



NETWORK OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN OROMIYA (NeCSOO)

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U.S. EMBASSY COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM ADDIS ABABA

Subject: Supporting Letter

Dear Sir/Madam,

A very warm greeting from the Network of Civil Society Organizations in Oromia (NeCSOO). NeCSOO is a Regional Network of civil society organizations in Oromia and currently has 48 member organizations operating in the Oromia National Regional State. El-Derash Children and Family Development Organization (ECFDO) makes one of the member organizations of the Network operating mainly in the Bishoftu town of East Shewa Zonal Administration.

In a letter dated June 15, 2020 with; Ref No ED 067/20, ECFDO has requested NeCSOO to write a supporting letter to your Good Embassy's Community Grant Office in connection to its effort of mobilizing resources for the IDPs' livelihood project that it intended to undertake at Laga-Tafo town. Prior to this, NeCSOO had held a formal discussion with the Mayor of the town, whereby the Mayor expressed the readiness of the town's Administration to welcome NeCSOO members' intervention in this regard. The Mayor had also informed us that there are over 4000 IDPs in the town seeking an immediate livelihood support in connection to COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, no NGO at the moment is supporting these IDP communities, as per further information obtained from the Mayor. On the other hand, ECFDO is an experienced member of NeCSOO with a very good implementation experience in such areas as early childhood, education, WaSH, health, HIV/AIDS and Livelihood projects in partnership with local & international agencies; including with your Good Office at Bishoftu Town in 2019.

In this light, we strongly recommend ECFDO for the resource mobilization that it is applying to support the livelihood of the IDP compatriots at Laga-Tafo town. NeCSOO appreciates the grant opportunity that ECFDO is provided from your Good Office for the purpose mentioned here above, in advance.

Kind regards

Regassa Aboma,
Executive Director



NeCSOO FOUNDING MEMBERS: Action for Development (AFD); African Development Aid Association (ADAA); BARI – Community Development Association (BCDA); Center for Development Initiative (CDI); Education for Development Association (EFDA); Facilitators for Change (FC); Gayo Pastoral Development Initiative (GPDI); Gurmuu-Development Association; Harmee Education for Development Association (HEIDA); HUNDEE; Initiative for Improving Standard of Prison (IISP); Organization for Development in Action (ODA); Oromo Self-Reliance Association (OSRA); Research Center for Development and Education (RCDE); Riftvalley Children and Women Development (RCWD); Rural Organization for Betterment of Agro-pastoralist (ROBA); Save Mothers and Children of Oromiya (SMCO); Sustainable Environment and Development Action (SEDA); and Waitajji Oorannoo Oromo (WaOO).

MEMBERS JOINED AFTERWARDS: Association for Sustainable Development and Social Progress (ASDASP); Bokku Community Development Association (BCDA); Environmental Protection and Development Organization (EPDO); Gaddisa Integrated Community Development (GICD); Girja Integrated Rural Development Association (GIRDA); Hope 2020; Ilu Women and Children Integrated Development Association (IWICIDA); Ketar Development Association (KDA); Partnership for Sustainable Development (PSD); Stand for the Vulnerable Organization (SVO); Team Action for Development (TAD); Vision for Community Development Association (VCDA); Wako Gutu Foundation (WGF); Unity Development Association (UDA); Charity and Development Association (CDA); and Association for Development and Biodiversity Conservation (ADBC).

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