



Picture of the Ethiopian Coffee Ceremony given to volunteer Tracey Neale-Ferreira in appreciation of her work with the Nekemte School Libraries Project

Exeter – Ethiopia Link

The Exeter-Ethiopia Link was set up in 1987 to promote a Community Link between Exeter in Devon, England, and Hareto in Wellega, Ethiopia. In 1994 the Link was extended to include Nekemte, the principal town in Wellega.

The Link supports Health, Water, Education and Women's Projects in Hareto, Nekemte and surrounding areas. It also provides information to the people of Exeter on life in Ethiopia.

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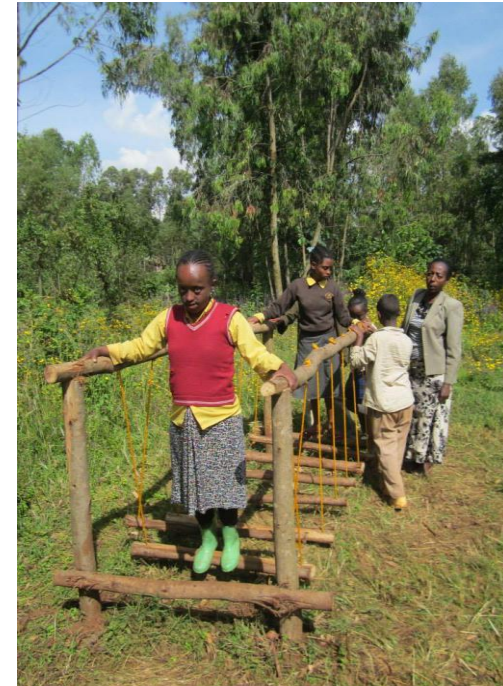
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Annual Report 2013



Disabled Children's Playground built by volunteers from England

Trustees Report

Exeter-Ethiopia Link (EEL) had another very successful year thanks particularly to the tireless efforts of member Mark Smith, who was in Nekemte for much of the year, and to the support of all the grant donors who are listed in the Annual Accounts under Cash Inflows. EEL depends on the committed members and partners who work to turn dreams into reality and enable the Link to achieve great things with limited financial resources. In Nekemte our key partners have been Ato Debela – DASSC Director – and Selam Sagni – Nekemte School for the Deaf Director with whom we have excellent working relationships. The Link depends on people to make it work, and in 2013 the contributions of volunteer Tracey Neale-Ferreira who assisted Mark Smith with the Libraries Project in March-April, young volunteers, Ashley, Louisa, Ricky and Chloe working at the Deaf School, Anthea Duquemin who spent April-May in Nekemte monitoring projects in detail, and of Penny Pullen and Valerie Huggins who spent two weeks hard graft in Nekemte in November supporting our Education work, were particularly noteworthy. We would like to thank them and all members and donors for their continued support.

Education projects

The Nekemte Schools Library and Early Learning project has gone from strength to strength during the year thanks to continued core funding from the Jephcott Trust. Mark Smith working as a volunteer in Nekemte has helped 16 schools in and around Nekemte to develop school libraries. He also managed the production of materials for the Grade 0 Early Learning, which until very recently was non-existent, and has run training courses for the teachers. An Ethiopian Project Manager – Ato Gobena Atomsa – who had recently retired from the staff of Nekemte Teacher Training College (TTC) has now been appointed to manage the project. Additional support has been provided by EEL Education Leader, Penny Pullen, and by Valerie Huggins who ran a training course for Nekemte TTC in November and has set up a link between that institution and Plymouth University.

EEL also provided funds for Masara School Library, to complete the Dire Jato Library and Laboratory project, for school improvements at Harro Follo rural school, and for school furniture. Science equipment provided by Lab Aid was taken to Nekemte and £500 given to Biftu Nakamte Secondary School for laboratory chemicals which cannot be taken by air.

UK-Ethiopia School to School Links continued to develop and 6 teachers from three different Devon schools visited their Ethiopian partner schools in 2013.

