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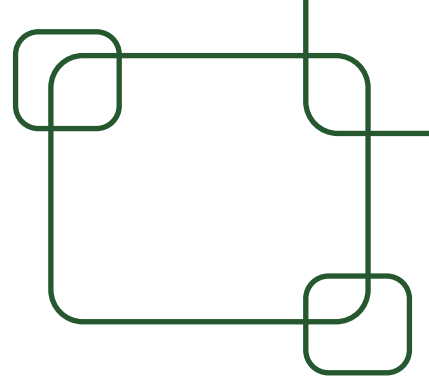
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Acronyms and Abbreviations

AECID	Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation
ANC	Ante Natal Care
ART	Anti-Retroviral Treatment
BBS	Basic Business Skill
CA	Caritas Austria
CAHWs	Community Animal Health Workers
CAs	Community Animators
CAT	Cash Asset Transfer
CBCE-GS	Caritas Bishops Conference of Ethiopia General Secretariat
CBEWS	Community-Based Early Warning System
CBO	Community Based Organizations
CC	Community Conversation
CDW's	Child Domestic Workers
CEWC	Community Early Warning Committee
CGPP	Core Group Polio Project
CMDRR	Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction
CPO	Cooperative Promotion Office
CRDA	Christian Relief and Development Association
CSC	Community Score Card
CST	CAFOD-SCIAF and TROCAIRE
DA	Development Agents
DCOs	Diocesan Coordination Offices
DFSA	Development Food Security Activity
DiNER	Diversified Nutrition Enhanced Resilience
ECS	Ethiopian Catholic Secretariat
ENA	Essential Nutrition Action
EPI	Expanded Program of Immunization
EURP	Europe Reintegration Program
FF	Freedom Fund
GAD	Gender and Development
GBV	Gender-Based Violence
GROW	Growth and Economic Opportunities for Women
HAI	Health care Associated Infection
HIV	Human Immuno Virus
IDPs	Internally Displaced Peoples
IDRC	International Research Center
IMCHS	Integrated Mother and Child Health Care Support
IPD	Inpatient Department
LH	Loving Home
MAM	Moderate Acute Malnutrition
MCH	Maternal and Child health
MEAL	Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning
MIR	Migration Internally Displaced Persons and Refugee
MPC	Multi-Purpose Cash
NEWA	Network of Ethiopian Women Associations
NFI	None-Food Items
NMCH	Neonatal Maternal and Child Health
ODF	Open Defecation Free
OPD	Out Patient Department
PEMS	Promoting to End Modern Slavery
PICT	Provider Initiative Counseling and testing
PLHIV	People living with HIV
PMTCT	Prevention of Mother to Child transmission
PSAEA	Protection of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
SAM	Severe Acute Malnutrition
SILC	Saving and Internal Lending Communities
SNNPR	South Nations and Nationalities people Region
SWEP	South West Ethiopia People
TB	Tuberculosis
TT	Tetanus Toxoid
VCT	Voluntary Counseling and Testing
VRs	Voluntary Returnee/s
WaSH	Water, Sanitation, and hygiene



FOREWORD



General Assembly Chairperson

† **Cardinal Berhaneyesus D. Souraphiel, CM**

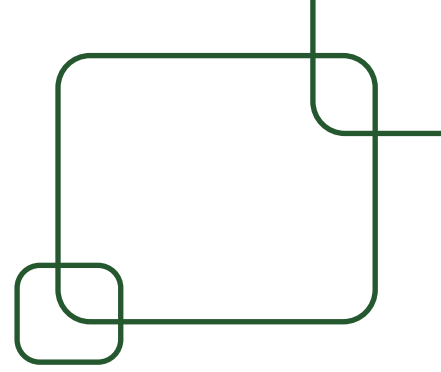
Metropolitan Archbishop of Addis Ababa

President of CBCE and Chairman of ECC-SDCO General Assembly

It is with deep gratitude and humility that I present this annual bulletin for the fiscal year 2024. As Chairperson of the General Assembly of the Ethiopian Catholic Church Social and Development Commission (ECC-SDCO), I am proud to reflect on a year marked by resilience, dedication, and significant progress, even amid complex challenges.

