



# 2018-19 IMPACT REPORT

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THANK YOU FOR  
ALL THAT YOU DO

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**ETHIOPIAID**

# Message from Sharon Elliott

**CEO**  
**Ethiopiaid Australia**

This year has been a particularly rewarding one to serve as CEO here at Ethiopiaid.

It is a great pleasure to be able to share the wonderful achievements you have been part of over the last twelve months in this report. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for everything you have made possible.

I am thrilled to report that in 2018-19, all Ethiopiaid's projects across healthcare, education and equal opportunity continued to grow and flourish.

We also began a new funding partnership with Hospice Ethiopia. As you may have heard, they provide hospice and palliative care for those who are terminally ill in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia's capital, and are one of only two non-government organisations in the entire country that provide this service.

This 2018-19 year we were sad to farewell our Donor Relations Coordinator, Naomi Farrar but we also welcomed Emily Unkovich to Ethiopiaid. You may have already spoken with her via phone or letter, and if you have you'll know just how much positivity and enthusiasm she brings to the team.

As I reflect on another successful year, I am grateful for the support of the Ethiopiaid staff and Board and especially thankful for the compassionate support you provide to Ethiopiaid. None of our work would be possible without you.

I hope you enjoy reading about the difference you are making to some of the world's most vulnerable and marginalised people.



# Update from the Chairman

**John Bullwinkel**  
**Chairman of Ethiopiaid Australia**

On behalf of the Board of Ethiopiaid, it is my privilege to present to you our 2018-19 Annual Impact Report.

It has been another year of achievement, with new and existing funding partnerships helping more people in need than ever before.

A personal highlight from the year was my first trip to Ethiopia in November 2018. I was there to monitor and evaluate our project partners, check on the progress of our projects and report back to you and other supporters on the impact that you are having.

I had the opportunity to visit inspiring projects that are helping orphans and street children living in Addis Ababa and hospitals that are providing vital medical treatment and support to women living with fistula.

I also spoke in-depth with Allison Shigo, Founder and Executive Director of Healing Hands for Joy, one of our field partners, about the wonderful work her organisation is doing in maternal health and her plans for expansion. It was a powerful reminder of the positive difference we are making.

2018-19 saw the launch of our Face-to-Face fundraising initiative. It is an important and growing strategy for us to connect with people willing to support our work through a monthly donation.



The initiative has been a great success, creating strong growth for both our supporter base and income generated for our project partners in Ethiopia. A bigger regular giving program will allow us to better plan for the future, expand our projects, and improve the lives of even more people.

I would like to thank the Bayside Group for their kind provision of pro-bono office space and for their strong support for our corporate events and fundraising.

I would also like to thank all our supporters, partners, contributors and allies for the vital contribution you made to our work this year. Thanks to you, Ethiopiaid is in good health and is well placed to have an even more powerful impact in the future. I look forward to our achievements together in the year ahead.



**YOUR  
DONATIONS  
IN ACTION**

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Your donations in action

## You are helping end dangerous traditions and violence against women and girls

Through our field partners the Afar Pastoralist Development Association (APDA) and the Association for Women's Sanctuary & Development (AWSAD) you are protecting women and girls from gender-based violence and dangerous traditions like female genital mutilation (FGM) and child marriage. Both of our field partners provide immediate medical assistance and counselling to survivors; whether that's via an APDA Extension Worker referring a young girl for post-FGM medical treatment at a rural health outpost, or via an AWSAD safe shelter providing sanctuary to a woman experiencing abuse. Both also work tirelessly to prevent violence and dangerous traditions. They teach clan leaders about women's rights, train youth on how to protect themselves and work with local police to assist with prosecution.



Your donations in action

## You are helping ensure every woman can give birth safely

Our two maternal health partners, Healing Hands of Joy and the Women & Health Alliance are improving maternal health and eradicating obstetric fistula Ethiopia-wide. Following a three-step process, we are helping these two organisations to identify women living in isolation from obstetric fistula; to provide free, quality fistula surgery and/or full physical and social rehabilitation; and to train fistula survivors as ambassadors and educators in women's health to prevent the incidence of fistula across rural communities.

