

## Ogaden Welfare and Development Association

"To promote conditions of sustainable human development to provide access to a respectable standard of living."

gaden Welfare and Development Association's (OWDA), main focus is to enhance poor communities in the Somali region to withstand environmental and man-made shocks by seeking to improve the living conditions. The organization has implemented over fifty development and emergency projects in the past.

The organizations received a \$299,999.09 grant to accomplish their Social Accountability projects in the target sectors of Agriculture, Education, Health, Rural Roads, Water and Sanitation. The specific Social Accountability tool used by OWDA over the next two years is Community Score Card.

OWDA works in 2 woredas in Somali (Danan, Adadle), 1 woreda in Afar (Adaa'ar) and 2 woredas in Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples region (Misha, Andrach). The Social Accountability projects in these regions are implemented with partner organizations Afar Pastoralist Development Association (APDA), Participatory Poverty Reduction Organization (PPRO) and God for People Relief and Development Organization (GPRDO).

OWDA, and its partner organizations that work on grass roots level, will enhance involvement of citizens and citizens groups in the processes of planning, budgeting, implementing and monitoring of public basic service delivery. Additionally, enhanced capacity and commitment of service providers will be increased to work transparently towards addressing the needs of communities.

Ogaden Welfare and Development Association was established in 1999 to improve the living conditions of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged communities in Ethiopia's Somali region. OWDA focuses on capacity building to empower communities, especially women, to protect their rights and participate in power, decision-making activities.

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