Our nation, like many others, continues to grapple with rising vulnerabilities and persistent inequalities. Yet, in the face of adversity, we have witnessed an unwavering commitment from all members of the General Assembly, our esteemed Board, and the hardworking staff of ECC-SDCO. Their united and faithful efforts have allowed the Commission to not only sustain but enhance its mission to serve the most marginalized and build a more just and compassionate society.

As we look to the future, let us remain steadfast in our resolve to address the root causes of poverty and injustice. Let us continue to build on this year's achievements with renewed energy, hope, and spiritual conviction. I commend everyone who has contributed to the work of ECC-SDCO in 2024, and I am confident that together, we will continue to be a beacon of transformation for our people.



Board Chairperson

† **Abune Abraham Desta**

Apostolic Vicar of Meki

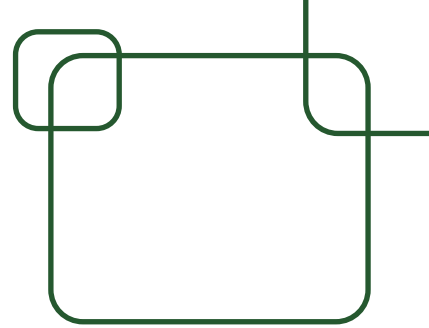
Chair of ECC-SDCO

Board of Management

The Ethiopian Catholic Church Social and Development Commission stands on the timeless foundation of the Church's values—compassion, service, solidarity, and dignity of the human person. As Chairperson of the Board, I am privileged to witness how these values guide every initiative and animate the spirit of our Commission's work.

Over the past five years, ECC-SDCO has experienced encouraging growth in reach, in impact, and in the quality of its programs. This is not merely a reflection of strategy, but of faith in action. The consistent advancement of our efforts would not have been possible without the dedication of our staff, the wisdom and guidance of our partners, and the generosity of our donors.

To all who have walked this journey with us your steadfast support and shared belief in the mission of the Church have made a profound difference in the lives of those we serve. May this bulletin be a testament to the good that can be accomplished when values meet action, and when compassion is translated into commitment.



Executive Director

Ato Bekele Moges

ECC-SDCO Executive Director

As we bring the fiscal year 2024 to a close, it is with a sense of accomplishment and purpose that I present this annual bulletin, chronicling the key milestones and the transformative work undertaken by the Ethiopian Catholic Church Social and Development Commission.

This year, ECC-SDCO implemented a diverse portfolio of programs spanning emergency response, livelihood support, education, environmental stewardship, and peacebuilding. We reached vulnerable communities in every corner of the country, responding to both long-standing and emerging needs. Our work was grounded in data, refined by experience, and inspired by our unwavering mission to serve with compassion and integrity.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the passion, skill, and faith-driven dedication of our staff, both in the field branch offices and at headquarters. Your commitment is the heartbeat of this Commission. I also extend my heartfelt appreciation to our partners and donors, whose trust and collaboration are essential to our impact.

As we reflect on our progress, let us also look ahead with courage and innovation. The challenges before us are real, but so too is our potential. I encourage each of us to continue striving for excellence and to seek new ways to uplift the dignity of all people we are called to serve.

INTRODUCTION

Ethiopian Catholic Church social and development Commission

Based on the Social Teachings of the Catholic Church and inspired by the Gospel values to promote integral human development in further responding to ever growing needs of assisting communities at the grass-root level, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Ethiopia (CBCE) established a "Social and Development Commission" (ECC-SDCO) at national level to coordinate and manage the social and development activities of the Ethiopian Catholic Church taking into account Provisions of the Canon Law and the legal provision of the Government.

Motto

Committed to integral human development

Vision Statement

To see a just world that reflects the God's Kingdom where all people of our common home experience love, compassion and fullness in Life.

