

## Ethiopian Catholic Church - Social and Development Commission of Nekemte

"To see a society where all its spiritual, physical, and socio-cultural needs are met and where all people live in harmony, solidarity, equality, justice and peace."

Ethiopian Catholic Church —Social and Development Commission of Nekemte (ECC-SADCON) works for the promotion of integral human development — socio economic and spiritual development of the society to ensure growth and self-reliance through evangelization, awareness raising and capacity building. There are many projects implemented by Ethiopian Catholic Church with a trilateral agreement (Government body, the Community and ECC — SADCO) to implement basic service projects in the target communities. So far, the organization has been engaged in the projects including school building for prisoners in Addis Alem prison, water and sanitation projects, health services and capacity building for Civil Society Organizations.

Through its Social Accountability project, the organization works to build the capacity of rural communities for SA in areas of education, health and agriculture.

Ethiopian Catholic Church – Social and Development Commission (ECC-SADCO) received a \$231,271.46 grant to implement Social Accountability projects that focus on agriculture, education and health. The Social Accountability tools used by ECC-SADCO are Community Score Card and Participatory Planning and Budgeting. The organization works in three woredas in Oromia, Hawa Gelan and Benishangul Gumuz Regional state (Oda Bildagul & Agalo Meti). The project implemented by ECC-SADCO will benefit 279,500 people directly and indirectly. Women, youth, the elderly, people with disabilities and people living with HIV/AIDS are the main targeted groups of the project.

The outcome of the SA implementation process by ECC-SADCON will involve empowering the rural communities of — Hawa Gelan, Oda Bildagul and Agalo Meti woreda kebeles to demand for better service provisions.

In addition to improving the quality of primary education, health and agricultural services, the project focuses on institutionalizing and strengthening the social accountability approach among service users and providers.

Ethiopian Catholic Church — Social and Development Commission-of Nekemte (ECC-SADCON) was established in 1965 and it is one of the two wings of Ethiopian Catholic Secretariat (ECS). The organization is overall signatory with federal offices relevant to areas of Ethiopian Catholic Church (ECC) social and development activities.

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