



# Newsletter of March

## School Project

The kindergartner's school is closed since the Ethiopian government order to shut down the schools and government office due to COVID 19. It is spreading in the nation, the student evacuated from the school and send them back to their family. It has been 4 weeks since the school is shut down. Since our school project is working with the poorest of the poor, who livelihood is daily laborer, who are widows and disabled who couldn't get enough income to stock up food in their home therefore for the children parent who is encompassed in this project. We distributed for 67 household food like rice and food oil and sanitary materials like bathing soap and laundry soap. Give them awareness about COVID 19 and to keep their child, home and their environment to be clean also teach them to wash their hand regularly in a day.



Distributing food and supplies to children parents





## Self-dependence project

Monthly group home rent expense, sanitary material, transportation fees are providing to the beneficiaries as usual.

Before we let them go back to their home we gave them a half-day awareness presentation about how to avoid getting coronavirus. During the first place about good hand washing regularly in a day, keeping personal and surrounding hygiene and social distancing. Also, we have taught them about the symptoms of the COVID 19. We informed them to call to a medical center and ask an instruction for what to do. We are continuing to monitor the students to see how they are doing during this difficult time.





Receiving basic need fees

## Story of Yeshitawork Tamiru

Yeshitawork Tamiru is 18 years old and attends hairdressing/beatification training. She lives with her younger half-sister and brother, Haymanot Aleye 17 years and grade 9 student and Erimias Tamiru 12 and 6-grade students. She also got a chance to enroll in education up to grade 10. Her parents are alive but they divorced when she was 15 years old.

After her parents' divorce every responsibility failed on her shoulder, her mother started lives outside of Addis to start her own business and her father is married. She used to support her younger siblings by selling lottery tickets on the street and local bars till night time. They are renting a house that costs 200 ETB (\$11 USD) per month. Sometimes they have difficulty paying the home rent and some of the time her business did not go well.

One of her friends told her about HCE and the service it provides then she went and registered.

Currently, she is attending hairdressing and beatification training. She is very happy to get the chance to attend the training. After she completed the training she wanted to make more money and desire to fulfill her sibling's needs as well in the future she has a dream to open a business collaborating with other of her friends.





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## Street Children program

We have educated them on the symptoms of COVID-19, and what to do in case you are experiencing these symptoms. The beneficiaries are also educated on staying healthy during these times, both physically and mentally. We are continuing to follow-up with them to see how they are doing. We are continuing to provide them with basic support like house rent, sanitary fees, and transportation.



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## New life girls home

As known in this program we delivering shelter, meals, counseling, and medical service to the beneficiaries who encompassed in this program. Since our New life girls are living together we extended them giving them awareness about the coronavirus and how to protect themselves and others from the virus. We teach them the protection mechanism from the virus. Also, we informed them about the symptoms that the sick or affected person shows. We told them if one person shows these kinds of symptoms to isolate and call doctors and HCE staff or there is free call service and consult them then the person gives them medical attention.







Giving Aware about COVID 19 to New life Girls

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## Chenca Project

Also, regarding COVID 19 they are planning to give awareness about the virus, prevention mechanism, symptoms, and how and when need medical attention. Since there are no coronavirus cases in the region before the case is spreading they are preparing themselves and in collaboration with province and district administration arranging and talking when and how to reach and give the training to the community. Also, they are working on distributing sanitizer and antibacterial soap to the community as well.

In the first week of March Chenca project staffs had given training to SHG cluster leaders who came from different SHG clusters group. The training was given for 105 SHG cluster leaders. And the training they took was about problem-solving, how to engage in income-generating activities and saving and investment and how to open a bank account for saving and so on.



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## We need your help!

Since the first COVID 19 case was confirmed in Ethiopia on March 13, 2020, the government of Ethiopia announced the banning of schools, large gatherings, and sports events. Limited number of workers are working in federal offices. Some regions outside the capital city are on lockdown and ban transportation from and into until further notice. Due to the rustication of movement from and in the capital city, food items that come from different town's shows are raising their prices and it's difficult to afford for very poor people since most of their livelihood depends on low wages and begging.

However, the government is taking measures to contain the spread of the virus and help needy people. The government is creating awareness about early prevention interventions like social distancing, frequent washing hands, and keeping personal and environmental hygiene. Along with the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, different institutions, organizations, and NGOs marched beside the government battling the virus. But what has been done so far is good but not good enough. More and more is expected from the government and NGOs to reach the poorest of the poor.

As a Hope for children in Ethiopia, we are working with disadvantaged and vulnerable members of the community. We have been distributing food and sanitary materials to certain vulnerable members and needy people. However,



there are more people who need help. As an organization, we want to reach more people. We need to conduct an intervention to help the needy in this very difficult time, we need voluntary givers who stand beside the needy people, we need people who want to work collaboratively with HCE Ethiopia to support this community and if you're able, to support us get through these very difficult times. We need YOU. Every single dollar counts. Our beneficiaries are more vulnerable now than ever, we are committed to doing all we can to protect them, but we need your help.

