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ORDA-ICD A Glimmer of Hope WASH Project achievements

Year/phases No. of water points Beneficiary by population Budget

AGOH ORDA Community & government

2015/Phase I 20 (17 SBH& 3 HDW) 7,505 6,065,349.9 262,785.3 514,200

2016/Phase II 14 ((13 SBH& 1 SPD) 4,845 3,715,509 262,785.3 626,954

2017/Phase III 22 (20 SBH& 2 HDW) 6,999 6,015,241.5 257,647.4 396,510

2018 /Phase IV 19 SBH 5,040 6,515,946.4 523,678 424,250

Total 75 water points 24,389 (12,458 women) 22,312,046.8 1, 306,895.9 1,961,914

The projects benefited 24, 389 (of which 12,458 female) people with a total cost of over 25.3 million birr. About 13 million is fully funded by AGOH and 3 million is covered by beneficiary community, government and ORDA together.

The project constructed 75 water points and 2,861 households constructed traditional pit latrine.

This has resulted in increased district water coverage by 10%. The project played a great role for a better water coverage in intervention kebeles by 46% and improved the lives of the rural

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people.

The grand budget of the project was secured from AGOH (22.3 million birr) and the remaining 3 million was from the beneficiary community, government and ORDA. The project also assisted 2,861 households to construct traditional pit latrine.

W/ro Wodaje Worku, who has five children (4 male & 1 female) is a resident in Gondar Zuria woreda Lay Dugie kebele at Model village. This woman witnessed before ORDA & AGOH constructed shallow borehole, villagers used to fetch water from “jihwana” river travelling long distances which takes them an hour.



The farmer explained, “We suffered a lot due to lack of safe water. I, together with my children drank unprotected river water for many years. Our children were highly burdened to fetch water. Due to this reason, they were late to school.”

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“By the time, I gave birth my 4th child; I was obliged to go to the river & fetch water at the 12th date 7 years ago. Since there was no water for drinking & personal cleaning/washing, I carried my infant on my back & 10 liters of Jerrican water on my head.”

W/ro Wodaje & her children had suffered a lot caused by waterborne diseases. But, all these have come to an end after ORDA & AGOH made use of Model No. 2 spring scheme (SPD). The community doesn't waste extra time and energy and get freed from diseases. Their children are also attending school on time. Moreover, the project encouraged them to build and use latrine.

The Woman said, “My dream of getting safe water in a nearby village has come to a reality. The scheme was opened for use when I was making a local beer ‘tella’ for my child’s baptismal. This has doubled my happiness. I’m now very much grateful to ORDA and AGOH.”

A total of 30 household heads benefited from from Luy Dugie Model No. 2 scheme. They have strong WASHCO members. The scheme is well protected and fenced with tree seedlings of suspania. The beneficiaries clean the scheme daily & each member pays 5 birr monthly. We check out that they saved 8,200 birr from ACSI until June 2018. Saving money for maintenance & construction of additional scheme is prerequisite of the government rule to build supplementary water scheme.