



Needs analysis: Kebele 02, 06, 08

Case worker:

Abena, Community Development Program Officer

Interviewee:

Edna, aged 35. Has husband aged 42, three children ages 14, 12 and 7

Date of interview:

July 29th, 2020

Location of interview:

Kebele/district 02, Debre Berhan: Outside Edna's home

Background note from case worker:

I am meeting with Edna outside her home in Kebele 02. I have contacted Edna in the past. I know her to be shy and quiet but also determined for her family. Edna had strong success in Women's Self-Help Group 2019: Micro-loan & Finance Training.

1.1 Interview

Abena: Selam (hello) Edna. Thank you for meeting me. For my record, can you tell me about your family?

Edna: Selam, Abena. I have a husband and three children: two daughters aged 14 and 12, and a son aged 7.

Abena: Are you working at the moment Edna?

Edna: Not much. Sadly, not much. Because of the government rules I can't visit houses to pick up or drop off the laundry. And most of the people I do washing for don't have money to pay me now. I have just two houses left. It's not enough to buy what my family needs.

Abena: What about your husband? Has he been able to find to work?

Edna: No, the factory [where he worked] shut last year and he has no work since. So many are looking for jobs. It's hard for him to find work. And since this [COVID-19] started, there's no work at all.

Abena: Do you have any savings?

Edna: It's hard for us to save. All our money goes on buying food and medicine and sending our children to school. The few savings we had are gone now.

Abena: How much food do you have?

Edna: We have enough only to last two days. After that I don't know what we'll do. The food at the market is too expensive. Wheat is double priced from a few weeks ago.

**** Situation is very hard on Edna. She is burying her face in her hands. I take a 5 minute break to give her some time.*



Abena: Edna, I know it's hard, can you tell me what else your family is going without?

Edna: We don't have enough clean water for drinking, cooking and washing. We can't afford medicine for our children. Or send them to school when they open.

**** Silence for a minute. Edna is looking at ground, she doesn't want to make eye contact anymore.*

Edna [continues]: I can't afford sanitary cloths for my daughter. She's becoming a woman now, but I can't give her what she needs.

Abena: We are going to help, Edna. I am here to help. How much do you know about COVID-19?

Edna: We don't have television or radio. I only know what I hear from people at the markets. They say to wash our hands often, but we can't afford the soap. You know it's hard here to get clean water. I'm scared what will happen if we catch the virus and get sick. I don't want to go into quarantine. People say it's like going to prison.

Abena: How are you feeling at the moment?

Edna: I'm scared all the time. For my children. I'm scared we don't have enough food for them. My young one is 7. And what about medicine if they get sick? I pray every day they won't get sick. I'm scared what life will be for my children when this is over. We want a better life for them, but that seems impossible right now.

Abena: What do you need most?

****Long silence. Edna embarrassed by question; common for women in my other interviews. She is breaking into tears. Highly stressed home.*

Edna [whispers]: We need food, for my children, please. Clean water too, and soap so we can wash and keep safe from the virus.

1.2 Advisement by case worker

This is my 6th house interview in Kebele 02. All houses reporting similar problems areas: Food, Hygiene and Financial Support.

Grounds for emergency intervention: Yes. HIGH

Follow up support needed: Yes. 2 weeks

Recommendations:

- Begin family on community food support. Will benefit from Essentials kit: corn, flour, oil, cereal, powdered milk and Prepared Meals with including semi-powdered Dirkosh for bread source
- Supply Hygiene kit: Soap Bars or Hand Sanitiser for whole family. At least one month supply. Sanitiser if family not close to new community hand washing stations
- 3 women in house. Supply reusable sanitary kits. 1 cloth per woman at least but 2 or more would be better if available
- Micro-loan 600 Birr. Cover rent and cover supplies for laundry washing so Edna can keep her 2 customers