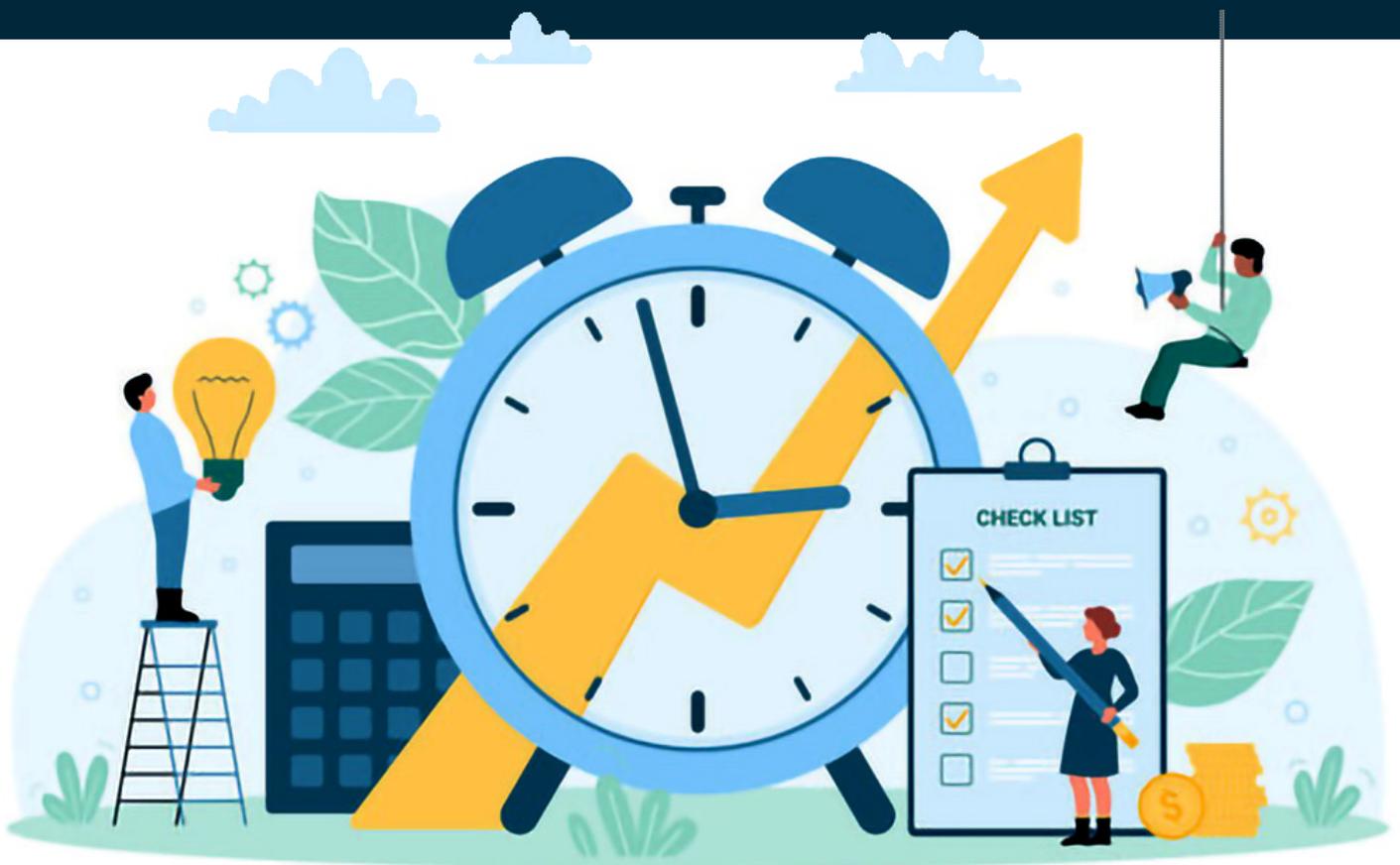




CBCE-GS

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Surely He took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered Him punished by God, stricken by Him, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed.
(Isaiah 53:4-5)



Women and Family Affairs

- Prepared for new project proposal and submitted to the office of UN Women on Empowerment Migrant Women Returnees through Economic Integration and Self-Sufficiency Program.
- Quarter prepared and submitted to Freedom Fund.
- Monitoring conducted Child Domestic Works Risk assessment and behavioral assessment data collection.
- Consultation meeting with partners signed Memorandum of Understanding to support and work in collaboration.
- Finalize and present part of ten years strategic plan of Empowerment and Inclusion.
- Training workshop conducted on Child Development and case management for staff and volunteers on CDW's.
- Progress report presentation was conducted at Adama with member organizations of IRCE.
- Gender project financial report finalized with auditor and sent to the donor.
- Three years activity plan was finalized and submitted.

Plan

- Compiling Grow project financial report and submit to NEWA.
- Finalize draft proposal on Gender Equality.
- Conduct review meetings with partners and branch office of Addis Ababa.
- Follow up meeting every two weeks on CDW project at Gulele sub city and ACS.
- Conduct Zoom Meetings with partners and donor organization.
- Consultation meeting with MoU signing Partners
- Work on Strategic plan on empowerment and inclusion
- Develop Project proposal



CLC

- Participated in a training organized by the Inter-Religious Council of Ethiopia, Youth Peace Forum in Adama from April 3-5, 2024.
- Facilitated a 3-day retreat for Christian Life Community members from Hossana, Jajura, and Shone, with participation from university students from Wachemo and Werabe universities, held at Hossana Holy Trinity Parish from April 12-14.
- Held the first meeting and discernment day for the National Formation Team at St. Michael Parish on April 10.
- Conducted the annual act of charity for Entoto on April 27.
- Ongoing facilitation of office equipment purchasing and other office activities.
- Conducted an online meeting with Ethiopian CLC diaspora members living in Washington to support their spirituality, community formation, and collaboration in activities.
- Drafted a project proposal for ongoing formation.

