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TRANSFORMING LIVES IN ETHIOPIA

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Welcome

At a time when international aid cuts are placing enormous pressure on charities and communities across Ethiopia, the work of Ethiopiaid has never been more important. Reduced global funding is already affecting education, healthcare, disability support and opportunities for women and girls. For communities facing poverty, conflict and climate crises, long-term partnership and sustainable support are essential.

This period also comes with deep sadness following the death of Ethiopiaid's founder, Sir Alec Reed CBE at the end of last year. Sir Alec believed strongly in the power of local Ethiopian organisations to create lasting change, and his commitment to dignity, opportunity and partnership remains at the heart of our work today. His legacy can be seen in every student supported, every woman empowered and every community strengthened through local leadership.

Honouring that legacy means not stepping back during difficult times, but stepping forward with renewed ambition and purpose. Ethiopiaid's new global strategy sets out a bold plan to grow income and help our partners build resilience. By expanding our support and investing in sustainable fundraising, we aim to ensure that trusted local organisations can continue delivering vital services for years to come.

Despite challenging times, Ethiopiaid remains committed to standing alongside Ethiopian communities — today, tomorrow and for the long term. Thank you for being with us, I hope you enjoy reading this impact report and all we have achieved together.

Anna Lord
CEO

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I would like to personally thank all of you who have given so generously to The Lifetime Fund set up in memory of my dear father, and founder of Ethiopiaid, Sir Alec. It is a great source of solace to me, and my family, that his legacy lives on and that the causes he cared so much about will continue to be championed by Ethiopiaid.

Since my father's death, I have been reflecting on the power of legacy and talking to some of our supporters about why they have chosen to leave a gift in their Will to Ethiopiaid. One supporter, Sara, told me that she knew female genital mutilation (FGM) would not be eradicated in her lifetime, but she was still determined to help stop this harmful practice. I was moved by Sara's pragmatism. Although she may not be here to see the eradication of FGM, her gift will help our partner, APDA, continue their vital work eliminating FGM in Afar and will protect future generations of girls.

Legacies are key to sustaining long term funding and embedding positive development. We are so grateful to our kind supporters who remembered Ethiopiaid in their Wills. We take this responsibility very seriously and make sure legacy funding is distributed in the most meaningful and impactful way whilst always honouring a supporter's personal wishes.

We are incredibly grateful and touched when we receive a gift in a Will. It is more than a gift, it is an act of optimism. A belief that although things are challenging now, a legacy can unlock a brighter future for generations to come.

I am so impressed and proud of all the life-changing work our partners have achieved in the past year thanks to your kind and generous support.

Alexandra Chapman
Daughter of
Sir Alec Reed, CBE

We're also delighted to welcome John Ryan McLaughlin as our new Chair of Trustees, bringing broad experience in the non-profit sector and valuable insight to Ethiopiaid's work ahead.

Strengthening maternal health

Safe births and ending obstetric fistula

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 •

323 people
learned of the causes, treatment, and prevention of the devastating childbirth injury obstetric fistula.

39 women
received surgical treatment for obstetric fistula, along with counselling, literacy classes, and a clean, new dress for their return home.

180 medical professionals
trained to identify, diagnose and treat obstetric fistula.

Partnering with: Atsede Clinic, Hope of Light, Wings of Healing Ethiopia

After receiving specialist fistula care at Hope of Light fistula centre, women receive comprehensive psychosocial support and new dresses to return home in comfort.

> ***It has been just so touching to see the generosity and the kindness shown by so many of you to help us rebuild.***
>
> Indie and Atsede,
> midwives and clinic co-founders

Impact story: Rebuilding Atsede Clinic

Last year, Atsede Clinic experienced a devastating fire. The response from the Ethiopiaid community was incredible; with thanks to all those who donated to our Christmas Appeal, construction of the new clinic is well underway.

The impact of your donations:

- The new safe, permanent structure will have an expanded pharmacy to serve the community and increased space for birthing suites, with women's needs at the heart of it.
- The Midwives on the Move (MoM) project has been able to continue, reaching **132 women with vital antenatal care**, and bringing **274 women postnatal appointments** in their own homes.
- While the team have been working from temporary tents, **14 babies were safely delivered** at the Clinic, and MoM midwives accompanied women to Attat Hospital, assisting with **76 safe births**.

Midwives visiting amidst rebuild.

Supporting health and welfare

Ensuring no one is forgotten

Building access to safe water together

In the Sidama Region, Wings of Healing Ethiopia is rehabilitating the Chare Spring water system to improve access to safe, reliable water for 15,800 people. Developed with local authorities and strong community participation, the project includes protected spring infrastructure, rehabilitated reservoirs, water points, washing basins, and connections for a health centre and school.

