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The UN in Ethiopia has identified four interconnected outcomes that will guide its development cooperation over the next five years:

- All people in Ethiopia enjoy the rights and capabilities to realize their potential in equality and with dignity.
- All people in Ethiopia live in a cohesive, just, inclusive and democratic society.
- All people in Ethiopia benefit from an inclusive, resilient and sustainable economy.
- All people in Ethiopia live in a society resilient to environmental risks and adapted to climate change.



Ethiopia Humanitarian Country Team visits IDPs, humanitarian response in Afar

The Ethiopia Humanitarian Country Team (EHCT) led by UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, Dr. Catherine Sozi, conducted a field visit to Afar region from 12-14 December.

The visit aimed to reach out and engage with Afar regional leadership and community leaders on the humanitarian situation, get first-hand update on the humanitarian situation in Afar- including needs on ground and on-going response and explore ways of scaling up the response to support the regional Government in addressing humanitarian needs in the region.

According to the Disaster Prevention and Food Security



Programme Coordination Office (DPFSPCO), more than 1.3 million people are directly or indirectly affected by the conflict and over 376,000 persons are displaced in the region.

During the visit, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator

Dr. Catherine Sozi, discussed with Afar Region President Awol Arba on the humanitarian situation in the region and the UN and partners' response to address the substantial unmet needs.

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Social workers rally support for displaced people in northern Ethiopia



A network of over 100 Ethiopians displaced by the conflict in the north of the country is supporting others to recover from trauma and access basic services..

The pain and trauma that Mebrat experienced when she fled her

home has helped her in her current role as a social worker, making her better understand the plight and needs of the people she assists.

The 32-year-old mother of three never imagined she would become a symbol of hope,

“My dream has finally come true!”

Sudanese student Raba Hakim fulfils a lifelong dream of going to university, thanks to a Mastercard Foundation scholarship.

The huge grin on her face says it all – 16 September was the most exciting day of Raba Abdurahim Hakim’s life, when she boarded a flight for Nairobi, Kenya to begin a new chapter.

The 22-year-old Sudanese student was headed to the United States International University-Africa (USIU-Africa), where she will be studying for a bachelor’s degree in psychology, through a Mastercard Foundation scholarship.

“I am so happy that my dream has finally come true!” she smiled as she hugged her father goodbye,

moments before her departure from their modest house in Tongo refugee camp in Ethiopia.

The Mastercard Foundation Scholars

Program is open to refugees in various countries across the world, including Ethiopia, where young refugee women like Raba and students from the local community who are “self-motivated and potential change makers with a strong commitment to improve their community” can apply.



trust and strength for displaced Ethiopians who have found refuge in a health centre in Mekelle, the capital of the Tigray region.

“Some people tell me they can’t sleep at night. They have flashbacks of what they saw as they escaped,” she said. “I think they confide in me because I am friendly and I understand what they have been through.”

She was forced to flee her home ten months ago by truck, then on foot, walking for five days until her shoes wore out, hiding in villages and sleeping on the road with no food or money.

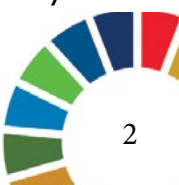
Today, she is using her pain to help others and she finds that it helps her do her job well.

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“I am ready to learn new skills, make new friends and prepare for a future that will allow me to return to Sudan one day and help my people,” she said.

For Raba, the opportunity follows a challenging educational journey.

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UNIDO and Ethiopia's Ministry of Industry sign a €2 mln agreement to support Integrated Agro Industrial Parks



Ethiopia's Ministry of Industry and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) have signed a €2m agreement to support Integrated Agro-Industrial Parks (IAIPs), funded by the Italian Agency for Development and Cooperation.

This agreement will contribute to the development of the agro-industrial sector and the creation of decent jobs and economic opportunities in the rural areas of Ethiopia. The objective of the new project is to support the inclusive and sustainable development of

four pilot IAIPs. Project activities will concentrate on increasing private sector involvement in agro-industry, improving food quality, safety and traceability, and promoting social inclusion and environmental sustainability.

With the support of UNIDO, the Government of Ethiopia has prioritized the establishment of the IAIPs as a primary tool to achieve agricultural modernization and rural industrialization in the country. To this end, the Government of Ethiopia has mobilized various funding sources and development partners for the implementation of IAIPs.

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Semi-urban women exhibit and trade products to consumers in Addis Ababa



Women entrepreneurs of semi-urban areas engaged in small-scale businesses took part in a ten-day market exhibition to trade their products to consumers and

retailers in Addis Ababa.

The ten-day exhibition organized by Women in Self Employment (WISE), one of the UN

Women's partners, was funded by the Government of Swedish International Development Cooperation, the Government of Norway and the Government of Netherlands.

The exhibition held in the premises of WISE brought together hundred participants of which ninety-five were from semi-urban areas and the remaining from within Addis Ababa.

Milk and poultry products, honey, grains, coffee, hand woven baskets and other consumer goods were some of the products brought to the tradeshow by the women entrepreneurs.

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UNOPS constructed latrines in Addis Ababa

UNOPS constructed environmentally friendly latrines in 17 selected schools in Addis Ababa to improve hygiene and sanitation services for school children and teachers. The eco-friendly latrine project funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) has piloted a more acceptable latrine in Ethiopia—simple to install, affordable, comfortable, and easy to clean.