Mission Statement

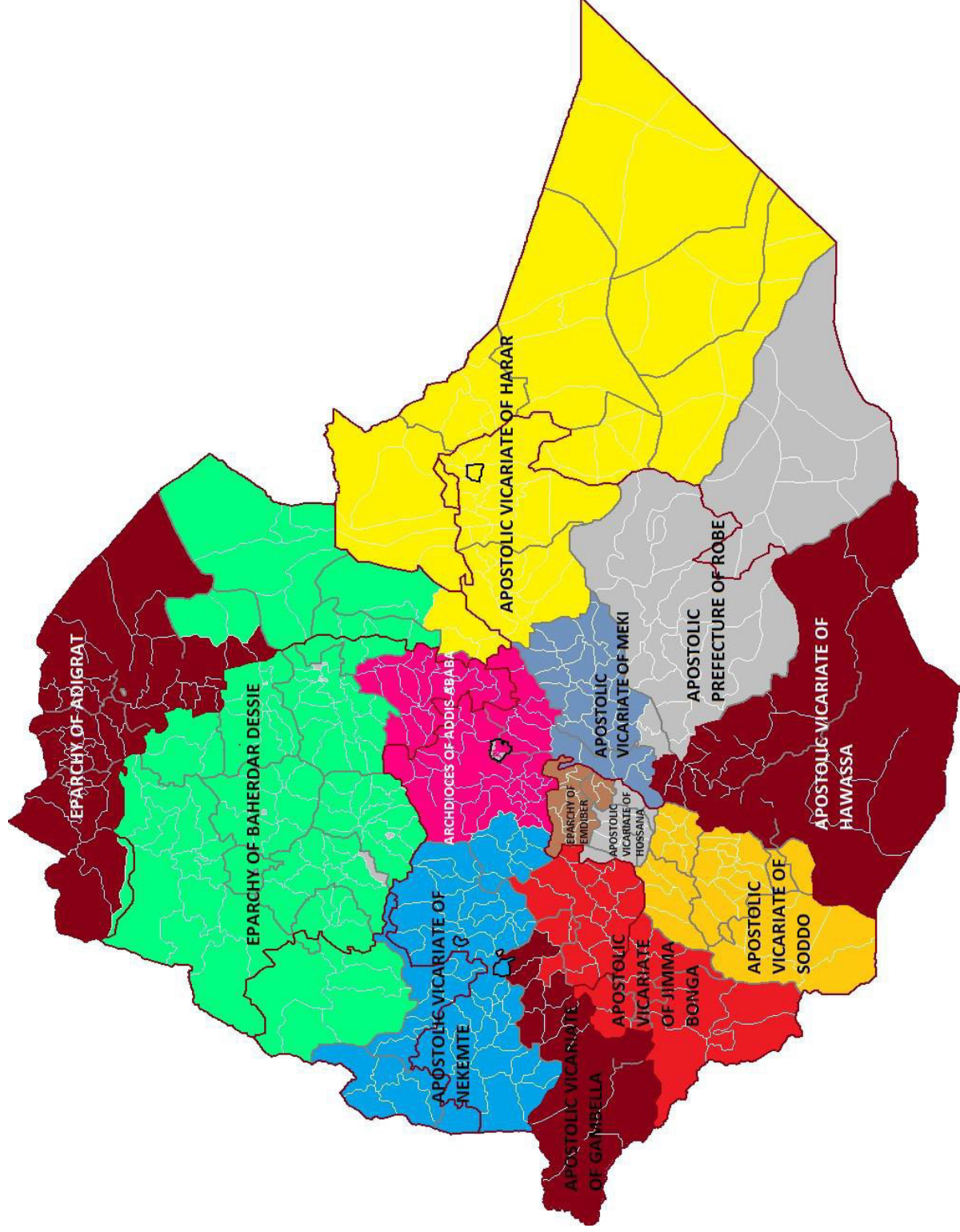
To save lives and reduce risks by building resilient communities and transform lives and communities through the promotion of Integral Human Development (IHD), the care for creation, restoration of peace and social justice and convening people to advocate and act their voice to be heard.

