

Report 2nd tertial 2022

Main activities May to August

The main focus in these four months was
planting the tree seedling during rainy season July and August



Plant depot

Before planting, the seedlings are transported by trucks near to the mountain sites and deposited.

From these plant depots, the transport is by donkeys or by human beings.



Planting the seedlings

As soon as sufficient rain moistened up the prepared planting holes and soil moisture and humidity allows, thousands of farmers participate in planting the seedlings.

Summery of the activities May to August 2022 and general information

- We are very happy that in the three regions Amhara, Oromia und Sidamo we continued and implemented our project with good success. Because the main plantation time is the rainy season during July and August, most of the seedlings are planted by now. We already received new proposals to continue our collaboration in the future.
- The quality of the seedlings was very good, we are very satisfied with the work in the different nurseries.
- The dramatic drought in East Africa does not yet arrive in our project areas. Just in the southern project area “Sidamo” there is a certain danger of rain shortage, and that the drought could touch some territories. The people there are active to prevent a famine.
- The conflict in the northern Tigray region still don’t allow us to work there. During the last weeks, different very worrisome reports indicate an increase in violence again. We are very concerned about the harm of the people there.
- In July, our Board member Mr. Simon, PhD, visited some of our project sites in Ethiopia, including a new site into which we plan to expand our activities. He was accompanied by our new employee in Addis Ababa Office, Mr. Misgan, who holds a degree in agro-forestry.



Member of the Dara Women Development Association, planting trees in Sidamo area

Final work in the nurseries and transport of the seedlings to the plantation sites

Amhara

Photo left: Forestry experts control the quality of the seedling before they are transported. Photo right: before tree planting, farmers are instructed about their duties and careful handling of plants.



Oromia

Photo left: the beautiful seedlings shows, that the women at the Godino nursery did a very good job. Photo right: Representatives from the Government visit the nursery.



Sidamo

Photo left: the seedlings are grown and cared for at the nursery until the rainy season starts

Photo right: Woman cares the seedlings of famous «Sidamo Coffee».



In the Godino nursery (Aada Woreda, Debre Zeyt) the team is loading the seedlings on a truck which will transport the seedlings to the plantation areas.

Impressions from planting days on mountain sites

Amhara

Thanks to a very good rainy season, the farmers are able to plant the seedlings in good conditions. These plants will have a good chance to survive.



Oromia

Photo left: The Geco Youth Development group is planting at Debre Zeyt.

Photo right: Same at Dukem, several youth groups are planting.



Sidamo

Photos: Women from the Dara women association are finishing the terracing and digging holes to be ready for planting. Despite the hard work, they are happy to change their future with forests.



The seedlings have been transported by truck as far as they can drive up to the mountain. From there, donkeys transport the seedlings further up the steep ways, and finally on the rocky and slippery last part to reach the mountain tops usually humans are the ones carrying the seedlings to the place of planting.

Impressions from our “Women development projects”, including donkeys

Amhara

This woman farmer grows fruit trees around her vegetable field. And as we visited her homestead, the woman invited us for eating potatoes from her production.



Oromia

At Weliso, the women are happy about the received donkeys. Also the clean water from the new shallow well is very much appreciated. Before, they had to fetch and carry the water from far away.



Sidamo

For the Dara Women we provided “Ensete” root stock (Ensete is considered as the tree against hunger). We also donated a grinding mill to reduce the post-harvest loss during grind.



Every woman from the Dara Women Association contributed with a small amount to purchase the grinding mill. While the amount was small, the symbol of contribution and collaboration in changing their lives is unmatched.

Results

When visiting the project sites in the Amhara region, our employee Mr. Misgan took the following pictures from the results observed in the area where we planted the first trees around 10 years ago. The achievement corresponds to our aim:

Trees – Forests – Water – Nutrition – better Life.



One of our partners wrote in the annual report the following remark:

«Green Ethiopia starts on the bottom of the food-chain. Fighting the erosion with sustainable afforestation does ensure enough water and food for Ethiopian people. »

We say “Thank you very much indeed”

We thank our partner in Ethiopia who implement our project with great effort and hard work. The success of our project is their merit.

We thank our donors, our sponsoring partners, and all people who support us with donations. Despite the big problems with the war in the Ukraine, they don't forget the huge problems with the drought on the Horn of Africa, and they support our project with grateful donations.

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

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