



**New Girls' Toilets at Nekemte Preparatory School
funded with £1000 from the Estepona-Ethiopia Link**

Exeter – Ethiopia Link CIO

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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Annual Report 2014



Masara School Library

EEL funded most of the cost this new library in a poor rural school, where previously there was none.

Trustees Report

Exeter-Ethiopia Link (EEL) had another very successful year thanks particularly to the work of member Mark Smith in developing the Inclusive Education Project, together with Emma Sarton & Selam Sagni – Nekemte Deaf School Director, to enable disabled children to gain access to mainstream education. This led to the award of a grant of £78,000 from the Department for International Development to run this project for 3 years from 1st June 2014. This was followed at the end of the year by the news that a grant application to Comic Relief had also been successful. This is to extend the Nekemte School Libraries and Reading Centres Project, successfully developed in the town in 2012-14 thanks particularly to the efforts of Mark Smith and Penny Pullen, to rural schools. This project will run for 3 years from 1st April 2015 supported by the grant of £108,000 from Comic Relief and EEL contributions. The EEL trustees greatly appreciate the support given to its work in 2014 by Charitable Trusts and Fundraisers – as listed, and by individual donors as well as the regular membership of over 100. The commitment of those who have given freely of their time to visit Ethiopia, generally paying their own air fares, to monitor projects and liaise with our Ethiopian partner – DASSC – and its Development Director – Debela Kenea, continues to be invaluable to the Link.

Education projects

The Nekemte School Libraries and Early Learning project continued to develop under our Ethiopian Project Manager – Ato Gobena Atomsa – formerly of Nekemte Teacher Training College (TTC), working together with Mark Smith & EEL Education leader Penny Pullen. All the town primary schools now have School Libraries, and all have Reading Rooms for teaching literacy skills. 9 of the 10 schools have a Grade 0 class. Plymouth University Early Years lecturer, Valerie Huggins, continued to develop the link with Nekemte Teacher Training College and ran Early Years workshops there in April. EEL and its Spanish partner – Enlace Estepona Ethiopia - also donated funds for library furniture and materials, and more science equipment, provided by Lab Aid, was delivered to Biftu Nakamte Secondary School. The 11 UK-Ethiopia School to School Links continued to develop and 2 teachers from Broadclyst School visited their Ethiopian partners at Bekumsa Biya in November 2014.

Women's projects

In 2014 five young women students supported by EEL scholarships graduated from New Generation University College (NGUC). Four young women still continue for their final year but it has been decided not to sponsor any new students and to concentrate instead on a small sponsorship programme for poor and disabled, but academically able, students in Grade 11 & 12 to enable them to gain places at government universities. Thanks to funding from our Spanish partners – Enlace Estepona Ethiopia – more fuel-efficient stoves were made at Birka Bekumsa School where mothers of the learning disabled boys in the Special Unit work together with them making the stoves. It was decided at the end of the year that money sent for transport to enable Fistula sufferers to travel to Addis Ababa for treatment would be better used to enable 15 women to have prolapse operations at Nekemte Hospital.

Water & environmental projects

Further progress was made with spring capping with 4 springs and 2 pumped wells completed in 2014. Four more springs are planned to be capped in 2015, this being the most economical way of providing clean water. At Nekemte Prep. School (Grade 11&12) new girls' toilets were built thanks to a grant from our Spanish partners. Providing good clean toilets is vital to encourage the 16-19 year old girls to stay in school. 2014 saw more trees planted in the wet season at Haro Fayissa Forestry Project, and two more similar forestry projects were started at Sorga Leilsa and Diriba Schools funded by an EEL grant of nearly £1300. Over 79,000 tree seedlings were planted in total.

Health and Welfare projects

EEL continued to support the Nekemte Eye Clinic, sending funds for cataract operations which treat around 20 patients each week. The fundraising target of £9000 for eye specialist training was achieved and an agreement signed between our partners – DASSC and Wollega University following an exploratory visit to other training institutions elsewhere in Ethiopia.

Completed capped spring – Debela with



Tegegne – Water Technician

Finance

In 2014 EEL spent nearly £47,000 on projects, thanks to our core membership support as well as grants from DfID – British Aid – and Charitable trusts as shown in the accounts. EEL policy is to retain a minimum £5000 reserve in the General Fund.

Governance & Partnerships

In 2014 EEL operated as a Chartered Incorporated Organisation – Charity No 1154085, and the previous Charity No 1000293 has now been merged with it. Our Ethiopian partnerships with EECMY-DASSC and New Generation University College continued, and Richard Hayes & Emilie Tieken of our Spanish partners Enlace Estepona Ethiopia, visited Nekemte and raised further funds for girls' school toilets. The partnership between Exeter University Medical School and Wollega University continues. See www.exeterwollegalink.weebly.com. The trustees are satisfied that the charity has met the Charity Commission Public Benefit requirements.

