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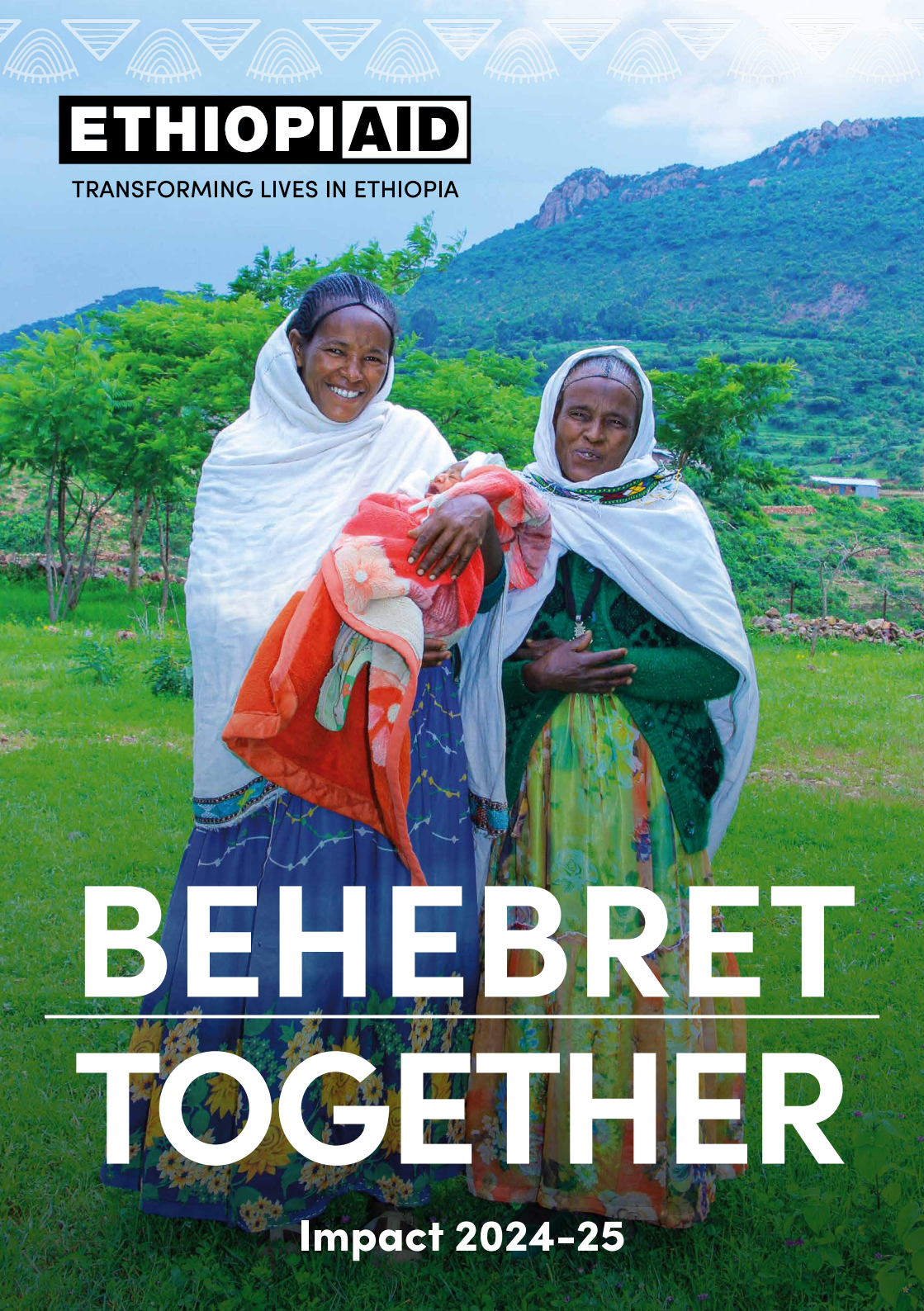
TRANSFORMING LIVES IN ETHIOPIA



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Impact 2024-25

Welcome

I am sure you are aware of the huge reduction in foreign aid this year. The USAID cuts and the announcements from the European Union that they plan to reduce funding, is affecting millions of vulnerable people across the world. Ethiopia was the largest recipient of USAID funding in Sub-Saharan Africa and the sudden cessation is weakening Ethiopia's ability to provide essential health care services, combat food insecurity, malnutrition and disease.

