



# Vision Ethiopian Congress for Democracy

*“Democratic values and practices are fundamental to the civic empowerment & thus pave the way for the well being of the Ethiopian citizens.”*

Vision Ethiopian Congress for Democracy (VECOD) focuses on civic empowerment and sustainable democratic governance of communities through education and awareness to ensure the delivery of basic services. The organization especially emphasizes on the involvement of vulnerable groups such as the disabled, women and people living with HIV/AIDS.

The organization received a \$204,276.53 grant to accomplish their Social Accountability projects in the fields of Agriculture, Education, Health, Rural Roads and Water and Sanitation. The specific Social Accountability tools used by VECOD over the next two years are the Community Score Card and Citizens' Reports Card.

VECOD works in 5 woredas in Gambella Regional State (Gambella Zuria, Wantwa, Godere, Itang, Gambella Town) and is the first organization to ever implement Social Accountability projects in this region of Ethiopia. They work closely together with regional administrative offices and the Regional Ombudsman Office.

The organization is establishing vibrant interaction between communities, local governments and other service providers to improve the adequacy of basic services.

Producing and distributing 50,000 pocket size booklets in different languages with guidelines for participation in development, is just one of the methods used to institutionalize and mainstream demand-driven Social Accountability mechanisms. Over 125,000 members of the community will benefit from the two-year long projects that are implemented.

VECOD has been a player in the field of bridging the gap between the public and local administrations since 2003. The organization provided over 10,000 citizens with three-month intensive trainings on the fundamentals of leadership, civic education and management fields. It has also educated over 100,000 Ethiopians on election processes and human rights and reached out to more than 70,000 community members by conducting awareness creation workshops.

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