

PADet Profile on Experience in Emergency projects

Organization name: Professional Alliance for Development (PADet)

Emergency service: Lifesaving support for sheltered internally displaced persons (IDPs)

Place: Azezo, Gonder Town Shelter

Duration: 25th to 31st July, 2021

Donor: *Likie Tieme Lisan Kasaa families and Felekech*

Situation of IDPs: Over the past several years many Amhara communities were living in the Tigray region, particularly in the Shirie, Badimie, Axsum and Mekele zones. However, since 2019, the Amhara communities have been displaced. At the Azezo Shelter, located in the Gonder City Administration, there are 1919 IDPs (814 men and 1105 women). Out of these numbers, 690 (were children (200 boys, 490 girls), 136 lactating mothers, 19 pregnant women; 54 people with disability; and 44 HIV-positive people. The ones found in the worse condition were women who gave birth to triplets and twins. Their situation was due to the lack of a balanced diet.

Government heads: Gonder Town Administration Agriculture, disaster prevention and food security department head and team leader.

Implementation modality: PADet held a meeting with a team leader from the Gondar Town's Disaster Prevention and Food Security Department, Ato Melaku Gebrie,, two experts, three IDP representatives and a representative, Ato Tensae Shimeles from a donating family. This committee, composed of nine members, made informed decisions about how to whom support should be provided.

Beneficiary selection criteria: As to the beneficiary identification, the committee set a selection criterion indicating that children, lactating mothers, pregnant women, people with disability, HIV-positive people and other groups such as seniors and people with chronic health problem, were given priority and would be supported with the available budget.

Procurement and distribution: Accordingly, the committee decided to purchase 'Teff' and edible oil. Hence, Proforma was collected from suppliers and identified least bidders. The committee members purchased 58 quintals of red 'teff' with a cost of birr 205,900 and 315 liters of edible cooking oil with a cost of birr 29,295.00 birr. A total of 630 IDPs were supported with an amount worth 235,195.00 birr (Two hundred thirty-five thousand one hundred ninety-five birr) within 4 days.

Budget used: 91% of the budget amount of 260,000 birr was used to purchase food items while the rest, 9% of the budget, was used for running costs such as loading and unloading, transporting the goods to the sheltered IDPs, travel costs for the staffs and minimal allowances paid for committee members to help with food distribution.

Organization name: Professional Alliance for Development (PADet)

Project Title: Emergency Response and Early Recovery Assistants (ERERA) for conflict affected people in North Shewa Zone

Emergency service: Shelter and housing, and food provision

Place: Efrata ena Gidim Woreda

Duration: August 2021

Donor: Children Rights and Violence Prevention Fund (CRVPPF)

Situation of IDPs: 4,110 people were internally displaced (IDPs) and 162 houses were completely burned in Zuti Kebele of Shewarobit town. 646 people were internally displaced, 190 homes and 20 Business houses and shops were fully burned and damaged. According to the emergency response committees and Kebele officials, only 10 houses were rebuilt in Zuti and 31 in Kara Kori Kebeles. The overall condition of all the facilities sheltering the IDPs remained substandard, unsanitary, as well as potentially hazardous, especially for children and women. These people need assistance to help restore their livelihoods and repair their damaged properties, including rebuilding the destroyed houses.

Furthermore, Emergency Response and Early Recovery Assistants (ERERA) for conflict affected people in North Shewa Zone project includes all IDPs of Efrata ena Gidim Woredas of which 646 IDPs from 210 households. During the post monitoring assessment, this was found to be a suggestion echoed by most of the respondentsTown/ Woreda officials and non-beneficiaries to add to the relief package in the future for more beneficiaries in Shewarobit towns. For instance: the number of IDPs in Shewarobit town is 4110 and the project only covers 318 individuals.

Government Office: Project operational agreement was signed with North Shewa Zone Disaster Prevention and food security office and women children and youth department.