*"The most rewarding thing of all is to see these women happy, with much improved self confidence and the motivation to go back and make sure no other woman goes through the same experience."*

MESELECH SEYOUM  
COUNTRY DIRECTOR, HEALING HANDS OF JOY



Your donations in action

## You are helping build up communities by building up women and children

When it comes to education, healthcare and livelihoods, women and children are often left behind. That's why your support of Yenege Tesfa (meaning 'hope for tomorrow') and the Jerusalem Children & Community Development Organisation (JeCCDO) is vital. You are helping provide basic yet essential services to orphaned children, youth from poor families and single mothers to lift them out of poverty and build up the communities around them. Two key projects you sponsor are the Tewabech House; a group children's home for orphaned girls living on the streets, and agricultural training for single mothers to provide for themselves and their families.



Your donations in action

## You are helping enable girls to finish their education

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Thanks to your support of local partner, Dignity Period, you are giving every girl the chance to finish school and make a better future for herself. Many girls across rural Ethiopia drop out of school early because they lack adequate sanitary supplies to manage their period discreetly during school hours. Dignity Period are tackling this head on by distributing much-needed sanitary kits containing underwear, re-usable sanitary pads and informational booklets to female students. They are also teaching boys and girls the facts on puberty and menstruation to reduce the stigma attached to these very natural aspects of life and create better social support for adolescents.



Your donations in action

## You are helping provide high quality care for those who are terminally ill

Our field partner, Hospice Ethiopia, is one of only two non-government hospice and palliative care organisations in the whole of Ethiopia. Their small team conducts home visits for those who are sick, alone and living in abject poverty in Addis Ababa, offering free medical treatment at their outpatient clinic and running a palliative day care program where patients can eat a warm meal and connect with others in their same situation.

*"I would to thank our donors, partners, who are supporting Hospice Ethiopia, including Ethiopiaid, because we would not be able to provide palliative care without your support. Thank you very much."*

EPHREM ABATHUN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HOSPICE ETHIOPIA



Your donations in action

# The difference you have made this past year

## Ending violence and dangerous traditions

50

Extension Workers shared 82k messages/workshops on the dangers of FGM and child marriage



200

clan leaders taught about women's rights to end dangerous traditions



240

survivors of abuse provided safe shelter, rehabilitation, skills training and legal aid



## Improving maternal health

225

women received obstetric fistula or pelvic floor operations



70

cured fistula patients trained as Safe Motherhood Ambassadors



18

community engagement campaigns about fistula awareness were run



1200

coupons for free medical treatment given out to those unable to afford healthcare

2 + 8

2 gynaecologists and 8 doctors received hands-on fistula surgery training

1 + 15

1 nurse and 15 medical students were trained in pre- and post-op fistula care

Your donations in action

# The difference you have made this past year

## Enabling access to education

70k+

male and female students taught about puberty across 72 schools



3

struggling primary schools fitted out with books, water access and bathrooms



9

youth went on to higher education thanks to university sponsorships



## Building up women and children

14

orphaned girls given a safe and loving home at Tewabech House



120

single mothers completed agricultural training to feed their family and earn income



160

disadvantaged women took part in small business and community activism training





# ETHIOPIAID 2018-19 FINANCIALS

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## How much we've given to our areas of work in Ethiopia

**Families and communities**

**\$100,000**



**Fistula and maternal health**

**\$309,361**



**Education for all**

**\$100,000**



**Dangerous traditions**

**\$179,939**



**Survivors of gender based violence**

**\$70,200**



# Income and expenses for this financial year

## Income

Income from donations	\$1,173,309
Gifts left in Wills	\$778,087
Related party funding	\$173,341



*Thank  
you!*

## Expenses

Payments to Ethiopian partners	\$768,584
Raising the next dollar	\$590,985
Operating expenses	\$228,784
Administrative and other expenses	\$123,151

**Surplus** **\$423,433**

To see our audited accounts in full, visit our website: [ethiopiaid.org.au](http://ethiopiaid.org.au)

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