

Project Title:**Restore War-Hit Schools, Sanitation for 5,000 in Ethiopia****Themes**

- Education
- Disaster Recovery
- Child Protection
- Peace and Reconciliation

Project Summary

BDCA is rehabilitating 10 conflict-damaged schools in Amhara, Ethiopia, to restore safe, healthy, and gender-sensitive learning environments for over 5,000 children. We are repairing classrooms, rebuilding Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) facilities, and providing learning materials—with a focus on keeping girls in school.

Requested Funding Amount

\$28,500

Donation Options

- \$25 supplies one student with a full learning kit (notebooks, pens, pencils, ruler)
- \$60 provides a new desk and chair set for two students
- \$150 furnishes a classroom with a teacher's desk and blackboard
- \$300 stocks a science lab with essential hands-on learning equipment
- \$500 repairs a damaged school roof to protect classrooms from weather
- \$1,000 fully restores one classroom for 40 students
- \$2,500 funds a remedial education program for 50 out-of-school children
- \$5,000 rebuilds school water points and gender-segregated latrines to ensure health and dignity

What is the issue, problem, or challenge?

Schools across Amhara have been severely damaged by ongoing conflict, leaving classrooms roofless, windows shattered, and furniture destroyed. Thousands of children—especially girls—are learning in unsafe, exposed, and unsanitary conditions. Without functional WASH facilities, girls often miss school or drop out entirely. This destruction has deepened an educational crisis, putting a generation at risk of lost learning, trauma, and lasting poverty.

How will this solve the problem?

BDCA will rehabilitate school infrastructure using our proven model of community partnership and gender-sensitive design. We will:

- Repair roofs, windows, and doors in 10 schools
- Rebuild gender-segregated latrines and hand washing stations to meet our Foundational Education & School WASH standards
- Provide desks, blackboards, and learning materials
- Distribute science equipment to support practical education
- Engage local communities in the restoration process to ensure sustainability and ownership

Potential Long-Term Impact

Rehabilitating schools is an investment in long-term stability and resilience. Safe schools reduce dropout rates—especially for girls—and restore normalcy for traumatized children. Educated youth are less vulnerable to exploitation and more likely to contribute to peace and economic recovery. By restoring schools today, we are rebuilding the foundation for a stronger, more hopeful Amhara tomorrow.

About BDCA

Bahir Dar Charity Association (BDCA) is an Ethiopian Civil Society Organization (Reg. No 188) with a proven track record in education, health, livelihoods, and community resilience. We have built 34 modern classrooms across Amhara, directly increasing enrollment and retention—especially among girls. Our integrated, community-driven approach ensures sustainable impact and accountability.