

CORDAID IN ETHIOPIA

# BUILDING SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS AND STRENGTHENING SYSTEMS

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Cordaid started operating in Ethiopia in 2006, focusing on community-managed disaster risk reduction. Since then, we have expanded our expertise with community-based disaster risk reduction, health system strengthening, employment and entrepreneurship, peace and security, financial mechanisms, food systems and livelihoods, and innovative technologies.

In January 2021, Cordaid and ICCO joined forces. With our combined track records and increased expertise, we continue to fight poverty and exclusion.

## KEY RESULTS 2021



**83**  
staff members



**17**  
projects

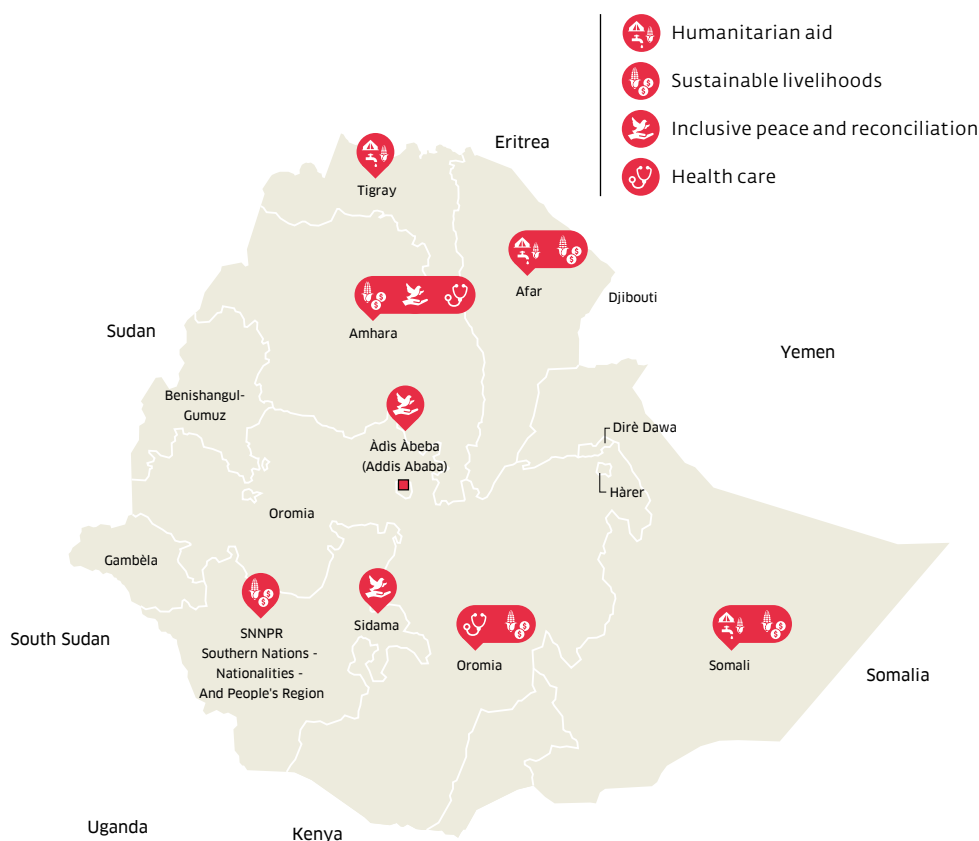


**4.5 mln**  
people reached



**€12.8 mln**  
income

## WHERE WE WORK



## WHAT WE DO



### HUMANITARIAN AID

Cordaid provides equitable access to life-saving humanitarian assistance. By applying a comprehensive and integrated approach we address the root causes of fragility, especially those faced by youth and women. Through Triple Nexus, we focus not only on the most urgent needs but also on increasing resilience. We do this by increasing the disaster risk management capacity of community and government authorities and enabling communities to build sustainable disaster recovery mechanisms.

In 2021, 105,900 people were provided with life-saving basic services and 165,400 people were supported by our humanitarian responses.