Core Values

The ECC-SDCO shall always be inspired and guided by the Gospel of Christ and the Social Teaching of the Catholic Church while providing holistic service which promotes the holistic development of the people of God. The following are the major ones:

- Dignity of the human person
- Preferential options for the poor and marginalized
- Solidarity
- Stewardship
- The Common Good
- Subsidiary

WHERE WE WORK





OVERVIEW OF ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Health

The Catholic Church in Ethiopia has a long-standing history of providing healthcare services to poor and marginalized segments of the population, irrespective of religion, gender, economic status, or age, with particular attention given to the most vulnerable. These services are delivered through a wide range of programs operating both at the facility and community levels, coordinated through 13 branch offices across the country. Facility-based healthcare services include diagnosis, treatment, disease management, and rehabilitation for various health conditions. In addition to general medical care, these facilities offer specialized services such as ophthalmology, dental extractions, gum treatment, orthopedics, and other clinical interventions.

On the other hand, community-based health services focus on preventive care, health promotion, early intervention, and enhancing access to essential health systems. These services aim to improve overall community well-being and reduce the burden of disease through outreach, education, and grassroots-level engagement. Currently, the Ethiopian Catholic Church Social and Development Commission oversees 88 healthcare facilities nationwide. These include 6 hospitals (one of which has an affiliated nursing school), 30 health centers, 2 specialty centers, 39 medium clinics, 7 primary clinics, and 4 health posts, all operating under the coordination of the 13 branch offices. Additionally, there is an HIV Care and Counseling (HIVCC) Center located in Addis Ababa, which provides targeted support and services for individuals affected by HIV/AIDS.

Major Achievements

Major Achievements for the 2024 Fiscal Year include an increase in the number of beneficiaries compared to 2023, heightened awareness of the quality and compassionate nature of health services that improved patient flow to healthcare facilities, strengthened partnerships with government entities and other stakeholders, and enhanced management systems within health facilities.

In total, ECC-SDCO has executed 58 health projects, comprising 13 community-based projects and 45 institutional-based programs. The total number of beneficiaries reached 3,048,574, with 1,274,574 males and 1,773,940 females. The budget utilized in the 2024 fiscal year amounted to 733,277,525, including a program budget of 635,322,385 and an administration budget of 97,955,140.



Objective

To contribute to the reduction of morbidity, mortality, and disability while enhancing the overall health status of the population by offering comprehensive healthcare services that include preventive care, health promotion, rehabilitation, and curative treatments.

Scope

Facility-based services include outpatient and inpatient care, covering general and specialized consultations, diagnostics, emergency and surgical treatment, maternal and child health, and chronic disease management. Support services such as pharmacy, laboratory, radiology, and infection control are complemented by administrative systems for quality assurance and patient safety. Community-based services focus on health promotion, disease prevention, and home-based care. These include education on hygiene, nutrition, and family planning, immunization outreach, malaria and TB/HIV prevention, as well as palliative, maternal, elderly, and disability care through community engagement.

Education

The education service is one of the major apostolic works for which the Catholic Church is widely known around the world. Through the provision of high-quality education, the Church plays a vital role in shaping young minds, preparing them for life's challenges, and contributing to a society that is both ethical and progressive. The Ethiopian Catholic Church operates 430 schools, ranging from kindergarten to grade 12. Additionally, it manages 17 Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) centers and a Catholic university that serves numerous young people.

Major Achievements

In total, ECC-SDCO has executed a total of 24 education projects were successfully executed by the end of the 2024 project cycle.

The number of beneficiaries dramatically increased to 234,562.00 individuals, comprising 115,474 males and 119,088 females. The total expenditure surged to 422,134,497.90 birr, with the budget distributed as 380,916,485.17birr (90.2%) utilized for program execution and 41,289,980.41 birr (9.8%) allocated for administrative costs.



Objective

To integrate intellectual and ethical development and nurtures Catholic education in forming responsible citizens who can positively impact their communities. To Promote virtues such as compassion, integrity, and service to others, encouraging students to become leaders guided by faith and reason. Promoting the Church's commitment to holistic education ensures that young people are not only skilled professionals but also individuals of strong moral character, ready to build a more just and harmonious world.

Scope

The commitment of Catholic schools to social responsibility allows them to serve both urban and rural populations, offering education as a fundamental right rather than a privilege. By combining donor support with modest parental contributions, these schools continue to foster academic growth and personal development, shaping a brighter future for many children in need.