The local organisations we partner with are noticing more pressure on their services as they try to fill the gaps and provide life-saving assistance to the communities they serve. They are more determined than ever to support the most vulnerable and alleviate poverty. And we at Ethiopiaid are more determined than ever to support them in their endeavours.

In response to the foreign aid cuts I have personally decided to increase my monthly donation to Ethiopiaid and I encourage you to do the same if you are able to.

At times we may feel powerless amidst the vagaries of international politics, yet we have the personal power, as ordinary human beings, to make a difference. As you will read in this newsletter, you are doing just that - your generous donations are a lifeline to so many people, alleviating suffering and transforming lives.

I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your continuing support and for standing beside our Ethiopian partners at this challenging time.

Warm wishes,

Alex Chapman

Alexandra Chapman
Founder's Daughter

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After 10 incredible years at Ethiopiaid, the time has come for me to step down. It's a bittersweet moment, as my time here has been one of the most fulfilling and rewarding chapters of my professional life.

My time here has been an honour, and I am deeply proud of what we have accomplished together.

The stories of resilience, hope, and transformation that I have witnessed have been truly inspiring and reaffirmed the power of Ethiopiaid's approach.

I am delighted to introduce the charity's new CEO Anna Lord who has worked alongside me for almost a decade. Anna brings a wealth of experience, a shared passion for Ethiopia and the work of our partners, and a deep understanding of the context our partners operate in.

I want to thank the team and board, our partners in Ethiopia, our donors and supporters, and I am excited to see Ethiopiaid continue to thrive under new leadership.

Lisa Cousins

Lisa Cousins
Former CEO

Over the past decade I have been so fortunate to see, time and time again, the amazing impact of your support. And I am truly delighted to be talking to you now as Ethiopiaid's new CEO.

Our Ethiopian partners continue to act with extraordinary resilience and compassion, and they are doing so with the unwavering support of people like you beside them.

Every single act of generosity – no matter the size – adds up to something powerful. You help ensure pregnant women receive medical care, children have enough to eat, to see families and communities flourish.

I look forward to getting to know you and sharing the Ethiopia that I love so much, as we stand with our partners and the people in their care.

Anna Lord

Anna Lord
CEO

Last year, **34,147** people were reached through Ethiopiaid-funded projects.

Strengthening maternal health

Protecting pregnant women and their babies

Your impact | Strengthening maternal health services for women across Ethiopia. Preventing and treating childbirth injuries. Helping women access the care they need to give birth safely and equipping them to make informed decisions about their own health.

3,166 people were educated on maternal health.

248 mothers safely delivered their babies at newly restocked health facilities.

Partnering with: Afar Pastoralist Development Association (APDA), Hope of Light, Wings of Healing

Where there is improved access to antenatal care, pregnancy-related complications are monitored, saving women and their babies.

Impact story: Safe births

Abrehet's first pregnancy was during the conflict when health services were decimated, and it was too dangerous to travel to seek care.

But this year, thanks to the care and support she received at the recently restored Wedikeshi Health Centre, she gave birth to a healthy baby girl, without fear or trauma.

"Things are slowly recovering after going through such a horrible time. I delivered my previous baby at home, and it was distressing for everyone—my family, neighbours, everyone gathered to help because there were no skilled professionals available. I survived that day, but we lost so many mothers during those years of childbirth."

Because Abrehet lives in such a rural area, being able to stay in the new maternity waiting home made a huge difference.