The community has come together around the spring, helping to build it and taking pride in its long-term care.

Bringing water closer to home means children can stay in school more easily, and families' livelihoods are supported by reducing the time needed to collect water.

Welcoming our newest partner

We are pleased to announce our newest partner, Action on Podoconiosis Association (APIDO). APIDO works to prevent and treat podoconiosis (podo), a debilitating condition caused by barefoot exposure to irritant minerals in the soil, resulting in the painful swelling of the feet and legs.

With your help, we will be able support APIDO in providing specialist healthcare, support and education, working to prevent and treat this neglected tropical disease.

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> ***I am now with my children, getting my life back again.***
> Undene

Our partner APIDO is working to eradicate podoconiosis, a devastating disease caused by irritant minerals in the fertile red clay soil covering one-fifth of Ethiopia.

Undene, 73, lives in a rural community in southern Ethiopia. Here, life depends on hard work and resilience. But for Undene, a mother of 10, living with a long-term illness made even daily survival a constant struggle.

For over 30 years, Undene experienced sudden, intense pain, fever, and swelling to her feet and legs due to podoconiosis. She faced stigma from her community, which affected her confidence and led her to isolate herself. It became incredibly difficult for her to care for and provide for her family.

It wasn't until a friend found out about our partner APIDO's project that Undene learned of the support available for people just like her – people living in pain, isolation, and fear.

After visiting a local health centre, Undene was referred to APIDO, and received the treatment and support she had waited decades for. A pair of custom-made shoes designed for her swollen feet, along with clean water, soap, ointment, and counselling, are helping Undene manage her condition and regain her confidence, one step at a time.

Looking ahead, Undene hopes to stay healthy and continue caring for her family, with a restored sense of belonging, strength and optimism: *"God bless all who helped me come out of darkness and see the light again."*

The Lifetime Fund

Earlier this year we launched The Lifetime Fund, in memory of Ethiopiaid's founder, Sir Alec Reed CBE, and in celebration of the lifetime of philanthropy he dedicated to Ethiopia.

Sir Alec founded Ethiopiaid to be partner-led, knowing that local Ethiopian organisations were best placed to understand and support their own communities. He championed causes that were often overlooked like support for children living on the streets, women affected by obstetric fistula and women and girls in rural areas subjected to FGM.

This year, our goal is bold: to raise €100,000 for The Lifetime Fund and help ensure no one is forgotten. Thank you to everyone who has already generously donated and shared their support for the causes which are too often overlooked; together we have already raised €12,762.

Your gifts to The Lifetime Fund are:

- **Providing life-changing opportunities** for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds across Addis Ababa, with nutritious meals, practical and technical training, and pathways into wider employment opportunities.
- **Supporting women affected by obstetric fistula** to access treatment, counselling, and care they might otherwise never reach.
- **Reaching women and girls in some of Ethiopia's most remote communities**, where trained Women Extension Workers visit, listen, and support, working alongside community and religious leaders to protect girls and end harmful practices in the Afar region.

Find out more about The Lifetime Fund. Visit ethiopiaid.ie/the-lifetime-fund/ or scan the QR code

Together through crisis

Emergency, recovery and climate change

Your impact | Your ongoing support means Ethiopiaid can stand with our partners through crisis, helping them support families for as long as needed.

Humanitarian crisis in Afar

Families in remote areas of northern Ethiopia are facing starvation, disease, dehydration and homelessness, following recent years of conflict, drought and earthquakes.

Every day, despite collapsing services, women like Haddi walk hours between isolated communities to help mothers and deliver babies safely. Haddi is a Traditional Birth Attendant in one of the most remote areas of Afar – where some mothers live days away from the nearest health centre.

Haddi is facing increasing challenges with the hunger crisis meaning even more mothers and newborns are at risk of malnutrition.

But Haddi is not alone. With your support, the Afar Pastoralist Development Association (APDA) team is helping to provide:

- Urgent healthcare for mothers and babies
- Emergency food for hungry children and families
- Safe water for communities at risk of deadly disease
- Shelter and blankets for people who have lost everything

Thanks to generous supporters, APDA is working tirelessly to reach as many people as possible before it's too late.

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 • Providing holistic care for women receiving cancer treatment •

19,440 women and girls
were supported by APDA's Women Extension Workers, who give counselling, advice and work to prevent FGM and child marriage.

448 women
stayed at WOHE's cancer care house, enabling them to receive treatment they would otherwise be unable to access or afford.

500 patients
with advanced cancer received self care kits including toiletries, clothing items and reusable period pads.

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

Women at the cancer care house in Hawassa have received self care kits, helping make their stay a little more comfortable and supportive during treatment, made possible by a generous gift towards this work.

If you have an interest in a particular area of our work that you would like to fund in this way, please get in touch.

