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I. GENERAL REPORT

1. Introduction
The Ethiopian Orthodox Church - Child and Family Affairs Organization (EOC-CFAO) was founded by some benevolent high ranking priests of the Ethiopian Orthodox church in 1973, with the prime objective of helping the needy children who were affected by the severe drought and famine in the northern part of Ethiopia. During these long years Kindernothilfe (KNH), which is Germany based humanitarian Organization, has been the main partner to EOC-CFAO. Since its establishment more than 32 thousand orphan and vulnerable children (OVC) have been directly benefited and become self-reliant through the various programs rendered.

In 2010 the EOC-CFAO, in collaboration with KNH, has implemented various activities to ensure the delivery of appropriate services to Orphan and vulnerable children who have been targeted by its sixteen projects in four regional states and one city Administration of the country. In the reporting period, a total of 2,485 children and youth have been targeted and benefited from the two main schemes namely institutional and scholarship schemes. Out of the total number of beneficiaries, 197 were supported under institutional care and the rest 2,288 were supported under scholarship program.

This report highlights the 2010 major accomplishments of the projects under EOC-CFAO which were fully funded by KNH. The report comprises of major activities which the projects performed, major challenges faced and key lessons learned during the reporting period.

2. Overview of KNH Assisted Child Support Programs in the year 2010
In the year 2010 EOC-CFAO, as usual, has made persistent effort to ensure the delivery of appropriate services to the needy children and their caregivers with the assistance of KNH through two main programs. These programs are institutional care and support program and scholarship program.
2.1 Institutional Care and Support Program

Under this program, in the reporting period, 197 sponsored children have received various basic services through three KNH funded child care centers (projects). All children were provided with lodging, food supplies, clothing, and educational materials. During the reporting period the children were also given medical services, psychosocial support and other assistances from their respective projects.

2.2 Scholarship Program

This program includes all beneficiary children and youth who have been living with their parents or extended family members and/or who are living alone or in groups. This scheme also includes beneficiaries under Extended Fostership Program i.e. beneficiary University and Technical & Vocational students. In 2010 a total of 2,288 beneficiaries were supported under the scholarship program in sixteen projects. Under this program each child received 220 Birr monthly allowance to meet basic needs, such as, food, house rent, clothing and educational materials. Medical services, psychosocial supports and other assistances also were delivered to the beneficiaries.

Table 1: Number of KNH sponsored Children in the year 2010

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3. **Major Achievements of the Programs in the year 2010**

The major accomplishments of the year 2010 are presented in the following sections by each programmatic activity.

### 3.1 Foster ship program

- Provided basic needs i.e. lodging, food supplies, educational materials and clothing for 197 children who were supported under institutional care.

- Provided monthly allowance of 220 Birr for 2,288 sponsored children who were supported under scholarship program.

- Home visits were conducted by the program directors and Project leaders (social workers) on monthly basis to see and observe the wellbeing of the children and the circumstances of the home life.

- Psychological and psychosocial support was provided to sponsored children through individual and group counseling by staffs and other professionals on subjects how to develop self-esteem and overcome challenges and develop good manner and behavior.

- Sponsored children had celebrated public holidays and other children’s related festivals together in their respective projects.
3.2 Educational Support

- Educational materials and school uniforms were provided for 197 sponsored children under institutional care.

- School visits were conducted by Program directors and project leaders to follow up school attendance and performance of the total 2,485 sponsored children.

- In all Projects tutorial classes were arranged to help sponsored children to perform good academic result.

- Different educational meetings, conferences and excursions were organized by the projects to improve academic achievement of the sponsored children.

- Educational counseling was delivered to sponsored children by external experts.

- 705 sponsored children were enrolled in technical & vocational training institutions.

- Training materials (pens, exercise books, training clothes, and other necessary materials) needed for the trainings were purchased and distributed to all sponsored technical & vocational trainees.

- Transportation allowance was paid for sponsored technical & vocational trainees.

