



## Green Ethiopia Foundation

Charitable foundation for the environment and development in Ethiopia

### Report 1st tertial 2022

#### Main activities January-April

During the first 4 months, the main activities focused on seedling production and preparing the mountains for reforestation.



**Women are taking care of the seedlings in the tree-nurseries**

On the picture:

Women's group of the Weliso Youth Cooperative are caring for coffee seedlings



**Farmers are making preparations for reforestation.**

On the picture:

Farmers from Agita village in the Amhara region are digging ditches and planting holes

## Summary of the four first months of 2022

- In the three regions Amhara, Oromia and Sidamo, the work for the 2022 reforestation is going smoothly and according to the plan.
- Nursery reports are showing that in some cases, more than the budgeted 8,2 million seedlings are fortunately being produced. The reason for this is that many women are willing to work for us – especially for the income – and therefore do more than expected. This once again gives us the opportunity to express our gratitude and highlights how much women are efficient and essential.
- The preparation of the mountains and hills for the reforestation of July and August has begun and we are confident that the work will be completed in time for the planting season.
- Water collection and women's empowerment projects are also being actively driven forward by the people in our reforestation areas. New water sources (water from the previous year's reforestations) and wells are being built and developed. The growing of vegetables around women's huts and gardens is expanding in an encouraging way. Until April, we have already donated money to finance 160 donkeys for single women.
- The severe drought in East Africa fortunately does not directly affect our areas, except in the Sidamo region where some villages are at risk. People there are taking precautions to avoid famine.
- People working in the tree nurseries – mostly women – are deploring the considerable inflation. The wages we are paying are based on regional regulations from the government and are lagging behind the inflation. As we value the correct payment of people working for us, we are open to adjust our wages to the inflation rate.
- Despite the ceasefire since the end of March, the Tigray region is still not reachable and cut off from all means of communication.
- Due to the maternity leave of our office manager in Addis Ababa, we hired an additional staff member on a part-time basis. He is a forester who just completed his degree.

All in all, we can be very satisfied and grateful regarding the 4 first months. We are especially grateful towards our sponsors and donators who, despite the high demand for donations following the war in Ukraine, remain loyal to us and continue to support us in a great way. Many thanks.



Landless youths in Tiyo, Arsi Mountains, preparing the reforestation.

Working on Green Ethiopia projects for the future instead of hanging around in cities and villages.

**This is also GREEN ETHIOPIA!**



## Impressions from tree nurseries in the three planting regions Amhara, Oromia and Sidamo

### Amhara

Two examples of the situation in March.

On the left, the last pots are still being added in the seedbeds or are already ready. On the right in the background, a green area with vegetable cultivation.



### Oromia

Picture on the left: in the Dukem tree nursery also, pots are placed in the seedbeds.

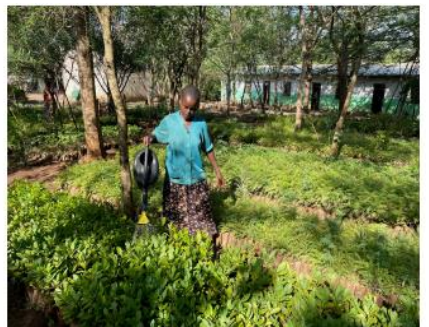
Picture on the right: fruit trees were grafted at the Godino tree nursery.



### Sidamo

Picture on the left: women are taking care of the plants at the Rohri Nursery.

Picture on the right: at the Mechiso tree nursery, seedlings are being cultivated in a plant depot.



The humus in these pots consists of compost, sand and, very important, of the same forest soil used for planting. This enables optimal chances for growth and survival of the plants.



## Impressions of the reforestation preparations in the three planting regions Amhara, Oromia and Sidamo

### Amhara

In the mountainous Amhara region, farmers are building terraces, water ditches and planting holes for the reforestation in July-August.



### Oromia

Picture on the left: the GECO youth group in Ada is building the reforestation preparations in Debre Zeyt.



Picture on the right: one hilltop is ready for reforestation in the Arsi mountains.

### Sidamo

Picture on the left: women from the Safa group are building terraces and digging planting holes.



Photo on the right: women from the Adame group are returning to the village of Adama after work.



Farmers from the planting group "Ashito" are trained and instructed for their work during a meeting.



## Impressions from our women's empowerment program including the donkey for women

### Amhara

Vegetables cultivations are follow-up projects resulting from our reforestation works. Thanks to the water from the forests, vegetables can be grown even in the dry season.



### Oromia

Picture on the left: giving of fully equipped donkeys to women in Dukem.



Picture on the right: distribution of donkeys in Debre Zeyt.



### Sidamo

Examples of some vegetable cultivations in women's private gardens in Dara.



Together with the flatbread, vegetables are Ethiopian's staple food



## Water collection: impressions

### Oromia

In Tiyo, our associate Mr. Misgan managed to take this picture of a farmer who discovered a new spring at the foot of Teyo-Mountain in the Arsi-Highlands, where he can collect clean water.

The expression on this man's face is worth a thousand words!



### Amhara

Channels are conducting water from the forests to the fields for vegetable cultivation.

### Sidamo

Thanks to the pumps (picture on the left) and wells (picture on the right), water from our forests is made available to the people. Pictures in Dara.





## Outcomes

In addition to pictures of the current events, our partners also regularly send us pictures of our activities and their results, especially the one showing how nature is recovering. Here are some examples of pictures we received:



## Acknowledgments

We would like to thank all people in Ethiopia who help implementing our projects and whose work contributes to our success.

Our thanks also go to all the sponsors and donators whose money is supporting us in a valuable way.

**A HUGE thank you.**

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in guten Händen.**