Integrated rice-fish farming shows promising results in Ethiopia

Yenenesh Mulu, 28, is preparing to introduce fish in her rice field. “I am thrilled about what I am observing and look forward to this new way of farming,” she said.

As the blazing midmorning sun shone relentlessly on the vast rice fields in Fogera Woreda, Amhara regional state, a group of farmers gathered around a model site to start their discovery-based learning lesson. The 25 farmers are members of an Aquaculture Field School (AFS) piloting rice-fish integrated farming. Rice-fish farms allow the production of fish from the same field area and generally with a positive effect on rice yields.

The farmers planted the paddy rice in July 2021 and introduced the tilapia fish in August. Their 25x25m pond has refuge canals. In case of reduced water levels, the fish can seek refuge in the canals. When the water level in the canals is too low for the fish, they will end up in the pond to be harvested.

The farmers regularly observe



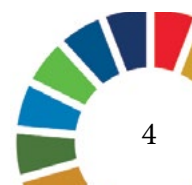
the condition and performance of the rice and fish as well as the water temperature. They measure the height of the rice plants and observe the colour of the rice and pest incidences in the field. In a bi-weekly plenary, the farmers discuss the results of the field observations before making decisions about the practices. The AFS sub group members facilitate the plenary sessions.

The extension workers also support the learning session by facilitating technical topics ranging

from agronomic and aquaculture practices to gender, human health, nutrition, and animal husbandry.

“The project aims to prove that the 10 percent of the surface with fish will yield more money than if there would have been 10 percent more rice,” said Martinus Van Der Knaap, the Fishery and Aquaculture Officer, FAO Subregional Office for Eastern Africa.

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UN Women supported emergency shelter inaugurated in Afar

UN Women supported the establishment of a center to respond to gender-based violence in Afar region.

The Association for Women's Sanctuary and Development (AWSAD) officially opened its emergency shelter in Semera, capital of Afar, on 23 September 2021 in the presence of H.E. Ayisha Yasin, Head of the Afar Region Bureau of Women,

Children and Youth Affairs (BoWCYA), H.E. Yasin Mohammed, Deputy Mayor of Semera, and representatives of relevant government sectors and non-governmental agencies, UN Women Ethiopia, media and other stakeholders.



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Ethiopia launches a COVID-19 vaccination campaign targeting the 12 years and above population

On 16 November 2021, the Federal Ministry of Health (MoH) launched a COVID-19 vaccination campaign aiming to vaccinate people aged 12 years and above.

The Ministry has deployed over 28,000 vaccinators and more than 6.2 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines for the campaign, namely, Sinopharm, AstraZeneca, Johnson & Johnson/Janssen, and Pfizer-BioNTech. These vaccines will be used for the campaign together



with vaccines that had been deployed earlier.

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FAO provides cash to households affected by disasters

Cash and vouchers play a critical role in FAO's response to shocks and crises when farmers, pastoralists, and fishers can no longer buy food or the productive inputs they need.

Between 2020 and 2021, FAO is reaching about 125 000 households affected by desert locusts, drought, COVID-19, and conflict with cash in 2020/21, about 50 000 with unconditional cash transfers. Each beneficiary household receives between USD \$ 40 - 70. The intervention follows the Cash+ model that combines cash transfers

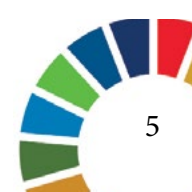


with productive assets, inputs, and/or technical training and extension services to enhance the livelihoods and productive

capacities of the targeted households.

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A teacher's dedication to support her students' education amid COVID-19



48-year-old Endalech Haile has been teaching Amharic at Dil Betigil Primary School, in Addis Ababa since 2009. "I have always wanted to be a teacher or a police officer."

I went to school in a very rural area in south Gondar, and there was a shortage of teachers, so when I was in grade 6, I used to

teach grade 1 and 2 students," she shares her journey as a teacher. "I began developing an interest in teaching children when I was in grades 5 and 6. Since then, I have always loved teaching. I now

have over 25 years of teaching experience."

"In my village, it wasn't common to send girls to school. In an environment whereby getting their girls married as children was a perceived honor for families, my father's preference to send me to school was a rare chance." Say Endalech, explaining her father's

influence in achieving her dream.

"My father told me that some men have requested him to marry me off, but he chose education. I am thankful."

"Every morning, I wake up so motivated to come to school, I prepare my lecture and come to my students. I have been working as a teacher for such a long time, but I am always happy with my students and look forward to seeing them every day," says Endalech about her enthusiasm to work.

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Celebrating waste: How do we build an ecosystem in solid waste recycling, reuse, and upcycling?



When it comes to waste management we know that the informal sector plays a major role in upcycling and recycling waste. However, to make a significant impact and reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfills, we need to mobilize the private sector. We also need to build a

compelling case and demonstrate return on investment. Why do solid waste recycling, reuse and upcycling make good, clean (and green) business sense? The market for segregated waste and waste products is currently be limited to recycling plastic and composting organic waste. However, there

is a real opportunity as well as encouraging signs that turning waste into usable items (upcycling) and recycling paper, rubber, metal, among others, has the potential to grow in Ethiopia.

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