Case Story 1

My name is Etalem Yilma (60174/1519). I was born in Mehal Meda town which is about 282 KM away from the capital city, Addis Ababa. I lost both of my parents when I was kid. I used to live with my uncle. In 1998, at the age of eight, I enrolled in KNH sponsored scholarship program at Mehal Meda Child Care Center / Project Number 60156. I got comprehensive supports from the project, for example, I got financial support, educational support, medical support, guidance & counseling and other supports fully until I complete my education. After I successfully completed my high school education by obtaining good result, I joined Debreberhan University in 2007. I studied Geography and graduated in 2010. Finally, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all organizations and people who contributed in one way or the other for my today’s achievement. Thank you all staffs in project 60156! Thank you KNH! Thank you my spiritual parents/sponsors. God bless you all!
- 332 sponsored children completed their trainings and graduated from various technical & vocational training institutions.
- Seed money and start up materials were provided to all technical & vocational training graduates.
- Foster ship grant was paid for 356 sponsored university students on quarterly basis to enable them cover their educational and other basic needs.
- 82 sponsored university students completed their studies and graduated from different government universities of the country.
- Special fees (clothes and thesis fee for graduation) were paid to all graduate students.
- Start up money was given to all graduate university students.

*Chart Shows KNH sponsored Graduate Students of the year 2010*
3.3 Health Care

- Medical service was provided to sponsored children every time when they sought medical attention. Such children were referred to the nearby health center and when the treatment was beyond the capacity of the nearby health center they were referred to the nearby local referral Hospital or to Megbare senay Hospital which is under EOC-CFAO in Addis Ababa.

- Annual medical check-up was conducted to all sponsored children.

- Health education programs were organized for 2,129 sponsored children and for their caretakers. The sessions focused mainly on ways of HIV/AIDS transmission, environmental sanitation, reproductive health and Personal hygiene.

4. Communications

Various inquiries requested by sponsors via KNH’s sponsorship department were replied by EOC-CFAO and the respective projects on time. Annual accomplishment reports of the projects were submitted to KNH on time. Correspondence between sponsors and sponsored children was maintained properly in regular way throughout the year. Thank you letters for gifts and donations were also provided by sponsored children and the projects in order to confirm the receipts. Identity sheet, transfer and leaving forms were also filled by the concerned projects and delivered to KNH through EOC-CFAO.
5. **Major Challenges faced and solutions**

The following are some of the difficulties the EOC-CFAO has come across in the course of executing the projects and solutions taken:

- During the reporting period life had been extremely hard for the sponsored children in general because of the rapid price increase on basic commodities and house rent. Because prices had been rising up dreadfully, the child care centers and the children who live alone and in group have found it very difficult to pay for their basic necessities. Nonetheless, we hope that these children will be able to overcome the problem they are facing because KNH has pledge to increase their monthly stipend by a certain amount.

- Sponsored children who are pursuing their higher education were not able to report on time to their respective project offices when they were dismissed or withdrew from and readmitted to the universities. Nevertheless, we have tried to partially solve this problem by establishing cordial relationship with the respective universities where the youth are pursuing their studies.

- It was very difficult for most projects to reach and visit their sponsored university students on regular basis due to shortage of man power in the project offices and the distances of universities.

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**Case Story 2**

My name is Hailemariam Mewcha (60174/1470). I was born in Mekelle in 1988. I have three brothers and two sisters. My father passed away during my childhood. I was living with my mother and my siblings. Her income was insufficient to fulfill our basic needs and she was unable to send us to school. Then my mother enrolled me in KNH funded institutional care program in 1993. From 1993 until 2007, I was provided all the basic needs for life by project 60007. In 2007, I joined university. I studied mathematics in the university and I graduated in 2010. Now I am working as a school teacher. I teach mathematics. I wish to thank KNH and my foster parents for supporting me for these long periods of time without a problem. I think now your dream come true because I become self-reliant. Once again I thank you very much from the deepest of my heart.
However the program directors (some projects do not have project leaders / social workers) and the project leaders had attempted to contact the sponsored children while they were paying their monthly stipend in order to check the way how they were living and how they were attending education.

