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Project EWASH

FY 25-26 Q1-Q2 Report



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A DEEP DIVE WASH

A handwashing campaign was conducted in three primary schools, reaching 2,671 students (1,280 boys and 1,391 girls) to promote proper hygiene and prevent communicable diseases.

The campaign raised awareness on handwashing with soap at critical times through demonstrations, interactive sessions, and peer-led activities. Students learned correct handwashing practices and were encouraged to act as hygiene ambassadors at home and in their communities, fostering a culture of cleanliness and reducing illness risks.

366 community members (224 men and 142 women) participated in an awareness campaign promoting water source protection, sanitation, and hygiene practices.

The campaign focused on proper waste management, safe water handling, and personal hygiene to reduce waterborne diseases and improve public health. It also emphasized sustainable water use and community responsibility. As a result, participants improved their knowledge and were motivated to actively protect and preserve local water sources.

176 influential leaders (97 men and 79 women), including natural and religious leaders, participated in WASH training.

The training strengthened their capacity to promote safe hygiene, water source protection, and improved sanitation. As trusted figures, they are now better equipped to advocate for behavior change and lead healthier communities.

218 Women Development Association members attended WASH awareness sessions

The women acquired knowledge and skills to promote safe water use, improved sanitation, and hygiene practices. This strengthened their capacity to drive grassroots development and advance public health in their communities.

59 health extension workers participated in training on WASH promotion, community mobilization, and follow-up.

The training enhanced their capacity to raise community awareness, promote behavior change, and ensure consistent monitoring of sanitation and hygiene practices, contributing to improved public health outcomes.

The construction of one school latrine has begun at Arbagnoch Primary School

This is expected to be completed in Q3, while the remaining latrines are scheduled for construction during Q3 and Q4.

A total of 700 meters of water line was extended to newly constructed community water points

The remaining works are set to be completed in Q3.

The 700m of waterline being installed for the new community water point



WE CAN'T WAIT TEAM VISIT

November 2025



PROJECT PROGRESS SNAPSHOT



EDUCATION

Significant progress was made in terms of activities related to education. Many children, especially in the Ezha District, received essential school materials to support their quality of learning. Teachers received various trainings to enhance their classroom curriculums and classroom management. Subsequently, Parent Teacher Committees (PTAs), Child Protection Committees and Project Staff recieved training on child protection, leadership and community mobilisation.

HEALTH

Various health activities occurred during Q1 and Q2. The construction of 3 antenatal, delivery and postnatal rooms at Agena Health Center were completed. The improved quality and accessibility of safe delivery centres will greatly improve infant and maternal health in the region. Off-food support was also provided for 57 malnourished children referred from health centres to cover essential necessities.

LIVELIHOOD

Due to the seasonal barrier of the rainy season in Ethiopia, Q1 and Q2 saw limited progression of livelihood activities. The traditional agrarian lifestyles prevalent in most of rural Ethiopia positions livelihoods to be dictated by weather conditions. During Q3 and Q4, activities will focus on strengthening farming capabilities, sustainability and livelihood diversification.

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CHILDREN HAVE
ACCESS TO
QUALITY
EDUCATION

**2183 BOYS
& 2036 GIRLS**

186

SCHOOL BAGS
AND UNIFORMS
DISTRIBUTED TO

**99 BOYS
& 87 GIRLS**

763

CHILDREN
RECEIVED
SCHOOL
MATERIALS

**406 BOYS
& 357 GIRLS**

118

TEACHERS
RECEIVED
TRAINING

**76 MALE
& 42 FEMALE**





Handwashing
campaign at
school in Ezha



New improved
community
water point



New Improved
Latrine for a
Household of 5

SUCCESS STORY

Aberash

Prior to BBBC's intervention, communities in Shurmo Kebele, Lemo Woreda, faced critical challenges related to poor hygiene and sanitation. Families, especially those with young children, relied on traditional, unsafe latrines that frequently collapsed and contributed to the spread of infectious diseases such as diarrhea, respiratory infections, typhoid, and other waterborne illnesses. These conditions had direct consequences on children's school attendance, family health, and household expenditures.

With support from our generous donors, BBBC introduced improved sanitation solutions in the area. This included the construction of durable latrines and awareness-raising efforts around proper latrine use and handwashing at critical times. Aberash, a mother of seven from Shurmo Kebele, is one of the many community members who have directly benefited from this initiative.

"Before we constructed and began using the improved latrine, we relied on a traditional one that was unsafe and frequently collapsed. My children and I were often exposed to diseases like diarrhea, typhoid, and waterborne illnesses. These health problems affected my children's school performance and caused unnecessary medical expenses.

Thanks to BBBC, we now have a safe and secure improved latrine. We've also received training on the importance of proper latrine use and handwashing at critical times."

This intervention has led to a noticeable improvement in the health and wellbeing of Aberash's family, and many others like hers.

previous latrine



Aberash with the improved latrine



Next Steps



1

Increased latrine access at Arbagnoch Primary

Construction of one school latrine has begun at Arbagnoch Primary School and is expected to be completed in Q3, while the remaining latrines are scheduled for construction during Q3 and Q4.

2

Support for widowed and poor families on improved latrine access

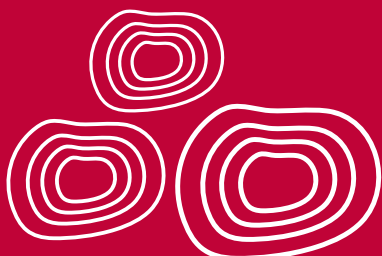
Procurement with vendors has been finalised and will be intensively implemented during Q3

3

Procurement and installation of an electric transformer to support Shurmo Borehole Water Supply System

The community currently relies on a fuel-powered generator, which is unsustainable due to the rising cost of fuel. Proposed is the installation of a 100 kVA power transformer, replacing the current diesel-powered generator. The community has committed to contribute with 30% of the direct costs, demonstrating strong ownership and readiness to support the project, and 5 Rotary clubs in collaboration with We Can't Wait have provided the other 70% of the required funds for the project. This will enhance safe, clean, affordable, and sustainable access to water supply, sanitation, improve public health, reduce labour burdens, and strengthen community management.

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