



Gobena Atomsa, Tegegne Tola (DASSC water resources specialist) & Emilie Tieken, amongst the Flourishing trees planted at Haro Fola a year earlier.

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 Wollega, Ethiopia. In 1994 the Link was extended to include Nekemte, the principal town in Wollega.

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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Enabling communities
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Annual Report 2015



'Capped spring at Haro Fola'

Trustees Report

Exeter-Ethiopia Link (EEL) had another very successful year in 2015 with the confirmation that funding had been agreed by Comic Relief for a new three year education project to improve libraries (more information below), and the Inclusive Education Project (IEP) funded by DFID has shown good progress at the end of its first year. In addition to this, more water and tree-planting projects were completed, and more support to the eye clinic was planned. We continue to maintain a good financial position and are developing our governance structures.

Education projects

The Education group has continued to develop projects with our partner DASSC. The Inclusive Education Project (IEP) to enable children with disabilities to access education is a three year project funded by DFID. At the end of the first year some outstanding outcomes have been achieved. The project has operated in Nekemte town and the rural district of Wayu Tuku. The target of registering 1445 children with disabilities in school was surpassed; 1777 children were registered. The project has set up disability clubs for children, disability associations and parent groups, provided literacy courses for adults with disabilities, provided medical and assistive devices, trained teachers in Special Needs and provided loans for people with disabilities to enable them to develop an income generating project. Many thanks to Mark Smith who developed and continues to monitor this project, and particular thanks to the team on the ground who have worked so hard – project manager Temesgen Gemechu and his team of Mrs Aregash and Gelane. Work is now starting in the new district of Digga.



'Providing mobility aids to children with disabilities'

The second major project, funded by Comic Relief is also a three year project to provide libraries, books, librarians, and reading centres, with training and support for teachers and librarians to improve the standard of literacy. This project has had a delayed start owing to circumstances beyond our control; extended rains and political unrest. However, Comic Relief has agreed an extension to the timetable and the first year now runs to December 2016. Many thanks to the project manager, Gobena Atomsa who has worked hard under difficult circumstances to complete a baseline assessment for the project.

A third project to build the link between Nekemte College of Teacher Education, Plymouth University and EEL to develop education in Early Years has continued under Valerie Huggins. The Early Years course has been introduced at the TTC, and all the schools in Nekemte now have 'O grade' teachers. The team led by Gobena Atomsa and Tesfaye Tadessa (TTC), intends to continue to monitor and hold workshops for O grade teachers.

Exeter-Ethiopia Link (Registered Charity No. 1154085)

Statement of Account: 1 January to 31 December 2015

Exeter Ethiopia Link		Charity No: 1154085		
Bank Flows		Period: 1 Jan to 31 Dec 2015		
	Opening Balance	Inflow	Outflow	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£
Co-op Bk #1 old a/c	559.94	493.55	0	1053.49
Co-op Bk #2 CIO	30433.56	89930.54	-46012.27	74351.83
(Transfers)		-9516.35	9516.35	
Coop Bk #3 GPAF IEP	1147.64	27570.06	-16679.75	12037.95
(Transfers)		-7345.29	7345.29	
CAF Bk	1105.28	0	0	1105.28
TOTAL	£33246.42	£101132.51	-£45830.38	£88548.55

Notes on accounts:

- 1. The closing balance consists of restricted, designated and unrestricted funds.*
- 2. These accounts are subject to inspection by the Exeter CVS Accountant.*

Exeter Ethiopia Link		Charity No 1154085	
Overall funds	Period	1 Jan to 31 Dec 2015	
<u>Cash inflows</u>	Unrestricted (General Fund)	Restricted (Various Funds)	Total
<u>General</u>	£	£	£
Subscriptions	2991.00	285.00	3276.00
Donations	1718.55	9888.00	11606.55
Fundraising activities	958.10	158.00	1116.10
Bank interest	62.34	1.00	63.34
Gift catalogue	45.00	24.00	69.00
Sub-total	5774.99	10356.00	16130.99
<u>Donations</u>			
Education General		170.00	
Cockington School		92.35	
Eye Clinic General		100.00	
Eye Clinic Children's Spectacles		650.00	
Eye Clinic Training		312.44	
Water & Environment		1550.00	
Women's Projects		300.00	
Scholarships		285.00	
<u>Grants</u>			
Souter Trust		3000.00	
Woodward Trust		500.00	
IEP (DfID GPAF)		27334.73	
Waterloo Trust		10000.00	
Comic Relief LARC		40707.00	
Sub-total	0	85001.52	85001.52
TOTAL INFLOW	£5774.99	£95357.52	£101132.51