- Poor access to the internet has either hindered or delayed appropriate communication between the head office and the project offices. However, the head office has attempted to resolve this problem by making use of telephone and fast mail delivery system.

6. **Key Lessons Learned**
   In the course of implementing various KNH funded child support projects for many years, the EOC-CFAO has learnt a lot of lessons. The EOC-CFAO has discovered that it is very difficult to bring about permanent solutions to overcome the challenges poor children are facing without the active involvement of the community at large. That is why the EOC-CFAO has started shifting its programs from institutional and reunification/reintegration programs to community based child support programs.

7. **Outlook and Thanks**
   7.1 **Future plan**
   The EOC-CFAO has worked and will continue working with KNH and other donor partners towards the improvement of the lives of orphan and vulnerable children and their community. To that effect, it has started action to revise its five years strategic plan for a better achievement in its development endeavor to bring about lasting solution to OVC. Therefore, in the coming five years EOC-CFAO intends to diversify its program outreach and expand its coverage to new areas where the problems of the OVC is most prevalent.

   7.2 **Gratitude**
   The EOC-CFAO would like to extend its profound gratitude to KNH for the all round supports. It is difficult to imagine the fate of all the sponsored children without the technical and financial assistances KNH has been rendering to us up to now. The EOC-CFAO would also extend its thanks to individual sponsors for their continued commitment to support sponsored children morally, spiritually and financially.
II. SPECIFIC ASPECTS

8. Organizational Level
In the year 2010, there were no major changes at organizational level except some change in the management board composition of the organization. Members of the Organization’s Management Board are representatives from major Minister Offices, NGOs and other stakeholders. In 2010, among the key stakeholders, the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs (MOLSA) was replaced by the Ministry of Women, Children and Youth Affairs. On the other hand, in the reporting period, high turnover of man power because of unsatisfactory remunerations and high maintenance cost for the aging vehicles were the two major challenges at the organization level.

9. Program/project management
As part of its efforts to enhance the quality of services, the EOC-CFAO has been providing various capacity building workshops and trainings to its staffs at all levels, in collaboration with partner organizations. In the year 2010, different workshops and trainings were organized to the EOC-CFAO staffs on different topics such as, Standards for OVC support / Quality Improvement for OVC Support, Resource Mobilization, Organizational Management, Strategic Planning, Grant Management and Monitoring & Evaluation.

10. Networking
EOC-CFAO believes that building up network with like-minded organizations would bring advantages in achieving the objectives. For this reason, it has established formal relationships with different organizations as part of its networking activities. EOC-CFAO is the member of Consortium of Christian Relief and Development Association (CCRDA), Orphan and Vulnerable Children Network and the Ethiopian Interfaith Forum for Development, Dialogue and Action (EIFDDA). During the reporting period, the EOC-CFAO, in addition to the earlier mentioned Organizations, had made experience sharing contacts and visits to ERESH which is KNH’s partner organization.
11. Monitoring and evaluation
As usual, in 2010, to follow up and assess project implementations the EOC-CFAO has conducted monitoring and evaluation activities. Project implementations of St.Yared CCC, Mekelle CCC, Apostle Paul CCC, Bahirdar CCC, Debretabor CCC, Korem CCC, Genet CCC, Felege Arz CCC, Abune Petros CCC, Kombolcha CCC, Mehal Meda CCC, Genete Eyesus CCC, Sebeta CCC, Goba CCC, Soar CCC, and Hohite misrak CCC were supervised by the head office program and finance personnel according to the intended plan. During the time of the monitoring visits, no major constraints were observed.

12. Planned changes for the next period
The EOC-CFAO has planned to make some amendments to its five-year strategic plan that guides its future action. Accordingly, the EOC-CFAO has intended to expand its operational areas where the problem of the OVC is critical.
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