

“In the same way, let your light shine
before others, that they may see
your good deeds and glorify your
Father in heaven”

Matthew 5:16



2020 Impact Report



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**CAWWAAQEE GUUTTATTA
WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT**

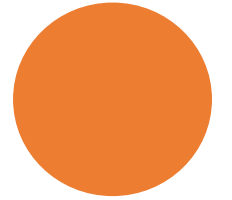
Mission and Vision

- CGWE stands for C. G. Women's Empowerment, in honor of the Founder's Grandmother: Cawwaaqe Guuttatta
- CGWE empowers women to be key agents of change in their communities through **Dabaree**, a traditional economic system of supportive cooperation.
- CGWE envisions a world free of violence and discrimination through education and empowerment of women.



Partnership

CGWE works in coordination with HUNDEE a local NGO in Oromia, Ethiopia, through a proven self-sustaining model to enable marginalized people to revitalize their community and attain economic and social rights.



Mr. Zegey Asfaw

Founder of Hundee's Oromo Grassroots Development Initiative
and the former Ethiopian Minister of Agriculture

Life in Oromia

- Ethiopia is one of the world's poorest countries in Africa
- On average, the people live on 25 cents/day
- The Oromia Region is the largest region in Ethiopia and comprises nearly half of the population in Ethiopia
- Most Ethiopians live in rural areas with agriculture as their main occupation and about 80% of Ethiopians are dependent on agriculture and livestock as their main livelihood.
- Increased poverty, water scarcity, and food unavailability are some of the negative impacts that hit small-scale farmers.



Life in Oromia

- Families, which are run by the women, are especially susceptible to abject poverty, resulting in innumerable deaths of infants, malnutrition, and illiteracy in the poor families.
- Empowering women not only saves lives, but also helps families to feed, educate their children, and protect their families from diseases.



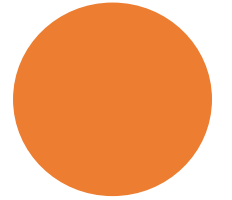
Empowering Women

- Benefits the whole community
- Creates healthier families
- Sends more children to school
- Improves agricultural productivity
- Increases financial stability
- Builds community resiliency and connection



Dabaree

- Traditional Oromo economic system of cooperation, based on principles of reciprocity.
- Creates a strong social and economic bond between the cattle poor and the cattle rich.
- Provides a calf from one beneficiary to another in need.
- Self-sustaining program from minimal resources.



2020 Accomplishments

- Exceeded our 2019/2020 goal to buy 60 cows for women in need!
- Reached our goal to buy equipment and office materials for the veterinarian
- Completed animal clinic construction. The clinic will support CGWE beneficiaries and other nearby villages to keep cows and other animals healthy and will be used as a training center.





Solar lights

Because of the donations of solar lights, children have been able to do their homework and improve grades at school. It is also helping the family with other household tasks.



Challenges

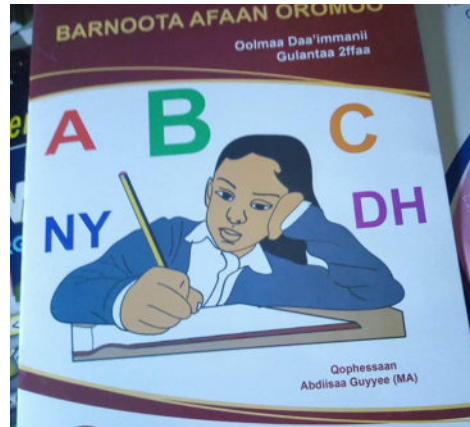
The rainy season created muddy and slippery conditions for construction

COVID-19

- Because of the pandemic, a lack of food and poor hygiene became acute challenges.
- In response, CGWE raised \$7,500 and provided flour, cooking oil and soap to the most vulnerable beneficiary families.
- Vegetable seeds were distributed to CGWE beneficiaries to plant



Mission Trip



- CGWE mission trip was canceled due to COVID-19 travel restrictions
- All books, shelves, rugs, and paint to create reading corner during CGWE 2020 mission trip, were given to Q/Joobir elementary school.
- The goal is to create a place where children practice reading and writing outside of the classroom.
- Mission trip travelers are packed and ready to go after the vaccine is available.