Plan for May

- Organize a three-day retreat and formation session for local CLC coordinators at Galilee Center from May 24-26.
- Continue preparations for the 8-day retreat, including finding a suitable venue and securing funds.
- AOB

Youth

- Capacity Building training for 40 youth leaders in the Eparchy of Adigrat on Peace building and promoting a culture of dialogue. The workshop was conducted from April 03- 06/2024, at the Eparchies Cathedral Holy Saviour Pastoral Center.
- Discussions with Priests, Religious Sisters and Youth representatives of the Eparchy of Adigrat during the visitation and facilitation of the capacity building training.
- Capacity building training for youth leaders and laity representatives of Eparchy of Emdibir, Apostolic Vicariate of Hosana and Sodo, in the Vicariate of Sodo on Peace building and promoting a culture of dialogue. The workshop was conducted from April 09- 11/2024, at Sodo Pastoral Center.
- Attended the Commemoration of Golden Rule Day and Interfaith Harmony week conference on April 15/2024.
- Participated in the First Strategic Execution Workshop of ECC-TYP, from April 16-19/2024.
- Working with Ethiopian Inter Faith Development and Dialogue Action (EIFDDA) on the reformulation of Ethiopian Women of Faith Network (EWOFF).
- Translation and Proof-reading team Volunteers brainstorming meeting, translation and Proof-reading of "Tweeting with God" resource book began.
- Mobilized volunteers for the Strategic Execution Workshop and Inter religious Council Ethiopia Meeting in Adama.

Plan

- Capacity building training for youth leaders will continue in 5 dioceses.
- Attend a workshop organized by AMECEA from May 20 to 24/2024.
- Continue working with Ethiopian Women of Faith Network (EWOFF)
- Continue the translation and Proof-reading of "Tweeting with God" resource book
- Attend monthly SCPR & IT department capacity building training, department meetings and Pastoral team meetings.
- Mobilize volunteers for different requests



Communications

- The Communications team, in collaboration with PAX Catholic TV, secured **Easter media coverage for over 30 requests**. Additionally, the press release from His Eminence Cardinal received widespread coverage across **both Catholic and secular media outlets**.
- To enhance internal communication and collaboration, the department conducted a **two-hour monthly meeting management training**. This program, facilitated by Mr. Scott on May 14th, 2024, equipped staff with valuable skills in two separate groups.
- The Fikir Ena Selam team successfully published the **April 2024 monthly newspaper** and is currently focused on completing the **May 2024 edition**.
- Communications representative Ms. Chereka Zewdie participated in a virtual meeting hosted by the AMECEA communications department. This session discussed crucial topics including the **responsibilities of communications offices in covering the Synod on Synodality** and offered opportunities to refresh understanding on **Catholic Social Teaching**.



Two-hour monthly meeting management training



Virtual meeting hosted by the AMECEA communications department



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Easter media coverage for over 30 requests

Ethiopian Catholic Church

Ten-Year Plan

The Ethiopian Catholic Church held its First Strategy Execution from April 16-19, 2024 at St. Francis Capuchin Institute for Philosophy and Theology. It was co-led by CRS' seconded staff member, Scott LeFevre, who advised on strategy, content and organization. Approximately 100 people participated from dioceses, congregations, the national office, CI member organizations, consulting firms and other institutions. Recalling that the Church's ten-year plan (ECC-TYP) was launched in December of last year, and that we are currently in the first three-year execution phase, the overall aim of this first workshop for strategy execution was to build consensus around proven and promising implementation strategies and activities for this first phase in order to contribute significantly to the outcomes in the ECC-TYP. As strategy execution had actually begun with the new Ethiopian year (2016, September 2023 in the western calendar), the National Strategy Execution Committee (NSEC) had formed Strategy Working Groups (SWGs) which had developed draft plans. Thus, the objectives of this workshop were to a) collectively reflect and agree on key drivers of change in the ECC; b) review progress to date by SWGs, provide input and validation of ideas and creatively look for new ideas and promising strategies; and c) agree on pathways forward for each domain – i.e., Governance, Pastoral, Social (including Education and Health) and Operational as well as the four systemic competencies: Safeguarding, MEAL, Empowerment and

Inclusion (gender) and Communications and Advocacy. The workshop's end evaluation indicated that the workshop largely achieved these objectives, and the NSEC feel well prepared to finalize SWG plans and take the next steps in strategy development: developing a resource mobilization plan, establishing metrics and more. Notably, one of the first steps will be to hire an ECC Strategy Manager, primarily to play the role that the CRS seconded staff member has filled (noting that Scott scope, which had lasted nearly two years, ended in April – although he will continue supporting 10-15% of his time through September to ensure smooth hand-over to the new Strategy Manager when hired). Broad CI member organization support from the Ethiopian Catholic Caritas Forum (ECCF) will be solicited to support key and urgent priorities of the ECC strategy's execution.

Finally, following the two year support to the Church, and with the conclusion of the first execution workshop, the CRS-seconded staff member Scott LeFevre did a 45-minute interview with Catholic TV with Abba Petros Berga summarizing the experience supporting the ECC to develop its first institution-wide strategy. The interview will be aired in May it is understood.