Food Security and Resilience

ECC-SDC has long been at the forefront of responding to humanitarian crises and advancing sustainable development across Ethiopia. In line with its mission to serve the most vulnerable, ECC-SDCO implements a wide range of emergency and development programs aimed at addressing the root causes and consequences of poverty, conflict, and climate-related disasters. Through its network of 13 branch offices operating in various Regional States, the Church mobilizes resources and expertise to provide both immediate lifesaving assistance and long-term resilience-building interventions.

Major Achievements

In this period of reporting, the office has planned and implemented a total of 38 projects in various Regional States under the 13 branch offices. In FY24, a total of 3,351,512,723 ETB implemented with 1,370,987 beneficiaries.



Objective

The overarching goal of all initiatives under this program area is to alleviate the physical suffering of vulnerable populations affected by poverty, natural disasters, and conflict. This is achieved through the implementation of both emergency humanitarian response and long-term development interventions. These efforts aim to restore dignity, ensure survival, and build community resilience against future shocks.

Scope

The program encompasses a comprehensive mix of life-saving emergency responses and sustainable development projects, addressing both immediate needs and long-term resilience. These implemented projects were mainly focusing on food security, agriculture, livelihood and climate change adaptation, natural resources management, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), social rehabilitation, rangeland rehabilitation, irrigation, relief food supplies, income diversification, human and animal health interventions.

Women Empowerment and Social Rehabilitation

The Ethiopian Catholic Church has been working significantly in advancing the welfare of women and vulnerable groups through its pastoral and social developmental initiatives. The Church's Women in Development programs are primarily dedicated to empowering women and girls by enhancing their social, economic, and educational opportunities, helping them overcome the various challenges that hinder their well-being. Similarly, the Ethiopian Catholic Church's Social Rehabilitation programs encompass a range of initiatives provided by dioceses and social rehabilitation centers. These services—such as orphan and vulnerable children (OVC) centers, elderly care facilities, and health support centers—are designed to assist marginalized groups, including orphans, the elderly, and individuals with Impairments.

Major Achievements

There are 31 Women Development and Social Rehabilitation Sector projects reported from Branch offices of Addis Ababa, Adigrat, Bahirdar, Hosanna, Meki,, Robe and Sodo. The projects targeted a total of 270,643 people in the year 2024 among them 184,379 are female and 86,322 are male. A total of Birr 559,361,578.49 expense for the implementation of the projects.



Objective

The Women Development Program is designed to promote gender equality and equity, ensuring that women are respected, empowered, and fully recognized for their contributions to society. The program seeks to integrate women's issues into the Church's broader social and pastoral mission, establishing sustainable and impactful initiatives that foster long-term change.

Scope

The Women and Family Affairs Department of the Ethiopian Catholic Church Social and Development Commission oversees two main programs: the Women Development Program and the Social Rehabilitation Program. These initiatives are designed to address the needs of vulnerable groups, with a focus on empowering women and supporting marginalized communities through social services and rehabilitation efforts. The women development program mainly deals with the activities of women promotion projects and the social rehabilitation programs which have various activities which mainly targets orphans and vulnerable children, the elderly, and people with impairment.

Water Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion (WaSH)

The Ethiopian Catholic Church Social and Development Commission (ECC-SDCO) has been at the forefront of implementing impactful Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WaSH) programs across the country. Through its diocesan branches and partner congregations, ECC-SDCO addresses critical gaps in access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene Practice, especially in underserved rural communities.

Major Achievements

ECC-SDCO has advanced its Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WaSH) initiatives, reaching over 105,200 beneficiaries through a total investment of 129,927,514 ETB. This was achieved by implementing a comprehensive water supply system, which included the construction and rehabilitation of water schemes, boreholes, building a new reservoir and water point, providing water treatment supplies, promoting Multi-Use Water Services (MUS), and enhancing community capacity to manage the systems.

To mitigate climate-related risks to WASH services, Advocacy campaigns raised awareness of reforestation and tree planting as ways to stop erosion and flooding, as well as the need to enforce national and regional policies and regulations on environmental protection and natural resource management.

