

Report on Work done by Yenege Tesfa

since the outbreak of COVID-19

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus. A report from 'Worldometers' is informing us as Coronavirus (COVID-19) is affecting 213 countries and territories around the world. It is also informing us as it has been gaining pace with cases and fatalities continuing to rise since its outbreak in mid-March.

As of today, 28st August, the number of confirmed cases, deaths, and recovered in Ethiopia have risen to 46,407; 745 and 16,826 respectively, compared to the last two months. Understanding the seriousness of the pandemic, Yenege Tesfa Organization was the first NGO in Gondar to practically act against the disease. It didn't stop working only once but continued its prevention and rehabilitation act as much as it could. We are so much grateful for our supporters/donors who stood on our side all the way we went through. We are grateful not only for their support but for all of the initiatives forwarded from them.

Here follows actions or measures taken to prevent the spread of coronavirus and to rehabilitate the indirect victims of the pandemic.

1- Awareness Raising

Following our country's quick action as soon as the outbreak of coronavirus which were implementing quarantine for new arrivals, shutting down schools and launching a national campaign of awareness in mid-March, Yenege Tesfa's staff in collaboration with Gondar City Health office and Youth Associations has raised the necessary and timely awareness on how to keep social distancing and the importance of washing hands prior to any NGOs or governmental sectors. Printed banners, T-shirts and flyers, for advertising, and materials like soaps, water and plastic containers for hand washing, and sanitizers and alcohol, for cleaning when water is not available, were used during our demonstrations at four different locations where we understood a crowd of people could be found.

The immediate outcome for our awareness raising action was many more governmental and private sectors and NGOs in Gondar took the initiatives here and there so that the community could be aware very easily.

We spent a total of Birr 8,490.00 (eight thousand four hundred ninety Birr) for raising the awareness.



2- Materials Support

2-1. Spices and Sanitizing materials to Group-home Children

The next step taken by our organization was distribution of different spices like ginger, garlic, 'fetto', etc., and fruits like lemons, and sanitizing materials like alcohol, sanitizer, liquid and solid soaps to our group-homes to be used by our children. These materials were distributed to each group-home after creating awareness on preventive measures about the importance of washing hands, keeping social distancing, staying at home, and so on.

Because of the preventive measures taken from the very start, and since our children have been doing as they were told, no case was discovered in any of our homes.

The extraordinary cost for the spices and materials was Eth. Birr 4,570.00.

2-2. KN95 Face Mask for Doctors

It is clear that Li Wenliang, a Chinese doctor (Ophthalmologist) at Wuhan Central Hospital, who warned his fellow medics about the coronavirus outbreak for the first time has died because of the virus. Since then, we are hearing news as hundreds of health doctors and nurses are infected and even died by the virus.

So, Yenege Tesfa intentionally bought 400 'KN 95 face mask and 350 of them were given to Gondar University Hospital to be used by doctors and nurses at the hospital. The masks were donated in a ceremonial manner through Engineer Mastewal, Mayor of Gondar City, to Prof. Ashenafi, Vice President of Gondar University. The rest 50 were distributed to YT's workers. The total cost of the masks was **Eth. Birr 86,000.00.**



2-3. Material Support for Governmental Sectors.

In addition to what Yenege Tesfa contributed for prevention and rehabilitation purposes against Coronavirus pandemic, it also supported two governmental offices in Gondar and Debarke cities.

2-3-1. For Fasil Sub-City Administration/Gondar

- Fasil Sub-city is one of the six sub-cities in Gondar City administration. NGOs in Gondar were invited in a meeting for a discussion about their contributions to local government administrations for the ongoing coronavirus disease. They decided to support sub-city administrations according to where they are located. So, Yenege Tesfa was assigned to

support Fasil sub-city and it donated gallons of paint and soap in its liquid form in a plastic container of 5 liters each according to the sub-city's request. The total cost of the paints and soaps was **Eth. Birr 5,730.00.**

2-3-2. Debark Woreda WCYA Office

According to the Debark Woreda Women, Children and Youth Affairs office request, Yenege Tesfa Organization donated Packages of 'Lifebuoy' soaps which coasted **Eth. Birr 5,000.00.**

2-4. Nose and Mouth covering Masks

One of the measures that should be taken to prevent the spread of the coronavirus disease is to cover one's mouth and nose by a mask. Yenege Tesfa bought and distributed masks to the community as follows.

