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SOS Sahel Ethiopia

“Engendering Social Accountability for Improved Service Delivery.”

SOS Sahel Ethiopia aims to make the provision of basic services efficient, effective, accountable and responsive. The organization will therefore initiate, develop and strengthen the use of Social Accountability tools and approaches among service users, public service providers and local government decision makers.

The organization works closely together with Alliance for Development (AfD) as it is the implementing partner for SOS Sahel in the Social Accountability projects. AfD works with poor and marginalized citizens in order to improve their living conditions. The main focus of AfD is in the sectors of Health, Education, and Water and Sanitation, while SOS Sahel also focuses on the target sectors of Agriculture and Rural Roads. The Social Accountability tools of Community Score Card, Citizen’ Report Card, and Participatory Planning and Budgeting are implemented by SOS Sahel and AfD.

The partner organizations received a grant of \$300,000 to implement their Social Accountability projects in 1 woredas in Amhara (Libo Kemkem), 3 woredas in Oromiya (Arero, Tiyo, Asela), and 1 woreda in the Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples Region (Kacha Bira). These regions were chosen as preliminary consultation processes showed that the state of basic public services is poor in these regions. This is a result of ineffective accountability systems and procedures through which user communities can voice their demands and complaints.

SOS Sahel and AfD are working according to a capacity building strategy whereby citizens’ groups, local governments and public service delivery institutions are provided with training and system development support.

Over 109,000 citizens will directly benefit from the SOS Sahel projects while another 438,000 are also expected to profit, especially smallholder farmers, marginalized pastoralists, people living with HIV/Aids and women and children.

SOS Sahel Ethiopia was established in Ethiopia 1989, working with rural and pastoral communities as well as with government bodies to tackle poverty.

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