Sanitation and hygiene promotion activities focused on improving hygiene and sanitation practices through sessions, campaigns, and demonstrations. Community-led Total Sanitation and Hygiene (CLTSH) is a key approach for promoting sanitation and hygiene, aimed at changing the behavior of everyone in a community to stop open defecation and encourage good hygiene practices, resulting in a significant improvement in sanitation and hygiene practices within the target villages.

Objective

The WaSH intervention is a holistic approach that goes beyond providing clean drinking water, adequate sanitation facilities, and hygiene promotion to improve public health. It also fosters sustainable practices that contribute to social and economic development and help mitigate the impacts of climate change.

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Migration, Internally Displaced Persons and Refugee Department

Ethiopia remains a country of origin, transit, and destination for mixed migration flows, with millions displaced internally due to conflict and many others migrating externally along the Eastern (Gulf and Middle East), Northern (Europe), and Southern (South Africa) routes. In response to this complex mobility landscape, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Ethiopia General Secretariat (CBCE-GS), through its Migration, IDPs, and Refugees (MIR) Department, implemented targeted interventions in 2024 aimed at raising awareness, supporting returnees, and addressing the psychological, health, and basic needs of vulnerable migrants at post-arrival stages. Key programs such as LOVING HOME and EURP/FRONTEX were rolled out across multiple dioceses under CBCE-GS leadership.

Major Achievements

The department has been collaborating with branch offices in various technical aspects. This had made few offices to have a focal person in their respective dioceses and establish desks where migration activities to be facilitated in the branch offices in the future.

The department from head office had participated in an experience sharing meetings, and monitoring visits. There had been challenges like staff turnover, road security issues and inadequate resource. As pilot projects in both, the department has achieved significant results as per allocated resources. In the reporting period, the projects utilized 14,964,260.46 Birr, which is 90 percent of the annual plan.

Under the European Return Reintegration project in 2024–2025, reintegration support was provided to a total of 127 returnees from nine European countries through a collaboration between Caritas Belgium, the Danish Refugee Council, and the Dutch Council for Refugees. The support services offered included airport pick-up and arrival assistance, in-country onward travel to help returnees reach their destinations, provision of basic essentials for immediate needs, temporary housing to ensure a stable environment, help in setting up small businesses to promote self-reliance, support for schooling including enrollment in educational programs, and access to vocational training opportunities to enhance skills and improve employment prospects.

Objective

The overall aim is to raise awareness about the risks of irregular migration and human trafficking, while promoting viable alternatives and supporting the rehabilitation and reintegration of returnees.

Scope

The LOVING HOME project focuses on youth and women in high-risk migration corridors, providing vocational training, reintegration support, and economic opportunities to discourage irregular migration. Meanwhile, the EURP/FRONTEX project centers on the reception, basic needs support, and reintegration of both voluntary and involuntary returnees from European countries, ensuring dignified return and community reintegration. These projects are implemented in collaboration with three dioceses and supported by CBCE-GS at the national level.



Beneficiary Data

Overall Summary Of Budget, Beneficiaries And No. Of Projects - Fy 2024

Budget

Description	Amount In (ETB)
Planned	5,776,033,959
Utilized	6,079,413,774
% Utilized	105.25%