Kadiga's determination to end FGM

Kadiga has worked with APDA for over 15 years as a Women Extension Worker (WEW). She comes from Dagaba, rural Afar, a 35km walk to the main town of Logya. When she first began, there was no road going through their area and they travelled everywhere on foot.

Before, she recalls how women and girls in Dagaba were vulnerable to many harmful practices, including the most severe female genital mutilation (FGM) and child marriage. Women hardly left the home.

Kadiga was one of the first women in her area to be employed: *"The first time I went for training with APDA, the community said I would be totally lost and not return to the community."* She ignored this doubt in her ability, and soon began working alongside the community teacher and health worker who APDA had also trained and employed. Together, WEWs like Kadiga work alongside clan leaders and religious leaders, using their authority to bring about change, serve their communities and better understand their needs.

Kadiga has seen many changes over the past 15 years: no longer are young girls forced to marry against their will, and the practice of FGM has drastically reduced. Kadiga knows it will take a huge, concerted effort but she and the team of WEWs are fully committed to stopping FGM for good. Together with your support, she is hopeful we can end these harmful practices for women and girls in Afar.

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 •

700 children, young people and adults were provided with daily breakfast and lunch, along with counselling and support.

1,250 girls received reusable period packs and learned about the stigma surrounding menstruation.

100 students received education to improve English language proficiency, minimising risk of trafficking and forced migration.

Partnering with: Hope Enterprises, Studio Samuel

Overcoming poverty through education

Amanuel, 28, is not only a role model and mentor for young trainees but also demonstrates the life-changing impact of vocational training and support for young people facing extreme poverty and a lack of opportunities.

Starting as a daily labourer with no formal skills or stable income, through Hope Enterprises' programme Amanuel became a garment trainer for young people. He now inspires students to grow in confidence and transform their own lives.

"Working as a trainer at Hope Enterprises has been life-changing for me. Seeing them [the students] complete their projects and grow into capable young professionals is the most rewarding part of my job, and it motivates me to continue guiding them toward a better future."

Last year, only **8%** of students in Ethiopia passed their university entrance exams. With huge disparities across the country, helping young people access quality education is more important than ever. (Addis Insight, 9/12/2025)

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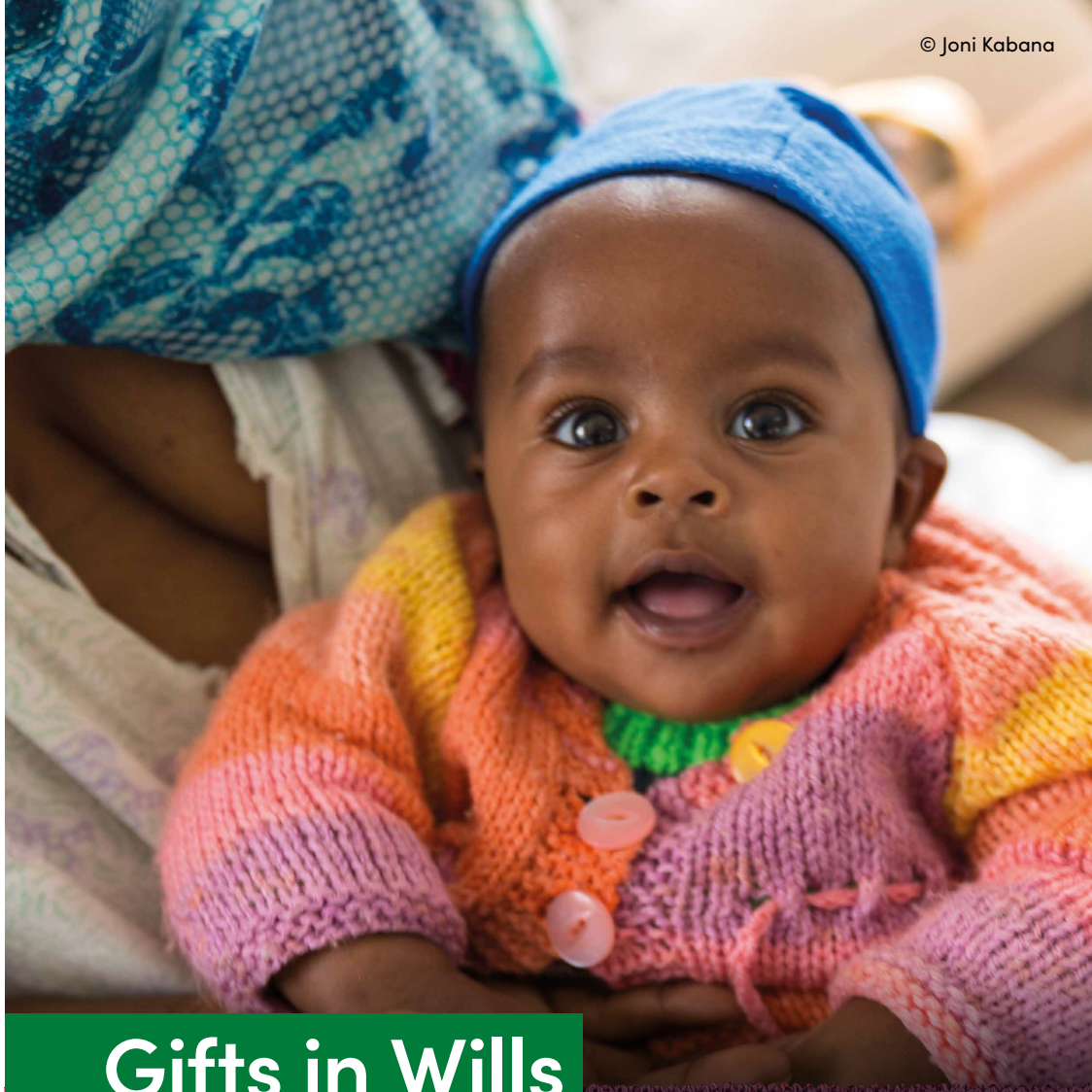


