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ETHIOPIAN
CHURCH
PARTNERS



210

FAMILIES CARED
FOR THROUGH
HBC PROGRAM



172

ECONOMIC
EMPOWERMENT
MEMBERS



3

INDIVIDUALS
RECEIVED
MEDICAL CARE



630

FOOD
BASKETS
DISTRIBUTED

ETHIOPIA NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

The first quarter of 2026 was busy and fruitful. Our Ethiopia staff led trainings to strengthen knowledge and skills of pastors, Home-Based Care (HBC) Coordinators, and church committees.

The team also facilitated Economic Empowerment Workshops equipping caregivers with tools to launch, grow and sustain small businesses, along with practical job skills. Twenty-eight caregivers learned soap-making, adding a potential new source of income.

Beyond skill development, caregivers have formed a strong sisterhood. Women from different churches are building meaningful relationships as they share ideas, experience and encouragement.

We are also partnering with four Expansion Program churches in a pilot “Ministry Partnership.” This effort will build on what these churches are already accomplishing through their own tithes and offerings—doubling the number of families served and increasing access to Economic Empowerment loans.

Additionally, we launched a monitoring and evaluation project to assess the progress of HBC caregivers. We hope to continue to build on the successes and look forward to learning how we can improve and strengthen the program.

Our social worker, Martha, continues to invest in caregivers through training in healthy emotional and social development and has begun equipping youth in our program as well.

WHOLISTIC CARE IN ETHIOPIA

World Orphans social worker, Martha Admasu, facilitated caregiver training for 147 attendees on recognizing, expressing, and articulating feelings of love. It helped participants express love in families and groups, build self-esteem, and improve communication.

The most valuable outcome for the caregivers was observing them learning to give and receive love.

A separate session for 68 youth focused on emotional well-being and developing a healthy self-image.

Plans are underway for Trauma-Informed Care training in Addis for the ETH staff and church coordinators.



ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT IN ETHIOPIA

We currently have 172 caregivers who are continuing to grow their businesses through training and micro-loans that are helping them to provide for the needs of their families. Our repayment rate for loans in the past year is over 90%.

We are excited to see the growth of the Economic Empowerment program as we add new loans for caregivers in our Expansion Church Program, as well as providing teen loans to encourage the innovation and entrepreneurship of some of our teens during their summer break.

A STORY OF HOPE



One of several Wholistic Care trainings for caregivers.

Beyenech, a mother of two, was faced with the harsh reality of raising her children alone after her husband walked out.

Desperate and without a way to pay rent, she moved back to her mother's house with her young son and newborn. She says she was, "very worried about what would happen." She bought a bag of charcoal and started selling the contents in small quantities. She also told a believing woman about her problems and asked her to pray.

Beyenech heard about World Orphans and enrolled in the HBC Program. She began receiving food every month and was happy. She then took a loan and bought charcoal in large quantities and improved her business. She now sells twenty whole charcoal bags at a time from her car. She says, "My children and I have not been hungry or thirsty for a year. We have lived better than anyone else, even on holidays."

She goes on to say, "You have made our children happy and encouraged us and taught us how to maintain childcare and hygiene every month when we meet over coffee. My current and previous life are in no way comparable. I am in a very good life now and I am very happy to have graduated from the program. Thank God for everything."



Experience sharing and encouragement with a group of caregivers.