Implementation modalities:

- Project launching workshop in which 18 government stakeholders from North Shewa Zone and Efrata ena Gidim Woreda and Shewarobit town was held on of August 5, 2021 in Shewarobit town with the objective to formally announce the launch of the project and to ensure ownership, support and commitment from stakeholders at all levels.
- Emergency Response Committees/ teams were established both in Zuti Kebele of Shewarobit town and Kara Kori Kebele of Efrata ena Gidim Woredas.
- Project beneficiaries' selection was carried out by emergency response committees based on the project beneficiary selection criteria.
- Rapid initial humanitarian need assessment was conducted using qualitative methods of data collection with the use of focused group discussion (FGD), In-depth interview and Observation (On-site visual inspection) to harvest precise data showing the condition of IDPs in their Camps and host communities.
- WASH and nutrition training was provided for Emergency Response Committees, project targeted Kebeles health extension workers and each targeted woreda health office and health centers heads.

- Health institutions in IDP host community supported to update or revise cholera preparedness plans considering the rainy season and the poor WASH situation at IDP sites.

Procurement and distribution:

Shelter and housing: All IDPs of Kara Kori Kebele were first accommodated and are still living in Kara Kori Primary school. IDPs of Zuti Kebele Shewarobit town are no longer living in IDP centers. These IDPs are living in private housing owned by relatives/friends (IDPs can basically live there for free) and squatting of abandoned houses. The conditions of vulnerable groups among the displaced in collective centers, such as seniors, traumatized, and disabled people, as well as female-headed households, were of great concern. The shelter conditions resulting from this displacement are characterized by substandard housing conditions and overcrowding. As mentioned above, Kara Kori Kebele IDPs are living in Kara Kori primary school in classrooms under poor and overcrowded housing conditions with up to 15-25 family members per room, which jeopardizes their privacy.

Provision of Food Items and Sanitary Materials: It found that IDPs in Efrata ena Gidim Woreda (Kara Kori Kebele) and Shewarobit town (Zuti Kebele), North Shewa Zone were totally dependent on government and host community aid to meet their basic needs. All IDPs had no income because of their displacement. IDP families had a high proportion of elderly, children, disabled and female-headed households. 15 kg of Sorghum, 0.25 kg of pepper and 1 liter of palm oil per individual were delivered for 318 IDPs of 98 households in Zuti Kebele of Shewarobit town and 646 IDPs of 210 households in Kara Kori Kebele of Efrata ena Gidim Woreda. 2 Iron Pots, 1 big plate, 1 large spoon and 1 washing dishes were distributed for 300 households (90 households of Zuti and 210 households of Kara Kori). Plastic plates were distributed for Households based on their family size. Regarding to WASH, soaps were distributed for Households based on their family size.

Budget used: 5,232,000.00 ETB (*Five million two hundred thirty-two thousand birr*)



Figure 8: Picture showing household and food handover for IDPs by Shewarobit town Mayor Ms. Lubaba

Organization name: Professional Alliance for Development (PADet)

Title of the project: Saving lives of people displaced from Raya Azebo, Ofla, Alamata and Kobo areas and camped in Dessie town of Amhara region.

Place: Dessie town

Donor: Action Aid Ethiopia [AAE]

Duration: September 2021

Situation of IDPs: As per the data obtained from Dessie Town Administration Finance and Cooperation Department, there are currently about **66,288** men and **73,506** women, for a total of **139,794** people in the IDP centers in Dessie town that were displaced from South Tigray, North Wollo and Afar. Therefore, the department has requested all NGOs to provide humanitarian support to the IDPs in the town.

Accordingly, AAE has had decided to support 1000 HH mainly women-headed households, lactating mothers, orphans, seniors, and people with disability.

Government Office: Dessie Town Finance and Economic Cooperation Department and Food Security and Disaster Prevention Department.

Implementation modalities:

IDP Site selection: After signing the project operational agreement, IDPs sites were selected. Although the Dawdo full cycle elementary school IDP site was identified as our primary response area, the project expanded its response area to an additional four IDP centres in accordance to the visual inspection of IDP centres and following discussions between PADet and Dessie town finance and economic cooperation department and food security and disaster prevention Office. In the selected sites, the IDPs are displaced up to three times, first from their place (Korem, Raya Alamata, Bala and Mehoni) from which Action Aid's long-term program intervention area before the conflict.

Emergency Response Committee Establishment: The Emergency Response Committees were established at town level and in all five targeted IDP centres. Each committee has 4 or 5 members in IDP centres and 12 members at town level. Only women are the heads of committees.

