index. This wide and pervasive gender gap hinder not only female livelihood but also, but also the potential for poverty alienation and sustainable economic growth on a national level. Although efforts have been made to minimize the gap, still Ethiopian women have been facing a number of challenges. They were neither being offered equal opportunities nor received fair share of the nation's wealth

Strength: the strength of Care Ethiopia is that it has diversified interventions in wider areas of which sustainable women empowerment and gender transformative programs is one of the niche areas

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- . Social Empowerment
- 2. Economic Empowerment
- 3. Women's Leadership Transformation
- Conducive environment for participation



Emergency and humanitarian Response

Across Ethiopia, millions of people are facing famine. A severe climate-crisis-induced drought is causing the dire situation, coupled with war, Ethnic conflict, land dispute, socio-political instability, the prolonged impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and soaring food prices tied to urban areas. More than 20 million people are estimated to be in need of humanitarian assistance. Three-quarters of them are women and children. MHO is the national Local NGO women and child-focused humanitarian response. We've been a lifeline for families in conflicted affected areas by providing life-saving to displaced People in Ethiopia MHO Deliver food, water, and critical supplies to families in crisis-affected communities, Provides medical treatment and psychosocial support; restoring land restoration and produces alternative food p and Meet other needs as they emerge

During the crises in Ethiopia MHO is first in the frontline for affected women and children



Re-habilitation and Re-integration

Extreme poverty, rapid urbanization, family disintegration and family abuse are causes of homelessness for any individuals. It is also recognized as a reason for the increasing number of children living and working on the streets. MHO program provide them with all the things a normal family would: food, clothing, education, medical care but most of all, hop. We rehabilitation, empowered, transform and re-integrate and enabled them start new life them while working on the young mothers economic and psychosocial conditions and enhance their belongingness and participation with the community they lived in









BY Donating to MHO, you can bring the lives of many women and children from darkness to light like us.

Urban agriculture

Nowadays, food insecurity is intensifying in urban areas of Ethiopia, accompanied by a high food price MHO is one of the leading local NGOs engaged in various exemplary and impactful urban agriculture initiatives to address the recurring problem of food insecurity. MHO has been engaged in improving food security in urban and peri-urban areas of Ethiopia through its farmlands (field crop areas and planting vegetable farmlands in different parts food deficit areas of the country. Simultaneously, MHO is promoting alternative food production not only to address immediate needs in the aftermath of displacement and specifically their food, nutrition and feed our affected community and including current children and poor women beneficiaries sheltered in our different MHO rehabilitation center in a sustainable way. But also by Enhancing agricultural productivity improvement of the food and nutrition security and thus the wellbeing of local communities in food deficit areas by gardening and harvesting on 21 thousand land and cultivated varieties of vegetables and nutritious food to feed



Alternative food production





We are not only Empowering we transform the marginalized and the destitute changing the personal social and economic status of all women and children's







2015 E.C 7th round "Araya Sew" Award was organized by Adowa History and Culture alliance Award Organization on October 11/2022 at Yod Abyssinia Cultural Restaurant in the presence of dignitaries, invited guests and media partners.

Organizer introduced the main objective of the event for participants. He said that the selected awardees are individuals and organizations that dedicate their life time for preserving history and diverse cultures of people in Ethiopia as well as individuals who have sacrificed a lot in terms of improving the lives of the most vulnerable ones and will inspire others, especially; the young generation to constructively contribute for their country. Among Humanitarian service category awardees, Meseret Azage, MHO Executive Directress, has been awarded for her great contribution as a women led organization leader recognizing her long years' service, life time dedication and immense contribution to address the plights of the most vulnerable women and children in Ethiopia through implementing various project/program initiatives that practically empowered vulnerable and homeless women with children sustainably. During the event, Meseret Azage was awarded a Diploma of appreciation and medal decorated with Ethiopian flag tri-colors.

During the occasion, Deacon Frew Seifu, CEO of Event

She also made a short speech expressing her heartfelt gratitude for Event organizers and other individuals and organizations that contributed for the successful accomplishment of the event, Almighty God, her spouse families, MHO board, partners, staffs, volunteers and targeted groups who have played a great role for the remarkable result scored during previous years and now.

The award is a clear demonstration that the financial and technical support provided by like- minded partners like your esteemed organization was found out to be so grateful and much more significant.