East Action Organization
Action for Betterment

Annual Achievement Narrative Report for East Action

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"Transforming Lives, Building Resilience, Empowering Communities"









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3. Executive Summary

East Action Organization (EAO) has made significant strides in addressing critical needs in vulnerable communities across Ethiopia. In 2023 and 2024, EAO implemented a wide range of impactful short-term and long-term projects, prioritizing emergency response, education, health, gender-based violence (GBV) prevention, and sustainable livelihoods. Through its efforts, EAO directly impacted over 600,000 beneficiaries, ensuring that the most vulnerable populations received timely relief, resources, and support.

Despite facing challenges such as limited funding, logistical constraints, and access issues, EAO effectively leveraged strong community partnerships, innovative strategies, and a commitment to transparency and accountability. A remarkable 90% of the organization's budget in 2024 was allocated directly to project costs, maximizing the effectiveness of its interventions.

4. Introduction

Established in 2019, East Action Organization (EAO) is a women-led national NGO registered under the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia's Civil Society Organizations (CSO). Guided by its mission to empower vulnerable communities, EAO focuses on promoting gender equality, sustainable development, and community resilience. This report highlights the achievements, challenges, and lessons learned from 2024 while setting the stage for future growth and impact.

5. Organizational Overview

5.1 Legal Status

EAO is a national NGO registered under the Civil Society Organizations (CSO) proclamation of Ethiopia.

5.2 Mission Statement

To empower vulnerable communities through inclusive, innovative, and sustainable solutions, addressing the needs of women, youth, and marginalized groups.

5.3 Vision

To foster an equitable society where individuals have access to education, healthcare, and sustainable livelihoods, enabling self-reliant and resilient communities.

5.4 Core Values

- **Humanity**: Respecting human dignity and prioritizing life and health.
- **Neutrality**: Maintaining impartiality in conflicts and political disputes.
- **Impartiality**: Providing aid based solely on need, without discrimination.
- **Independence**: Remaining autonomous from political, economic, and military agendas.

6. Program Focus

6.1 Key Areas of Operation

- **Gender Equality and Women Empowerment**: Enhancing women’s participation in decision-making and economic activities.
- **Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH)**: Addressing GBV and improving access to reproductive health services.
- **Education and Youth Empowerment**: Providing educational and skill development opportunities.
- **Livelihood Development and Food Security**: Promoting sustainable farming practices and income-generating activities.
- **WASH**: Improving access to clean water and promoting hygiene practices.

6.2 Geographic Coverage

EAO operates in six zones and 19 woredas in Somali Regional State, Benishangul Region, and Dire Dawa City Administration.

7. Achievements and Impact

7.1 Summary of Projects

In 2023, East Action successfully implemented 17 impactful projects, achieving significant outcomes across various sectors. Highlights include:

- **Emergency Response to Flood-Affected IDPs**: Distributed essential supplies to 300 flood-affected households at Aqal-rar IDP camp, ensuring immediate relief and improved living conditions.
- **Provision of Core Non-Food Items**: Delivered non-food items to 500 households in East Imay Sigadere and Direy IDPs from December 2023 to April 2024, helping families recover from displacement.
- **Family Health Project**: Distributed dignity kits to 175 girls and women at Aqal-rar IDP camp, enhancing their health, hygiene, and dignity.
- **Cash Assistance for Vulnerable Households**: Provided financial support to 20 vulnerable households in Jigjiga, empowering them to sustain their livelihoods.
- **Food Assistance for Disabled Households**: Delivered food supplies to 35 disabled households in Kebeles 17 and 19, Jigjiga, addressing food insecurity and vulnerability.
- **WASH Item Distribution**: Supplied essential WASH items to 100 households in cholera-affected areas of Jigjiga, contributing to improved sanitation and health.
- **Education in Emergencies**: Distributed educational materials to 200 students in Elhar and Sasabane primary schools, enabling continued learning in emergency settings.
- **Honey Production Support**: Supported the Asal Cooperative with 100 beehives and 3 honey extraction machines, boosting honey production and income generation.
- **Public Latrine Construction**: Constructed 3 blocks of public latrines (totaling 9 latrines) at Bayahow IDP camp, improving sanitation facilities for displaced populations.
- **SRH Services**: Delivered comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services to thousands of women and youth, ensuring access to essential healthcare and promoting safe practices.
- **GBV Prevention**: Implemented gender-based violence prevention programs across multiple communities, empowering women and girls to seek support and live free from violence.
- **Sustainable Livelihoods**: Promoted innovative agricultural practices to enhance food security and self-reliance among rural communities.

3.2 Success Stories

- **Case Study: Honey Production Support**
  In collaboration with the Asal Cooperative, East Action provided 100 beehives and 3 honey extraction machines, significantly boosting honey production. As a result, cooperative members reported a 45% increase in production and an expanded market reach, contributing to improved incomes and economic resilience.
- **Case Study: Education in Emergencies**
  When floods disrupted education in Elhar and Sasabane, East Action stepped in by distributing educational materials to 200 students. This intervention not only ensured continuity of learning but also fostered hope and stability for children during challenging times.
- **Case Study: Family Health Project**
  At Aqal-rar IDP camp, the distribution of dignity kits to 175 girls and women addressed pressing health and hygiene needs. Beneficiaries expressed gratitude for the support, highlighting its positive impact on their well-being and confidence.