Exeter Ethiopia Link		Charity No 1154085	
Overall funds	Period	1 Jan to 31 Dec 2015	
<u>Cash outflows</u>	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Education - General		320.00	
Cockington School		92.35	
Inclusive Education Project		16379.31	
Waterloo Trust		5284.93	
Souter Trust		350.00	
LARC		17348.68	
Health & Welfare		17.00	
Eye Clinic - Children's Spectacles		600.00	
Eye Clinic - Training		3650.00	
Sub-total	0	44042.27	44042.27
<u>Project related expenses in Ethiopia</u>			
Travel in/to Ethiopia	49.72		
Subsistence in Ethiopia	140.00		
Sub-totals	189.72	0	189.72
<u>UK admin and other expenses</u>			
Travel in UK	93.00		
Room Hire	385.00		
Insurance	407.76		
Postage	160.00		
Stationery	240.00		
Printing etc	22.80		
IT costs	132.00		
Professional fees	100.00		
Bank charges	57.83		
Sub-total	1598.39	0	1598.39
TOTAL OUTFLOW	£1788.11	£44042.27	£45830.38

Education projects (continued)

There are now 43 deaf students in education beyond grade 8 and the EEL Education group together with the Women's group has provided some support for these students. The UK / Ethiopia school partnership links continue to develop; there are now 12 links, and again two teachers from Broadclyst Primary School visited their linked school, Bekumsa Biya, in November 2015.

Many visits have been made during the year to monitor projects – Mark Smith, Selam Sagni, Penny Pullen and Emma Sarton visited during 2015. Many thanks to Richard Hayes and Emilie Tieken of Enlace Estepona Ethiopia who visited in January 2016, and also to Elizabeth Horsefield and Joanne Keenahan who visited in March 2016 to monitor projects on our behalf.



'Teaching schools to make resources'

Water & environmental projects

In the dry season at the beginning of 2015 several new springs were capped in rural communities, to make collecting water from them cleaner and easier for the villagers. A hand-pumped well was also successfully deepened and serviced to make it effective for more months of the year. Tree saplings planted in previous years for long-term timber supplies were monitored and supplemented with new trees where necessary. We will continue to support the spring capping and tree planting programme on an annual basis.

Health and Welfare projects

This year funds have been raised for spectacles for about 150 children in the Wayu Tuku rural area. Richard Hayes from his charity Estepona Ethiopia Link and the Vision Aid Overseas Director Michele de Vaal managed to get a good quantity of children's spectacles to the Clinic.

The UK charity Vision Aid Overseas (VAO) agreed to send a team of 6 volunteer optometrists to Nekemte with two main objectives; first to transfer skills to the Clinic staff and secondly to attend to the children in Wayu Tuku, Wollega who have sight problems. Funds to support this project were transferred from the health and welfare sub-committee budget, but the project was suspended due to political unrest and an advisory from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. This was very disappointing to all parties as considerable preparatory work had been done, and commitments made by the volunteers. As Dr Chaltu [Clinic Manager] said "we hope for sustainable peace in order to rearrange the collaborative visit". The Director of VAO is now planning for a team to go to the Clinic in June 2016.

We also collected money to fund some candidates to attend the ophthalmic training programme being established at Wollega University. Unfortunately, beyond the syllabus preparation, this programme has stalled.

Women's projects

There have been no new projects relating to women in 2015, as we have been focusing on the two new education projects, but hope to start something in 2016.

Fundraising

Apart from the funds raised via applications to donors, fundraising events held this year and amounts raised include: Cookery demo (£290); Acoustic Café and Raffle (£713); Chulmleigh Congregational Church fundraising activity (£33).

Finance

The year was dominated by the establishment of two large projects, Inclusive Education Project (UK Aid) and the Libraries and Reading Centre Project (Comic Relief). In addition to this, our finances benefited from much generosity from our donors and members. Our financial position is good.

Partnerships

Our primary Ethiopian partnership with EECMY DASSC continues, as does the Estepona Ethiopia Link (a Spanish charity formed by two members, Richard Hayes and Emilie Tieken) who have once again raised funds for projects in Nekemte. The partnership between Exeter University Peninsular Medical School and the Nekemte University Medical School also continues, and a new partnership was created between Plymouth University Institute of Education, and the Nekemte College of Teacher Education.

Thanks to our partners, funders and supporters

We would like to thank all our members for their continued support, as well as our grant donors who are listed in the Annual Accounts. EEL also depends on the dedication of our volunteer committee members and partners (mentioned above), who work to enable the Link to achieve great things with limited financial resources. Finally, thanks to Richard King who stepped down at the 2015 AGM for all the years of dedication and commitment to EEL activities.

Exeter-Ethiopia Link Trustees:

Peter Grainger, Bruce Hebbard, Emma Sarton, Valerie Huggins, John Lloyd, Mark Howells (ex-officio), Dick Benn (ex-officio).