



Guraghe Development Association

“Promoting social accountability to empower ordinary citizens for increased development, improved governance and effective service delivery.”

Guraghe Development Association (GDA) aspires to see a united community of Guraghe people whose socio-economic challenges are tackled, poverty alleviated and all rounded development attained, sustained and standard of living improved.

GDA received a \$297,303.69 grant together with partner organization Guraghe Zone Development Association (GZDA). Both organizations promote Social Accountability for increased development effectiveness, improved good governance and community empowerment through effective service delivery.

Over a period of 18 months, the two organizations are implementing Social Accountability projects in 5 woredas of the Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples Region (Edja, Endegagn, Geta, Gedebano-Gutazer-Wolene, Sodo). Community Score Card and Citizens' Report Cards are the used Social Accountability tools.

The target sectors for the projects are Agriculture and Water and Sanitation. The projects relating to agriculture focus on families with disabled members and people living with HIV/Aids while the projects relating to water and sanitation focus on providing all communities with water for basic consumption, also during the dry seasons.

Social Accountability is promoted in the projects through consultative meetings, advocacy forums and capacity building trainings. Over 60,000 citizens in the targeted woredas will benefit, especially persons with disabilities, youth, children, elderly and rural peasants.

The projects aim at strengthening the knowledge of local communities on their rights and responsibilities with regards to receiving public basic services. Local government officials will be included to close the gap between developing policies and equitable implementation.

Guraghe Development Association was established in 1960 and has currently over 220.000 members. It was the first organization in Ethiopia to form countrywide self-help associations to fight poverty and inequality by designing and implementing development programs through participatory approach.

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