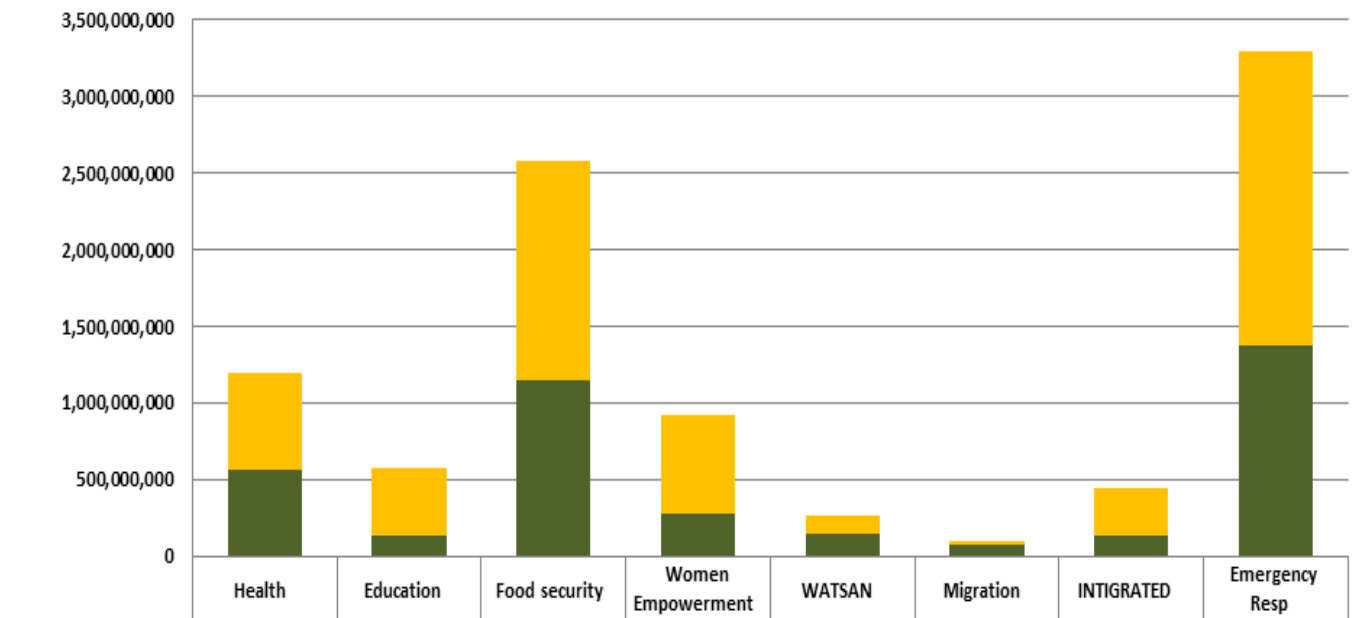
Beneficiaries

Description	Amount In (ETB)
Planned	4,697,900
Reached	4,759,286
% Utilized	101.31%

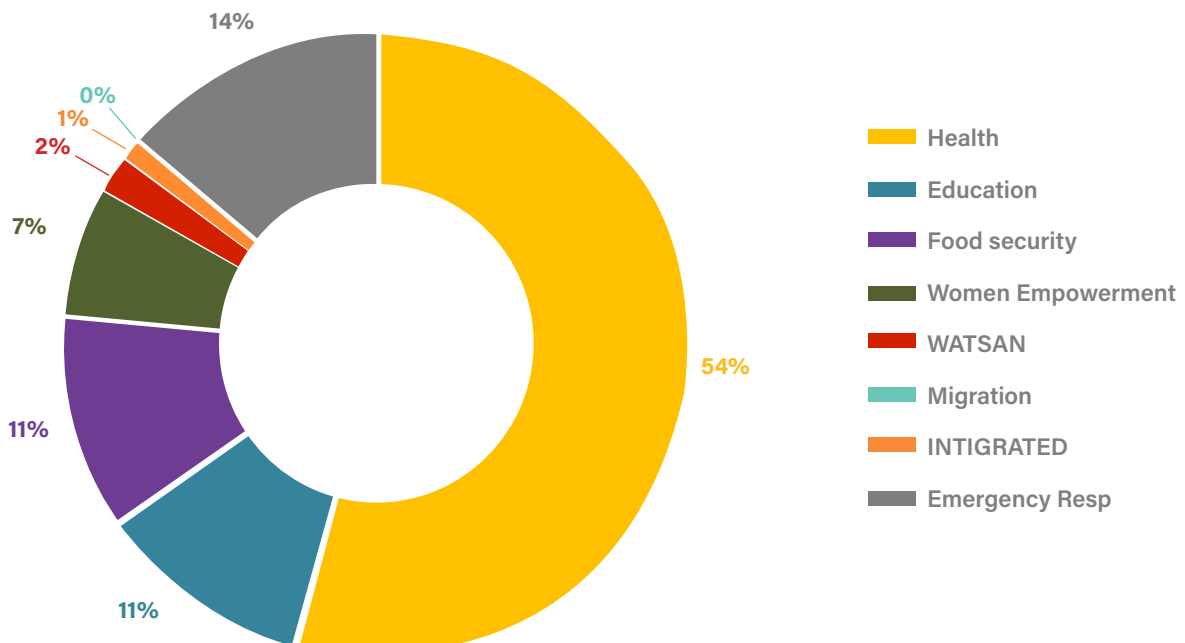
Projects

Description	Amount In (ETB)
Planned	214
Implemented	220
% Implemented	102.8%

Budget Plan Vs Budget Utilized



Beneficiary Reached By Sector



Annual Audit

ETHIOPIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SOCIAL AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (ECC-SDCO)
 CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
 AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024