[Read more](#) on the [Cordaid Ethiopia website](#).



*Smallholder farmers meet as part of the STARS project*



### SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

Cordaid works on increasing food and nutrition security, improving income and building sustainable livelihoods. We focus on people living below or just above the poverty line, rural communities and people suffering from the consequences of climate change, natural hazards, or disasters.

In 2021, we reached 27,700 people through these projects.

The Making Markets Work for the Poor approach is the foundation of our value chain development projects. Through these activities, smallholder farmers, in particular youth and women, receive agricultural training or connect with local business development service providers. This way, we contribute to breaking the cycle of poverty and food insecurity.

The Strengthening Rural Smallholders project has improved the agricultural skills and value chain position of 66,000 smallholder farmers in Ethiopia. The project impacted a total of 330,000 household members.

We support the owners of micro, small and medium enterprises to sustainably grow their businesses. The aim is to promote inclusive and green growth to benefit women, youth and economically marginalised groups. We provide technical assistance and strengthen capacity on both the demand and supply side. This includes technical and vocational skills development (TVET), facilitating access to decent work and improving work environments.

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*Youth participating in the JSE project in Bahir Dar.*



## INCLUSIVE PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

Cordaid aims to increase the inclusion and empowerment of women for equal and meaningful participation in peace-building and conflict transformation. We also address the gaps women face in access to justice in formal and informal spaces. We strive to eliminate all forms of inequity, including gender inequality, for sustainable and peaceful development. This means working with people from different gender identities and from diverse backgrounds applying an inter-sectional approach.

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## HEALTH CARE

In health care, we apply the performance-based financing (PBF) approach. This supply-side financing mechanism improves the output of health care facilities and local health authorities by incentivising pre-determined results. PBF enables these facilities to improve the health system and allows them to respond to the needs of the most vulnerable populations while providing better quality health care services. The overall objective is equitable access to inclusive, quality health care and sexual and reproductive health services.

In 2021, our PBF health projects in Jimma and Borana reached 4.3 million people. More than 80% of the health care facilities improved their overall quality score and had the following results:

- 2 million outpatient consultations
- 33,800 women who had at least four antenatal care visits
- 74,800 skilled deliveries by health professionals.

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## EXPANDING HEALTH SYSTEM STRENGTHENING IN ETHIOPIA

**In Borana and Jimma, we support health authorities to improve their services through performance-based financing. In 2020, we started to expanding this work to all 21 districts in Jimma.**

Participating health facilities have the autonomy to decide how to spend the money received. Each month, the verifiers check the accuracy of reported data. In 2020, we piloted a blockchain technology to raise additional funds for verified quality health care services.

With a grant from the Embassy of the Kingdom of The Netherlands, we have been able to continue and expand the programme. Key results for 2020 included:

- In Jimma, the average quality scores for health centres increased from 19% in April 2019 to 57% in June 2021.

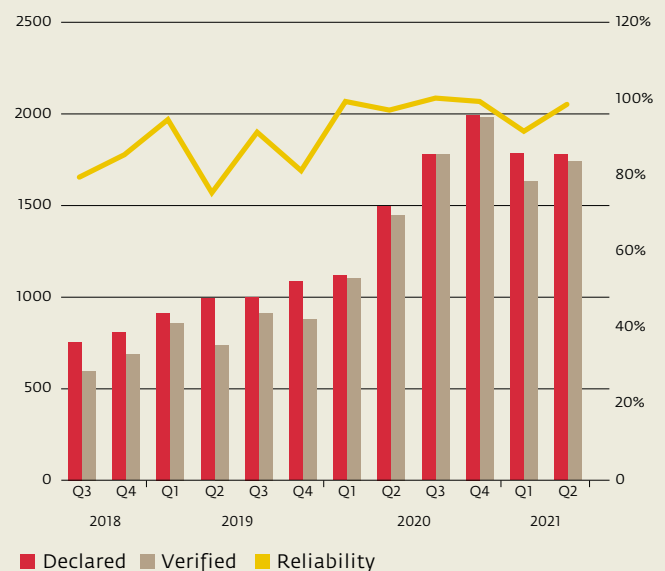


Patient gets health check in a Jimma Health Centre implementing PBF.

