



# HOPE - NEWS LETTER

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In this publication we would like to introduce the Society for the Rehabilitation of the Horn of Africa (SRHA).

## ➤ BACKGROUND

The Society for the Rehabilitation of the Horn of Africa (SRHA) that took off 1996 is committed to pro-poor sustained rural development. It is none government, non political and not profit making organization.

The economic, socio-cultural and political problems of the Horn of Africa are more complex and diverse than in the rest of the continent. In many ways nature seems also not in favors of this region.

SRHA is meant to assist in rehabilitation of victims of conflicts, civil wars, natural disasters, displaced poor families and the degraded and degrading environment; it intends to combat the brain-drain in cooperation with likeminded organizations.

## ➤ VISION

SRHA's vision is to exert more effort to build and to strengthen a strong society through empowerment and efficient use of local available resources.

## ➤ MISSION

SRHA is committed to play its part in rural development works in cooperation with the end users and like-minded organizations. It strives to participate in joint effort with all concerned individuals and organizations that are committed in rehabilitation programs. One can not rehabilitate the environment without rehabilitating the people.

## ➤ OBJECTIVES

- To participate in the struggle of the heroic Ethiopian people in their struggle to be self-sufficient in food crops production and to eradicate poverty.
- To enhance enlightenment activities on rural development problems of the country.
- To combat the brain-drain through all possible means.

## ➤ ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

Terminated SRHA'S projects 2004:

- Construction of two Rest Rooms with 16 seats, at Atse Yohannes Elementary and Secondary schools. Mekelle, Ethiopia. Beneficiaries are over 5,000 students.

Fig. 1. Rest Rooms



- Donation of school uniforms for 101 students.

## Ongoing projects:

- Home Gardening project for urban and rural women;
- School project;
- Assistance for 30 street children;
- News Letter Development

SRHA's projects are very simple and practical. They are very easy to manage, monitor and evaluate. SRHA focuses at grass root level. Its approach is purely participatory and it gives voluntary services.

Among many others, SRHA prioritizes training. Recently SRHA member has assisted voluntarily in training in Ethiopia. Training was on 'Home Gardening', 'Alley Cropping' and 'Shoe Polishing'. 109 urban and rural poor women and 46 street children were trained. Training was very successful.

Fig. 2. Home Gardening Training in Session



Fig. 3. School Project, 28 Acer Computers



Fig. 4. Demonstration on Shoe Polishing



Fig. 5. Children with their Saving Accounts



Fig. 6. Distribution of Agric. Hand Tools



Because all Ethiopian organizations that are based in the Netherlands aim at assisting the Ethiopian people, it seems then relevant to exchange ideas and work experiences. This will eventually benefit our people and reduces duplication of work and enhances efficient utilization of limited resources.

Therefore, SRHA invites all Ethiopian organizations based in the Netherlands and concerned individuals who are involved in development works in Ethiopia to come up and work together for common good. Among others this could be achieved through penal discussion and through submitting a short summary of information on their terminated or ongoing project activities for publication. In such a way we could exchange ideas and views. This may enable the public to comment on projects field activities.

**'Together we stand'.**