2021 Budget

Item	Cost	Quantity	Total
Cow purchase	\$ 350.00	70	\$ 24,500.00
Equipment and materials for animal clinic	\$ 18,942.00	1	\$ 18,942.00
Mission trip expenses	\$ 10,000.00	1	\$ 10,000.00
Total Budget			\$ 53,442.00



CGWE has created healthy families, happy children, and new friendships!



Stories of Impact

Life is still very hard for many women in rural areas. They spend long hours finding firewood to sell and must carry it on their back 10-15 miles. Often, they are raped along the journey.

We believe there is a better way to earn an income and impact communities.

CGWE has brought change to the lives of many women like *Alemi Wagari*, *Dasse Fite*, *Tabote Bekuma*, and *Idoshe Gobena*. Here are their stories:

Alemi Wagari



Seven years ago, Alemi was ready to commit suicide from despair and hopelessness. She was a single mother who literally owned nothing, not even a chicken. She became a CGWE beneficiary and shared that “the mere fact of being given a heifer changed her status in her community”. Her first cow gave birth to a young female calf and provided assets and food for her family. Alemi began to sell the milk and milk products for a modest income that allowed her to send her five children to a nearby school.

As the first-born female calf matured, Alemi honored her promise of passing the young heifer to another woman who was on the waiting list through the Dabaree Process. The second born calf was a bull which Alemi fattened and eventually sold for considerable amount of money. She invested the money to improve her home from a dilapidated hut to one with corrugated metal sheets that protect against leaking.

Alemi is now a hopeful and proud businesswoman who has used the training provided by CGWE to learn how to run her business and save money. She enjoys a more respected status in her community.

Dasse Fite

Dasse is widow and mother of three children, raising her children by herself without any outside support. Dasse obtained a cow through the Dabaree process. It matured and gave birth to a male calf. The milk and dairy products improved her family's nutrition. Dasse fattened the steer (male calf) and was able to sell it. She used the money to buy materials to improve her home, and thus her social standing. She is now preparing to transfer her female calf to another woman on the waiting list. Dasse is a proud mother, who supports and sends her five children to a nearby school. Dasse says her children used donated solar lights to complete homework and improve their grades.



A woman and a young boy are sitting on the ground in a rural setting. The woman is wearing a pink jacket and a headscarf, and the boy is wearing a blue and red striped shirt and green pants. They are surrounded by a large pile of firewood and several brown cows. The background is a dense forest with green trees. A semi-transparent circular graphic is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing text.

Tabote Bekuma

Tabote was the poorest of the poor. Her economic and social status made her eligible to be a CGWE beneficiary. She lost her husband several years ago and is the sole provider for the family, doing menial jobs and selling firewood. Getting a young heifer like her neighbors changed her life and improved her social standing. Tabote now feels safe and has garnered respect because of her household assets. All five of her children attend schools in the area.

Idoshe Gobena

In 2019, CGWE helped provide a safe place for Idoshe, an orphan, to live. She has adjusted quickly to living in a city and is doing well in school.





CGWE Impact 2013-2020

- Reached over 2,000 people
- 308 families received cows
- 195+ cows gave birth to pass to others
- Donated 700 Solar light bulbs, solar phone chargers, clothes and bags, shoes, school supplies, bible dictionaries, bibles, vegetable seeds, gardening tools and school benches.
- Provided trainings on female genital mutilation and kidnaping, personal hygiene, money management, business skills, and gardening
- Provided treatment for elephantiasis
- Drilled 3 water wells and provided clean water

2021 Goals

- Buy 70 cows
- Advance artificial breeding efforts
- Create sustainability through capacity building

“For nothing is impossible with God.”

Luke 1:37



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