Training of targeting committee and orientation on black lining GBV: Emergency Response Committees trained on the project overview, beneficiary selection criteria's and GBV.

Project Beneficiary Selection: As it has been the case for other project activities, PADet gave the mandate to Emergency Response Committees to select the direct beneficiaries eligible to receive support. Accordingly, Emergency Response Committees of each IDP center selected and registered a list of the most eligible beneficiaries of the project. Emergency Response Committees selected the beneficiaries based on the selection criteria. Priority was given to the most vulnerable groups such as women-headed, single female-headed and child-headed households, lactating mothers, pregnant women, people with disabilities, families with chronically-ill members.

Distribution of the Multi-purpose cash: A cash grant is the distribution of free cash as a relief item to targeted beneficiaries. The most common objectives of cash grants are to meet immediate food or non-food needs, or to recover essential household kits. Other possible objectives include helping vulnerable households to pay off their debts or medical care assistance for health issues. 3,500.00 ETB per household was distributed for 1000 women-headed households, lactating mothers, pregnant women and other households in need.

Advantages of cash transfers: The experience of many organizations shows that cash-based programmes, in appropriate circumstances, are less costly and better adjusted to people's needs and preferences than the distribution of commodities in kind and can be more time effective. Discussion with IDPs revealed that, beneficiaries use cash support for many purposes, primarily to purchase food and supplementary food for children, essential household kits, kitchen utensils, clothes, WASH materials and sanitary pads. They also use the money to pay for health care and pay off debts and loans.

Provision of Dignity kits: 1,656 dignity kits were provided to 552 female adolescents and productive women. 3 dignity kits per individual were given to them.

Project budget: 3.2 million ETB (Three *million 2 hundred thousand birr*).

Organization name: Professional Alliance for Development (PADet)

Title of the project: Saving and protecting lives of people displaced from North Wollo and South Wollo zones and temporary shelter in Debre Berhan town, North Shoa zone of Amhara region

Place: Debre berhan town

Donor: Action Aid Ethiopia [AAE]

Duration: November 2021

Targeted IDPs: The targets of our humanitarian support are household-headed women, lactating women, regnant women, children. The targeting will be women-led and with high transparency and accountability.

Implementation process: To launch a project, it needs to be firstly, approved by the government. The local government arm tasked with appraisal and approval of new projects is the Finance and Economic Cooperation Department. As a rule, this body invited signatory departments to participate in the project appraisal process and together they will authorize the launch of the project. Hence, North Shewa Zone food security and the Disaster Prevention Department jointly reviewed, commented and approved the project and signed the operational agreement on November 11, 2021. Emergency Response Committees were established in targeted IDP centers where the committees were led by women.

Project Beneficiary Selection: As it has been the case for other project activities, PADet gave the mandate to Emergency Response Committees to select the direct beneficiaries of the project eligible to receive supports. Accordingly, Emergency Response Committees of each respected IDP centre selected and registered a list of the poorest and most eligible beneficiaries of the project.

Distribution of the Multi-purpose cash: A cash grant is the distribution of free cash as a relief item to targeted beneficiaries. The most common objectives of cash grants are to meet immediate food or non-food needs, or to recover essential household kits. Other possible objectives include helping vulnerable households to pay off their debts or helping with medical care. Multi-purpose cash support was determined by family size of IDPs that is 800 ETB for an individual, 1,600 ETB for 2 family sizes HHs, 2,400 ETB for 3 family size HHs, 3,200 ETB for 4 family size HHs and 4,000 ETB for 5 or above family size HHs. Multi-purpose cash support was provided for 812 Households.

Project Beneficiaries Description:

Age Group	Number
Total number of supported IDPs	2,720
Total number of supported females headed HHs	812
Number of pregnant HHs	130

Number of lactating women HHs	266
Number of PLD HHs	24
Number of elder HHs	67
Other (families with chronically ill member, Poorest of the poor; worst affected families)	325

Project Budget: The total budget allocated for the project is 3,826,800 (*Three Million Eight Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred birr*).



Figure 1: Distribution of the Multi-purpose cash at Altabe Higher Education Secondary School