Exeter Ethiopia Link		Charity No 1154085		
Overall funds	Period	1 Jan to 31 Dec 2014		
<u>Cash inflows</u>		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
<u>General fund</u>		£	£	£
Subscriptions		2991.00	200.00*	3191.00
Donations		2106.00	4059.19*	6165.19
Fundraising – see below		1287.97	1731.27*	3019.24
Gift Aid – 2012 & 2013	2 years	3801.74		3801.74
Other Income				
Bank Interest		79.71		79.71
Gift Catalogue		50.00		50.00
Refund		140.00		140.00
Just Trust		<u>1000.00</u>		<u>1000.00</u>
	Sub-total	11456.42	5990.46	17446.88
<u>GRANTS RECEIVED</u>				
Restricted Funds				
Education				
Schools' Earmarked funds			1540.56	1540.56
<u>Grants for Education Projects</u>				
Souter Trust 3			2000.00	2000.00
Woodward Trust			500.00	500.00
DfID – GPAF			16537.00	16537.00
<u>Note</u>				
* for various restricted funds				
TOTAL INFLOW		£11456.42	£26568.02	£38024.44

<u>Fundraising events</u>	Sum raised	Fund	Date
Acoustic Café concert	£987.95	General	March
My Donate – Matt Dougan	£618.63	Eye Clinic Training	March
My Donate – Martha Gaches	£1298.38	Water Projects	April

Exeter Ethiopia Link		Charity No 1154085		
Overall funds	Period	1 Jan to 31 Dec 2014		
<u>Cash outflows</u>		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
<u>Projects in Ethiopia</u>		£	£	£
Education Project Manager		1969.94		
Designated Funds				
Education		1362.00		
Health & Welfare		50.00		
Water & Environment		3983.00		
Restricted Funds				
Education – General			383.00	
Cockington School			540.56	
A&N Ferguson Trust			1423.11	
Noel Buxton Trust			1700.00	
Souter Trust 2			600.00	
Jephcott Trust 2013			5258.85	
BFSS 2			2325.00	
Hilden Charitable Trust			1640.70	
Souter Trust 3			600.00	
Woodward Trust			500.00	
DfID - Inclusive Education Project			13981.89	
Eye Clinic General			550.00	
Eye Clinic – Training			1447.94	
Water & Environment			1689.92	
Women & Disadvantaged People			550.00	
Scholarships			402.25	
Projects Sub-totals		7364.94	34355.50	41720.44
Project Related Expenses in Ethiopia		1499.47	2761.46	4260.93
Admin and other Expenses in UK		1566.64	280.85	1847.49
TOTAL OUTFLOW				
		£10431.05	£37397.81	£47828.86

For details of Project Related expenses in Ethiopia and Administrative and other expenses in UK see next page

Project Related Expenses in Ethiopia

Item	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Travel in/to Ethiopia	348.97	1951.46	
Subsistence in Ethiopia	560.50	810.00	
Volunteer expenses	590.00		
Total	£1499.47	£2761.46	£4260.93

UK Administration and other expenses

Item	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Fundraising costs	252.40		
Travel in UK	185.00	188.00	
Room Hire	256.00		
Insurance	406.89		
Postage	27.22		
Stationery	8.95		
Printing etc	121.21		
IT costs	114.00		
Professional Charges	50.00		
Bank Charges	144.97	92.85	
Total	£1566.64	£280.85	£1847.49

Bank Flows – Period - 1st January to 31st December 2014

Bank Account	Opening Balance	Inflow	Outflow	Closing Balance
Co-op Bank #1	5507.66	4227.65	-9175.37	559.94
Co-op Bank #2	0	138789.29	-108355.73	30433.56
Co-op Bank #3 DfID	0	16537.44	-15389.80	1147.64
CAF Bank	37543.18	5244.79	-41682.69	1105.28
Totals inc account transfers		164799.17	-174603.59	
Transfers between accounts		-126774.73	-126774.73	
TOTALS	£43050.84	£38024.44	£47828.86	£33246.42

The high transfer figures are made up of:

1. Transfers between bank accounts in setting up the new software
2. Transfers between funds to set them up on the new software
3. Sundry adjustments during the year
4. Co-op Bank #1 was an account for Charity No 1000293
5. Co-op Bank #2 is a new account set up for Charity No 1154085
6. Co-op Bank #3 is a new account for the DfID Inclusive Education Project
7. CAF Bank is now an account for Charity No 1154085

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Projects in Ethiopia -2014

Summary of funds sent

Project	£	% of total
Education		
Inclusive Education Project - DfID	£13982	34%
Nekemte Education Project Manager	£1970	5%
Education – Libraries, Reading Centres, Early Learning	£13357	32%
Women’s & Disabilities Projects		
Women’s & Disabilities Projects	£3800	9%
Women’s Scholarships	£402	1%
Water& Environment		
Diriba Spring Capping	£722	2%
Water & Sanitation Projects	£4278	10%
Community Forestry Projects	£1212	3%
Health & Welfare		
Nekemte Eye Project Training Development	£1447	4%
Nekemte Eye Project - General	£550	1%
Total	£41720	100%

Accounts inspected by Exeter Community Accounting www.ecadevon.co.uk

Note: Administrative expenses total less than 4% of Total Expenditure

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