



Mekdim Ethiopia National Association

“To see a society that cares for and supports people living with HIV and AIDS orphans and a generation free of HIV/AIDS.”

Mekdim Ethiopia National Association (MENA) has been working to address the prevention of HIV/AIDS and the protection of the basic needs and human rights of people living with HIV/AIDS, their families and dependents, through holistic care, support, education and advocacy. MENA is the first legally registered and presently one of the major People Living with HIV (PLHIV) Associations in Ethiopia operating at the national level. Currently, the association has a total of over 7,500 members (26% AIDS Orphans and 74% PLHIV). It has been undertaking various HIV/AIDS projects in different parts of the country.

Through its Social Accountability project, the organization works to strengthen citizens' voice and enhance the accountability of public service providers by engaging citizens and civil society organizations.

Mekdim Ethiopia National Association (MENA) received a \$269,574.85 grant to implement Social Accountability projects that focus on agriculture, education, health, water and sanitation and rural roads. The Social Accountability tools used by MENA are Community Score Card, Citizens' Report Card and Public Expenditure Tracking Survey. The organization works in five woredas in the Oromia regional state namely in Liban Chukala, Dodota, Boset, Hetosa, and Lode Hexosa. The project implemented by MENA will benefit 59,247 people directly and 558,944 indirectly. The main beneficiaries of the project are women, children and Persons Living with HIV/AIDS.

The outcomes of the implemented Social Accountability projects by MENA will include increased awareness of citizens and citizen groups of their rights, entitlements as well as responsibilities to contribute to and demand for better quality health, rural roads, agriculture, education and water and sanitation service delivery in the selected woredas and improved quality of basic services among others.

Mekdim Ethiopia National Association (MENA) of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV) and AIDS orphans was established in 1999 by a group of three people living with HIV and 9 AIDS orphans. It has been undertaking various HIV/AIDS projects/programs in Oromia, Amhara, Benishangul Gumuz, Afar and Addis Ababa City Administration.

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