Women's projects

EEL continued to support scholarships for young female students from poor backgrounds at New Generation University College. The nine continuing Year 1&2 students were all met in May by Anthea Duquemin during her visit and, thanks to the generosity of individual donors, funding was provided for them to continue their studies for the 2013-14 academic year. A grant from the Eleanor Rathbone Trust enabled EEL to set up an income generating project to assist women suffering with Elephantiasis. Funding was also provided for the fuel-efficient stove project where mothers of the learning disabled boys at Birka Bekumsa School, work together with them to make fuel-efficient stoves. This will continue in 2014, and we will also provide money for transport to enable Fistula

sufferers to travel to Addis Ababa for treatment. We also hope to initiate a new Women's Savings & Loans project with our Ethiopian partners, DASSC.

Water & environmental projects

2013 saw the start of the Haro Fayissa Community Forestry Project funded by an EEL grant of over £1200. Over 20,000 tree seedlings were planted on the school land early in the main rains. This project will continue for 3 years and EEL plan to fund at least one more similar project in 2014. Two spring capping projects were completed before the rains, and £1450 provided later in the year for two more. As this is the most reliable way of providing clean drinking water, more spring capping will be funded in 2014.

Health and Welfare projects

EEL continued to support the Nekemte Eye Clinic sending items of ophthalmic equipment and also funds for cataract lenses. Because of continued difficulties in retaining experienced staff it was decided to support a DASSC request for funding to train people from the Nekemte area as ophthalmic nurses and a nurse cataract surgeon. It is hoped to reach the fundraising target of £9000 early in 2014 and that training will start in September.



Komto Spring capping under construction

Finance

In 2013 EEL spent over £29,000 on projects, but we are still in a strong financial position thanks to the support of grant donors, to our strong membership base, and to fundraising efforts for projects like the Eye Clinic Training.

Governance & Partnerships

In October 2013 EEL was registered as a Chartered Incorporated Organisation by the Charity Commission with new Charity No 1154085. EEL will operate under this from 1st January 2014, but the existing Charity No 1000293 will be retained for the receipt of donations for another year.

Our Ethiopian partnerships with EECMY DASSC and New Generation University continued, and the Estepona Ethiopia Link, a Spanish charity formed by two members, Richard Hayes & Emilie Tieken, raised 4000 Euros for projects in Nekemte. EEL also welcomed the initiation of a new partnership between Exeter University Peninsular Medical School and the Nekemte University Medical School.

Exeter Ethiopia Link		Charity No 1000293		
Overall funds	Period	1 Jan	to 31 Dec 2013	
<u>Cash inflows</u>		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
<u>General fund</u>		£	£	£
Subscriptions		2707.00		
Donations		2002.25		
Just Trust		1000.00		
<u>Education funds</u>				
General			647.00	
Schools' Earmarked funds			412.54	
<u>Grants for Education Projects</u>				
Noel Buxton Trust			1805.00	
Souter Trust 2			2000.00	
UIA Trust			650.00	
Jephcott Trust 2013			10000.00	
British & Foreign Schools Society 2			3050.00	
Hilden Charitable Trust			5000.00	
<u>Grants for Disability Projects</u>				
Eleanor Rathbone Trust			1500.00	
<u>Health & Welfare</u>				
Eye Clinic			735.15	
Eye Clinic training			3615.10	
Inc. Community of the Presentation Trust	2000.00			
Elders Project			300.00	
<u>Water & Environment</u>			1251.00	
<u>Jan Greet Fund – Women's Projects</u>			440.00	
Fuel-efficient stoves			20.00	
Scholarships for young women			590.00	
<u>Other income</u>				
Gift Aid tax reclaim		1929.34		
Bank Interest etc.		45.27		
Bank error correction		366.15		
TOTAL INFLOW		£5075.70	£34990.40	£40066.10