Does this look good to you, or is there anything else you'd like to add or adjust?

8. Financial Overview

8.1 Annual Income and Expenditure

- **Total Income**: 7,922,210 ETB
- **Project Expenses**: 6,425,210 ETB (90%)
- **Administrative Expenses**: 1,496,790 ETB (10%)

8.2 Donors and Partners

- Primary donors: private, IOM, diaspora contributors, and member contributions.

9. Challenges and Lessons Learned

9.1 Challenges

- Limited funding for long-term projects.
- Lack of donor for partnership
- Access constraints in remote areas.

9.2 Lessons Learned

- Strengthened local authority engagement improved project reach.
- Innovative funding strategies enhanced sustainability.

10. Recommendations and Future Directions

- Expand partnerships with international donors.
- Invest in capacity building for local teams.
- Develop long-term strategies for sustainability.

11. Conclusion

EAO’s 2024 achievements highlight its commitment to empowering vulnerable communities through innovative and inclusive solutions. With continued support and partnerships, EAO aims to deepen its impact and expand its reach in 2025 and beyond.

12. Appendices

- Networking
- Director Annual message

12.1.Global Partnerships and Networks

East Action is dedicated to fostering impactful global partnerships and opportunities by actively engaging with various platforms, networks, and consortia. These affiliations enhance collaboration, expand our reach, and provide access to vital resources, enabling us to implement transformative initiatives across diverse fields.

Platform Registrations

We are registered on the following platforms to access funding, grants, and partnership opportunities:

1. **UN Portal**
2. **SAM.gov**
3. **Grants.gov**
4. **USAID Portal**
5. **Development Aid Services** – A leading platform for development aid funding, projects, and opportunities tailored to nonprofit organizations.

Networks and Consortia

Through active membership in key networks and consortia, we enhance collaboration, resource-sharing, and impactful development efforts:

1. **The CAD Consortium**
2. **Organization for Welfare and Development in Action (OWDA)**
3. **East Action Organization (EAO)**
4. Ethiopia PSEA Network membership

Global Partnership Opportunities

We leverage global opportunities to amplify our efforts and expand our impact:

1. **Candid** – A trusted source for data, inspiration, and opportunities.
2. **GlobalGiving** – Connecting grassroots initiatives to global donors.
3. **Global South Opportunities (GSO)** – Promoting equitable partnerships and initiatives across the Global South.
4. **6S Global Community Platform** – Connecting over 5 million founders and startups to funding, grants, accelerators, and other growth resources.
5. **Opportunities for Youth** – Empowering young people through specialized programs and initiatives.East Action remains steadfast in advancing development aid services through strategic partnerships, resource mobilization, and targeted interventions.

12.2, **East Action Annual director message and Acknowledgement**



Dear Team,

As we close out another year, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the incredible work each of you has contributed to the East Action Organization. Despite the ongoing challenges of funding shortages and inflation, we have successfully executed 12 impactful short-term projects, with an impressive 90% of our budget allocated directly to project costs. This dedication truly exemplifies our commitment to serving our communities.

This year, we made significant strides, including:

- **Providing essential supplies** to 300 flood-affected households at Aqal-rar IDP camp.
- **Distributing core non-food items** to 500 families in East Imay Sigadere and Direy IDPs.
- **Supporting the health and hygiene** of 175 women and girls with dignity kits.
- **Offering cash assistance** to 20 vulnerable households in Jigjiga.
- **Enhancing educational access** for 200 students with necessary materials in Elhar and Sasabane primary schools.
- **Delivering sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services** to thousands of women and youth.
- **Implementing gender-based violence (GBV) prevention** programs across multiple communities.
- **Supporting sustainable livelihoods** through innovative agricultural practices to improve food security.

These accomplishments, made possible by your hard work and the generous contributions from our funding partners, highlight the power of teamwork in the face of adversity. Together, we have not only met immediate needs but also laid the groundwork for future resilience in our communities.

I am extremely proud of what we have achieved and grateful for your unwavering commitment. Let’s continue this momentum into the next year, striving to make an even greater impact.

Thank you for your dedication.

Warm regards,

Dr: Nejat Nejib Aden

Executive Director

12.3. Beneficiary and community dialogue and photos






















EAST ACTION ORGANIZATION (EAO)
PROJECT INAUGURATION DAY:
SEPTEMBER 2024"
PROJECT TITLE: HARVEST FOR HOPE:
SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE FOR
ZERO HUNGER
LOCATION: EAFAN ZONE, SHABELLAY





12.4. Training photos









12.5. Photo of the World Bank and IMF Annual Meetings in Washington, D.C. and other




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12.6. For additional information or to collaborate on this initiative, contact **East Action Organization (EAO)**. Together, we can make a difference in the fight against GBV.

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