	Notes	Currency: Ethiopian Birr	
		2024	2023
Assets			
Non-current asset			
Fixed asset	3	375,275,174	366,228,240
Total non-current asset		<u>375,275,174</u>	<u>366,228,240</u>
Current asset			
Cash on hand	4	390,631	667,134
Cash at bank	5	747,312,954	490,535,487
Project advance	6	14,370,480	13,186,336
Staff receivable	7	2,131,994	6,275,340
Sundry receivable	8	112,235,271	34,518,094
Inter office project receivable	9	52,715,382	81,091,833
Supplies inventory	10	36,513,967	33,566,966
Total current asset		<u>965,670,679</u>	<u>689,841,190</u>
Total asset		<u>1,340,945,853</u>	<u>1,026,069,430</u>
Current liabilities			
Tax payable	11	4,915,380	12,255,643
Project payable	12	76,201,174	69,835,335
Staff payable	13	645,562	554,986
Sundry payable	14	106,125,025	76,761,407
Provident fund payable	15	492,490	1,268,875
Accrual	16	1,030,676	6,796,581
Inter office project payable	17	16,625,330	15,074,991
Deferred income	18	76,260,423	63,647,770
Total Liabilities		<u>282,296,060</u>	<u>246,195,587</u>
Fund Balance			
Reserve fund	19	347,521,314	347,521,314
General fund balance	20	711,128,479	433,052,528
		<u>1,058,649,793</u>	<u>780,573,842</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance		<u>1,340,945,853</u>	<u>1,026,769,430</u>

The accompanying notes are integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorized for issue by the Organization's management on 28 March 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:


 Executive Director
 28 March 2025




 Finance Manager
 28 March 2025

ETHIOPIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SOCIAL AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (ECC-SDCO)
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
Currency: Ethiopian Birr			
INCOME			
Donations		4,276,591,101	3,021,998,263
Donation in kind		1,403,887,265	1,205,204,166
Other income		425,121,511	440,955,360
	20	<u>6,105,599,867</u>	<u>4,668,157,789</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Administration expenditures 10% (11%-2023)		572,645,881	490,731,442
Program expenditures 90% (89%-2023)		5,229,406,381	4,064,360,798
	20	<u>5,802,052,262</u>	<u>4,555,092,240</u>
Excess of income over expenditure for the year		303,547,606	113,065,549
Fund balance brought forward, 1 January		432,352,528	288,487,533
Opening Balance Difference		32,806	.
Prior year adjustment		(15,656,229)	31,499,446
Fund balance refund		(9,148,231)	(700,000)
Fund balance carried forward, 31 December		<u>711,128,479</u>	<u>432,352,528</u>

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H.E. Bishop Abraham Desta
BoG Chair



Rev. Father Ketema Asfaw
Member of BoG



Rev. Father Abera Makebo
Member of BoG



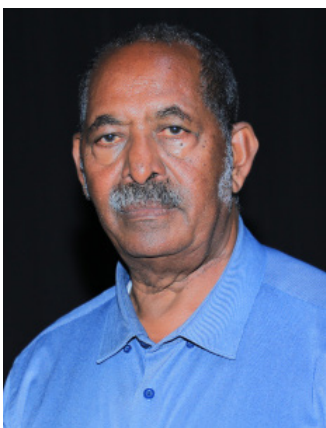
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Dr. Azeb Tamrat
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Member of BoG



Major Fita Tulu
Member of BoG



Ms. Yemesrach Assefa
Member of BoG



Mr. Bekele Moges
Non Voting Member of BoG
and Secretary

Partners / Donors





WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT PRINCIPLES





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