2-4-1. Nose Mouth covering Masks to Taxi drivers ...

Our organization clearly understood that 'minibus-drivers' and their helpers /*Woyalas*/, traffic polices, and controllers were at risk of being highly exposed for people-to-people contact because of the nature of their work. Helping to keep these group of people safe means keeping hundreds of other people safe. Therefore, Yenege Tesfa bought 1000 mouth and nose covering masks and distributed them to minibus-drivers and their supporters, to traffic polices and controllers in collaboration with their associations. The total cost of these masks was **Eth. Birr 15,803.00.**





2-4-2. Masks to Disadvantaged Community Members

Disadvantaged community members are also those who are highly exposed to the spread of the disease as they couldn't buy masks. The Gondar City Mayor office requested Yenege Tesfa for a support of masks (as many as possible) that can be used by underprivileged dwellers of the Gondar City. Accepting the request, we asked our kindhearted and supportive donor if there could be any possibility to get donation that could be used for buying masks. The prompt response was positive as always. Therefore, Yenege Tesfa bought 5,000 mouth and nose covering masks by donation transferred from our generous donors. We presented the masks to Gondar Mayor and other higher officials to be distributed to the targeted people. The masks were given to individuals in collaboration with Gondar City Mayor, Gondar City Labor and Social Affairs, Gondar City Women, Children and Youth Affairs offices and Yenege Tesfa. The total cost for the masks was **Eth. Birr 57,500.00** /fifty-seven thousand and five hundred birr/





2-5. Food Stuffs, and Sanitary Materials Support

Although COVID-19 or Coronavirus pandemic affected the society directly or indirectly, vulnerable and disadvantaged community members are the most affected people. Giving the necessary attention to the seriousness of the problem, our organization distributed a total of 1,700 kg. of *teff*, 150 kg of *shiro*, 150 plastic containers of food oil (each container = 3liters), 50 plastic containers of liquid soap (each container = 5 liters), and 100 pieces of soap to 50 carefully selected underprivileged households. The total cost of those food and sanitation stuffs was **Eth. Birr 73,172.00.** /seventy-three thousand, one hundred seventy-two birr/





2-6. Support for Ambaras School Students' and Day Care Kids' Families

Because of the shut-down of schools in Ethiopia, the Ambaras School's feeding in the Simien Mountains and the Day Care Center were among the discontinued project activities. Understanding the seriousness of the problem and considering the effect of the coronavirus pandemic, Yenege Tesfa has supported the Ambaras school and the Day Care Kids' families with food stuffs and sanitation materials. Before doing this, donors of the two institutions were requested if we could use the budget for purpose we proposed. Their responses were positive. The support given to each institution was as follows.

2-6-1. Food Stuffs and Materials Support for Ambaras School Kids' Family

A total of 200 households (the student's family) received 4,760 kgs of barely, 20,040 kgs of wheat, 600 kgs of red pepper, 400 kgs of *shiro*, 600 liters of food oil, 200 kgs salt, and 1,000 pieces of soap. The cost of the given food stuffs and materials was **Eth. Birr 300,000.00 /Three hundred thousand Birr/**





2-6-2. Food stuffs and Material support for Day Care Kids' Mothers

35 mothers of the Day Care Kids have received a total of 1,700 kgs of wheat powder, 175 kgs rice, 105 liters of food oil, 105 liters of liquid soap. The total cost for the support was **Eth. Birr 58,990.00 /fifty-eight thousand, nine hundred and ninety Birr/**



2-7. Donated materials support for disadvantaged people

The Gondar City Women, Children and Youth Affairs office has donated a package of over-coats and two water jerricans each for three NGOs. Yenege Tesfa organization was one of them. They were given to each of the organizations to be used by needy individuals through them.

Receiving the one package of over-coats and two water jerricans from the office, we have distributed the over-coats to disadvantaged men who were suffering from cold weather and the jerricans to two households.

Pictures taken when the head of the office transferred the donation to representatives of the three organizations.