- From 2018 to mid-2021, the verified number of women that visited Borana health centres for skilled deliveries almost tripled to 1700 women (see graph 1).
- From 2019 to mid-2021, the percentage of verified cases increased from 11% to 79% in Jimma, indicating improved accuracy of reported data due to verification and coaching by Cordaid staff.

### Skilled delivery services in Borana

Declared figures are the deliveries services reported by the health centres through the Ministry of Health. Verified figures are figures verified by Cordaid staff. Reliability is the proportion of the declared figures that is verified.





## TRACK RECORD OVERVIEW

### A SELECTION OF OUR TRACK RECORD

THEME	DONOR	IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS	ACTIVITIES INCLUDE	PERIOD
<b>Sustainable livelihoods</b>	Ethiopia Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands	Regional government authorities, training providers, employer institutions	Training of unemployed youth, facilitation of apprenticeships and employment experiences.	2021 - 2024
<b>Sustainable livelihoods</b>	Bread for the World	EECMY-DASSC OWDA	Increasing food security, livelihood opportunities and resilience of desert locust affected farmers and pastoralists.	2021 - 2023
<b>Humanitarian aid</b>	Dutch Relief Alliance (DRA)	ZOA, SOS, SV/IRC, Save the Children, Tearfund	Providing life-saving assistance to people most affected by the conflict in Tigray and Amhara.	2020 - 2022
<b>Health care</b>	Ethiopia Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands	Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance, health facilities, CSOs	Health care services assessments, training, technical support, lobby & advocacy for PBF, and strategic purchasing.	Borona: 2020 - 2022 Jimma: 2019 - 2023
<b>Inclusive peace and reconciliation</b>	Cordaid	HUNDEE, Ethiopian Women Lawyer's Association	Capacity strengthening on women's rights, peace building and conflict resolution, sessions with community representatives and legal aid services.	2020 - 2021
<b>Humanitarian aid</b>	European Union	Action Against Hunger, Caritas, CIFA, COOPI, and others	Promotion of social innovations for resilience building.	2019 - 2022
<b>Sustainable livelihoods</b>	Mastercard Foundation	Ministry of Agriculture, micro-finance institutions and others	Development of financial services to smallholder farmers, including tailor-made loan products.	2016 - 2021

## INTO THE FUTURE

In the coming years, Cordaid Ethiopia continues to increase food and nutrition security, sustainable livelihood opportunities and the role of women in peace building. We will also continue to contribute to improving the access to inclusive and quality health care and sexual reproductive health services.

Across our thematic programmes, we apply the following approaches:

- Performance-based financing
- Partnership with multi-level stakeholders
- Localisation
- Triple Nexus
- Gender transformation

## ABOUT CORDAID

Cordaid is an internationally operating value-based emergency relief and development organisation, working in and on fragility. We support local communities in their efforts to improve health care, food security, education, employment, entrepreneurship, security and justice. Where disasters strike, we offer humanitarian assistance. Our multi-stakeholder approach seeks and promotes alliances of civil society organisations, as well as the public and the private sectors. We focus on local agents for change and implement innovative digital and financial methods to increase the impact of interventions.

Our quality management system is ISO and Partos certified, we have an ECHO partnership certificate and our risk management policy and framework respond to internationally required standards. We set and maintain high standards of performance for ourselves and our partners, to ensure the well-being and safety of everyone we work with and for.

We value the partnership and financial support from our institutional and private donors. Institutional donors have trusted our capacities and expertise, both in the past and for the years to come. We also cherish our loyal donor base of more than 250,000 individuals from the Netherlands.

Cordaid is a founding member of Caritas Internationalis and CIDSE.

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