Gifts in Wills

Your generosity today. Lasting change tomorrow.

Leaving a gift in your Will could help transform the lives of people, families and communities in Ethiopia for generations to come. Even 1% of your estate can make a lasting difference.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

2025 partner grants

- APDA: **€38,652.00**
  - Supporting programmes to stop harmful practices such as FGM and child marriage
- Cheshire Services: **€10,000.00**
  - Supporting Hawassa outreach centre
- Hope of Light: **€10,000.00**
  - Supporting Gondar fistula centre
- Hope Enterprise: **€10,000.00**
  - Supporting Hope's free meals programme
- Studio Samuel: **€10,000.00**
  - Supporting Training for Tomorrow Programme
- Wings of Healing: **€23,205.00**
  - Supporting Spring Rehabilitation and Women's Cancer Care Home WASH project. *Received in 2025, paid 2026.
- Atsede Clinic: **€39,921.00**
  - Supporting Atsede Clinic rebuild and ongoing Midwives on the Move Programme. *Received in 2025, paid 2026.

Total partner grants:
€141,778.00

We look forward to sharing our full audited Annual Accounts with you in our Winter Newsletter

Your impact

Your support means that the life-transforming projects of our partners are reaching people who really need it, every single day.

Choosing to give a regular gift through Ethiopiaid provides our partners with valuable consistency in turbulent times.

TIBIBIR
Supporting each other

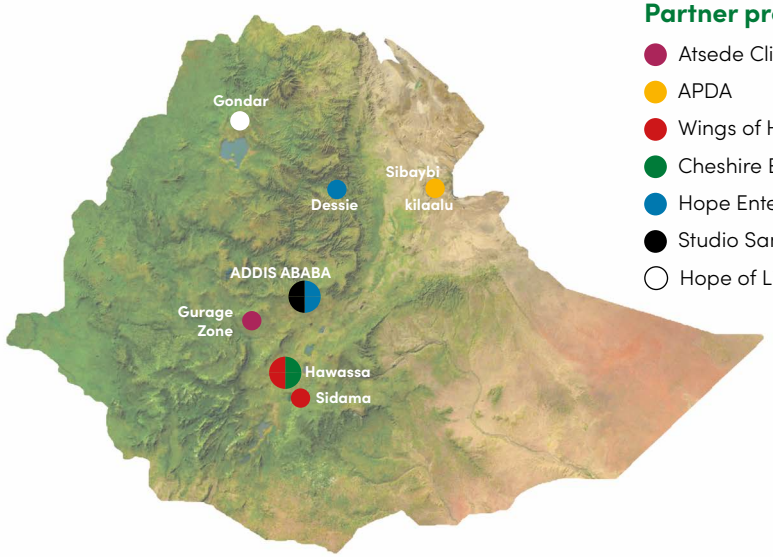
We are profoundly grateful for this commitment and for everyone who generously increased their regular contribution this year.

Tibibir, our new monthly e-newsletter is our way of connecting our regular giving community to the work you make possible. If you are a regular giver and would like to receive *Tibibir*, please get in touch!

You can join our community of regular givers by setting up a Direct Debit today; visit **www.ethiopiaid.ie** or give us a call.

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.



Partner project locations

- Atsede Clinic
- APDA
- Wings of Healing Ethiopia
- Cheshire Ethiopia
- Hope Enterprises
- Studio Samuel
- Hope of Light

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.

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

Find out more

If you have any questions, or would like to find out more about the impact of your giving, we'd love to hear from you:

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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.

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