"If it weren't for the maternity waiting home, I wouldn't have been able to deliver at the health facility. I come from a remote area where it takes more than five hours to walk here. Thank you so much for setting up the maternity waiting home."

Support for women and girls

For safer communities and lasting change

Your impact | Protecting women and girls and making their voices heard. Stopping harmful practices such as female genital mutilation (FGM) and child marriage.

10,337 messages were spread by Women Extension Workers to promote women's free health services.

17 clan leaders gathered and declared the end of FGM which is now punishable by law.

Partnering with: Afar Pastoralist Development Association (APDA), Wings of Healing

With your incredible support for our spring appeal, APDA are continuing their amazing work to end FGM for the next generation of girls. Thanks to your donations, they are training Women Extension Workers to support women and girls, mentoring Traditional Birth Attendants to protect babies from harmful practices and dispelling misconceptions about FGM within rural communities.

Improving access to education

Offering young people choices for their futures

Your impact | Removing barriers to education, helping girls stay in school, ensuring the next generation of leaders and decision-makers has access to education and opportunities for their futures.

341 students enrolled in English language class to improve employability and academic achievement.

663 girls were supported to stay in school and received reusable period packs.

Partnering with: Hope Enterprises, Studio Samuel

Impact story: "I know I have a better future."

Edilawit is 14. Her parents could not afford for her to stay in school, so she left her family's farm in rural Dawro Zone and moved to Addis Ababa, to live with her aunt.

Waking up at 5 each morning, Edilawit spends her day looking after her cousins, doing chores, and then, when her aunt comes home, she attends night classes in the evenings.

"It's challenging being away from my family. And although I can't go to day classes like other girls, I am grateful I am in school."

One of Edilawit's friends was attending our partner Studio Samuel's after school project. She showed her the reusable period pack she had made there and told her about everything she was learning through their *Training for Tomorrow* programme. Edilawit didn't have access to period products, so her friend took her along. They provided her with a pack and Edilawit was able to join the programme in the afternoons, before her school classes.

In addition to learning sewing, Edilawit confidence has grown through the project's counselling, 'teen talks' and tutoring. Spending time with other girls in a similar situation has helped Edilawit express her feelings without fear.

"When I see my future from now I know I have a better future."

Supporting health and welfare

Ensuring no one is forgotten

Your impact | Providing specialist healthcare, support and education. Creating equal opportunities for children and adults living with disabilities.

1,736 people were provided with crutches, orthopedic shoes and braces or had their devices repaired.

453 children and adults were fitted with prosthetics and wheelchairs.

Partnering with: Cheshire Services, Hope Enterprises

Your support is creating access to equal opportunities.

Emergency and recovery fund

Together through crisis

Your impact | Delivering vital relief to people affected by crises. Equipping communities with skills and resources to be more resilient and helping to rebuild after conflict. Being there for people who have no one else to turn to.

10,400 warm meals were provided to people living in internally displaced persons (IDP) camps.

Over 93% of children in IDP camps identified as having malnutrition were treated and have made an improvement.

Partnering with: Afar Pastoralist Development Association (APDA), Wings of Healing

Impact story: Ethiopia earthquakes

Following the earthquakes that struck parts of Ethiopia at the beginning of this year, we were able to respond quickly with initial support through our Emergency and Recovery Fund.

"Urgent interventions are needed to improve shelter, nutrition, and safety, while longer-term efforts must focus on rebuilding livelihoods and establishing sustainable solutions for income source."

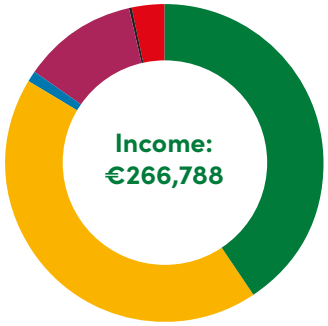
Valerie Browning, APDA co-founder

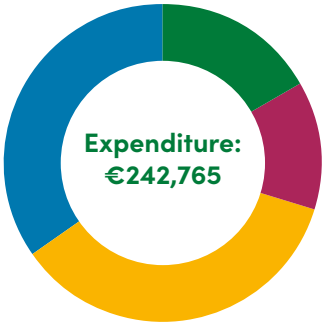
Our partner APDA provided immediate emergency support to people who were displaced. Their local teams are best placed to now support families and communities as they rebuild their livelihoods.