Exeter Ethiopia Link		Charity No 1000293		
Overall funds	Period	1 Jan	to 31 Dec 2013	
<u>Cash outflows</u>		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
<u>Projects in Ethiopia</u>		£	£	£
Education		3700.00	527.71	
Education - School links			412.54	
Jephcott 2012 & 2013			9259.75	
Brit. & Foreign Schools			2835.00	
A&N Ferguson Trust			369.21	
Noel Buxton Trust			665.00	
Souter Trust 2			1400.00	
UIA Trust			650.00	
Hilden Charitable Trust			3359.30	
Disability Projects	E Rathbone Trust		1500.00	
H&W – Eye Clinic		589.99	72.00	
Water & Environment		1900.00	873.89	
Women's Projects	Fuel-efficient stoves		200.00	
Scholarships			493.68	
Travel in Ethiopia		478.46		
Sub-totals		6668.45	22618.08	29286.53
<u>Expenses in UK</u>				
Printing & postage		97.90		
Professional fees		50.00		
Room Hire		128.00		
Donation to Lab Aid		100.00		
EEL Tee-shirts		90.00		
Subscriptions		95.00		
Software		348.00		
Miscellaneous		279.81		
Bank Charges		231.00		
Travel in the UK		329.00		
Bank error		366.15		
Sub-total		2114.86		2114.86
TOTAL OUTFLOW				£31409.39

Exeter-Ethiopia Link (Registered Charity No. 1000293)
Statement of Account: 1 January to 31 December 2013

Bank Flows

	Opening Balance	Inflow	Outflow	Closing Balance
Co-op Bank	£2102.49	£32097.42	-£28692.25	£5507.66
CAF Bank	£32283.64	£25468.68	-£20209.14	£37543.18
Transfers		-£17500.00	£17500.00	
TOTAL	£34,386.13	£40066.10	-£31401.39	£43050.84

The Balance at 31 December 2013 is made up of:

- **Restricted Funds - £29321.01**
- **Designated Funds (Balance of 2013 Budgets) £2410.01**
- **General Funds Working Balance £11319.82**

TOTAL £43050.84

Note:

The above General Funds Working Balance is dedicated to the 2014 Budgets for unfunded projects.

These accounts subject to inspection by Exeter CVS Accountant

Note: Administrative expenses total 4% of Total Expenditure

<u>Fundraising events</u>	<u>Sum raised</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Date</u>
Brunch @ Totnes	£324.00	Education	February
Acoustic Café Talk	£135.00	General	March
Acoustic Café concert	£480.00	General	March
Jazz Afternoon	£305.15	Eye Clinic Training	July
	£300.00	Elders Project	
Ethiopian New Year	£383.10	Eye Clinic Training	October
Sue Rainger events	£360.00	Eye Clinic Training	November
Mary Hall lunch	£231.00	Water & Env.	November

Projects in Ethiopia - 2013

<u>Date / Ref.</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
2013 SEDFA 2	Nekemte Schools Project		1389.21
2013 SEDFA 3	Nekemte Schools Project		1377.25
2013 DIS 1	Elephantiasis sufferers project/Stoves		1700.00
2013 - 1	Haro Fayissa Community Forestry		1315.13
2013-2	School labs/libraries/furniture	2731.20	650.00
2013 EP1	Nekemte Eye Clinic	550.00	
2013 NS1	Nekemte Schools Project		2500.00
2013 SEDFA 4	Nekemte Schools Project		1371.85
2013 NS2	Nekemte Schools Project		5000.00
Nov visit	Nekemte TTC Early Learning Training		905.00
2013 Hilden 1	School benches/books		1600.00
2013- 3	Haro Follo School Building Improvements	718.80	336.77
2013-4	Clean Water Project – Spring Capping	584.87	873.89
2013-5	Masara School Library		1759.30
NGU 2013/4	Scholarships for Young Women		493.68
Linked schools	Transfers to Ethiopian Partner Schools		412.54
Small grants	Books, equipment etc	89.99	363.59
Volunteer exp	Travel, subsistence etc	678.46	1885.00
Total in Ethiopia		£6668.45	£22618.08

Exeter-Ethiopia Link Trustees

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