



# HOPE - NEWS LETTER

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The name 'Hope' has been chosen because; we are dealing with hopeful country. It is potentially agriculturally rich. The symbol given is that of a germinating seed. It is a sign of hope, new life. We live in hope. Hope indicates pride, confidence, courage, motivation, self-reliance, self-esteem, self realization and even more. Fore sure we do live in present, but we do think of tomorrow. This seems why planners do spend lots of time and money to achieve tangible results. Hope clears the path of present However, every attempt does not succeed. The rule of the thumb is "doing not cut hope".

Hope-News Letter begins from scratch. It hopes to disseminate information on projects activity of Netherlands based Ethiopian Foundations in Ethiopia. This is done in cooperation with the concerned foundations, their partners in host countries, donor organizations, the Netherlands public and the end-users/beneficiaries.

It seems relevant that the public should be well informed on how donations are utilized. This may eventually empower the public to monitor, evaluate and access the impact of projects. Consequently, their solidarity and assistance to the heroic Ethiopian people in their struggle against poverty could continue and increase enormously as hoped. To this end SRHA is committed to collect data on project activities at grass root level aimed at to publicize efforts done and results achieved.

Over 50 years has already passed since the beginning of development cooperation assistance projects begun in Ethiopia. What has happened since then? And what should be done? And other similar questions should be imposed, so that the challenges to economic development may win public attention and one may also reach his potential.

Hope focuses on Netherlands based Ethiopian foundations projects in Ethiopia. This may enable one to see their approach to rural development problems. How do they tackle the problems? Is it Ethiopian, imported or hybrid? Which method best fits and why? In many ways it is a good start and it is one way of combating the brain-drain.

To help the people in what they are doing is of prime importance. Hitherto, in most cases the people are excluded from decision making. Meaning projects are not people oriented. This may be one of the problems of sustained rural development projects.

The Netherlands based Ethiopian foundations are invited to submit information on their on going projects in Ethiopia. In such a way their mammoth efforts to assist the people will be publicized. Besides, any suggestion for improvements in implementation be it in rural or urban projects in Ethiopia is appreciated.

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