Thank you so much to everyone who continues to support this vital fund, enabling us to respond so quickly in times of crisis.

Fissure caused by earthquakes.

2024 income and expenditure





- Regular gifts: **€108,766**
- Donations: **€114,948**
- Legacies: **€2,500**
- Tax reclaim: **€31,480**
- VAT reclaim: **€894**
- Gifts in kind: **€8,200**

- Fundraising costs: **€40,930**
- Administration: **€31,541**
- Partner Grants: **€86,118**
- Staff: **€84,176**

Visit our website to read our Annual Accounts in full.

*These figures are unaudited.

Listening and learning from our partners

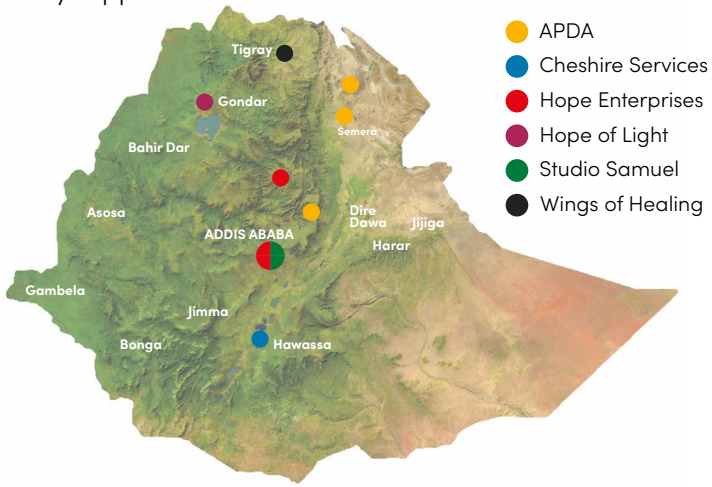
Last November, we hosted our first Partner Peer Exchange in Addis Ababa - a two-day event bringing together our partners to network, share, and learn from each other.

We had open and honest conversations about what our partners need from us and heard powerful presentations showcasing their expertise. This was an invaluable opportunity for us to listen, learn, and adapt. At Ethiopiaid, we have always been partner-led, and events like this ensure we are evolving alongside our partners and providing the right support so they can focus on what they do best: transforming lives.

We are determined to build on this momentum and create even more space for our partners' voices.

Where we work

We work in partnership with locally-led Ethiopian charities to transform lives and achieve lasting change. Our partners' local knowledge and technical expertise means their projects have a lasting impact for the people and communities they support.



Our vision: An Ethiopia in which every person has access to quality education, healthcare and a life of dignity

Our mission: Breaking the cycle of poverty by enabling the poorest and most vulnerable and their communities to live with dignity, to build resilience and achieve real and sustainable solutions to the challenges they face.

Your impact

Email updates

By signing up to our email updates, you can hear the latest partner updates, stories of the people you are helping and news from Ethiopia.

Sign up to receive email updates

Leave your legacy

However big or small, a legacy gift is the most effective way of making a lasting difference, helping our partners continue their essential work for generations to come.

Claim your legacy pack today and leave a lasting impact.

How to donate

Online: **www.ethiopiaid.ie**

Phone: **01 677 5188**

Post: **Ethiopiaid, PO Box 8913, FREEPOST F3429, Dublin 8**

Or scan the **QR code**

We'd love to hear your thoughts. If you have any feedback, or if there is anything at all we can help with, please get in touch.

Thank you.

By supporting our work, you are an essential part of incredible, life-transforming change. When you have finished reading this, please pass it on!

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