

## Catholic Eparchy of Keren (CEK)

Catholic Church in Eritrea is a prominent in development, service and equitable socio-pastoral services in the country. Currently the Catholic Church in Eritrea has four Eparchies. One of these four eparchies is The Catholic Eparchy of Keren. Catholic Eparchy of Keren includes most parts of Anseba region and some parts of Northern Red Sea region.

Four ethnic groups live in the Eparchy of Keren. These are Blin, Tigre, Tigrigna and Hidareb. Main religions in the Eparchy are Christianity and Islam, both of which live harmony.

### Catholic Eparchial Secretariat of Keren (CESK)

**CEK** provides various socio-pastoral services in the Eparchy. The mandate of CESK is to coordinate the socio-pastoral activities of the Church and liaison with concerned government ministries and other partners. The socio-pastoral activities include the Pastoral, Education, Health, HIV/AIDS (Home-based Care program and counseling), Development/Emergency and Women in development.

	Category of staffs	No.
1	CESK staffs at head office	14
2	Catholic clinic staff	100
3	Catholic schools teachers	240
4	Women animators	15
5	Catechists	60
6	Parish priests	40
	<b>Total</b>	<b>469</b>

- **Pastoral activities** are tailored in conveying Church teaching and works to spread Christian values among Catholic communities. These activities take place through different parishes in the Eparchy.
- **Education Department** deals with educational services of the Eparchy. Eparchial education services range from kindergarten to an Agro-technical college. The Catholic Eparchy of Keren runs **13 kindergartens, 24 schools and 1 Agro-technical school**. There are more than 7000 students with about 250 teachers in this sector. This education infrastructure is fairly distributed in the Eparchy.

- **Health department** runs **8 health facilities** in the Eparchy that render health services to the people. These health facilities give service to **24%** of the total population in Anseba Region. The catchment-population of the health facilities is around 88,000.
  - There is Home Based Care Program that runs under Health Department. This specially deals with HIV/AIDS infected people.
  - There are five sub components inside the program i.e. counseling, peer education, health awareness, saving and credit program and social support.
  
- **Women in Development** has as its primary goal to emancipate women from social, cultural and economic barriers and enable them to be productive and participatory in the nation building process. Currently there are **48 women promotion groups in 37 villages**. Each group consists of from **18 up to 32** members with **15 animators**. In these centers women have access to different development activities like micro-credit program, livestock program, awareness raising program, hand weaving program and the like.
  
- **Emergency/development department** is set to respond effectively during emergencies at Eparchial level. Presently the program is working on food distribution as supplementary feeding program for malnourished children under five, pregnant and lactating mothers; development projects like introducing improved local stove, moringa tree distribution; livestock/goat distribution, seed distribution, construction of dams and check-dams... for the neediest population in Anseba region.

### **CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM**

- **CAFOD** played an enormous role in strengthening and building CESK as whole and particularity on improving and developing the human resources of the organization. Many CAFOD funded projects had been successfully implemented and are still being implementing. The impacts of the projects were revealed on the organizational development and performance of its staffs to the level of satisfaction of beneficiaries and donors.

- **CESK** focuses both on main core staffs and the staffs at the grass root level. Based on this strategy, CESK had provided different trainings to: CESK core staff from the head office

- **Catholic school directors**
- **Catholic clinic heads**
- **Parish priests**
- **Chair people of parish council**
- **Catechists**
- **Heads of women developments centers**

These groups of people had participated in the capacity building program of the courses like:

1. Problem solving and decision making
2. Enhancing supervisory skills
3. Time management
4. Team building, delegation
5. Communication and Journalism
6. Christian leadership, work discipline, grievance handling
7. Installation of network
8. Conducting project review
9. Organizing exposure visits in different Eparchies and Organizations for experience sharing
10. Introduction to human resource management
11. Employment Relationship and Job Description

## **Financial report**

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Budget in Nakfa</b>	<b>Expeses-2012</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>August 2011 BBF</b>	<b>132,166.50</b>		
1/10/2012 Budget for 2012	<b>624,500.00</b>		
<b>Total budget</b>	<b>756,666.50</b>	<b>572,399.15</b>	<b>185,267.35</b>

## Education in the Eparchy of Keren

### CESK Vision Mission Statement is:

- “Envisage a community where human dignity is respected, fear of God flourishes, quality of life is improved; peace and justice are put in place, a community with interdenominational harmony is nurtured and Christian values among the Catholic communities are maintained.”
- The Mission being “...To build civilized and prosperous community through provision of socio-pastoral services to the people in the Eparchy of Keren”
- Whereas the Values are “Team work, transparency, empathy, collaboration, integrity, harmony, confidentiality, interfaith solidarity, gender equality, and love”.

The **goals** and objectives of education in the Eparchy are tailored to accomplish the Eparchial goals and missions. These are:

- To foster sense of school ownership among the school communities
- To create conducive environment for the Teaching-Learning process
- Improve the quality of education in Catholic Schools

There are several smart objectives in for which the Education Department is actively working. These objectives include:

- Increasing enrollment rates
- Raise educational efficiency
- Reduce dropout and repetition rates
- Enhance extracurricular activities
- Empower school management of the school community

The Education department is responsible in coordination activities of the educational services in the Eparchy of the Catholic schools. There are two categories of catholic schools in our Eparchy.

These are:

- ❖ Schools administered by [Religious Congregations](#) (like the Brothers of the Christian Schools, St. Ann Sisters and Franciscan Sisters). In this case, the Education department has only coordination role.
- ❖ The second group of schools are schools that are under direct administration of the [Eparchy and CESK education Department](#). Each Eparchial school director works closely with the parish priest and supported by the PTSA. It is mandatory that each school to have the PTSA who will work with the director and the parish priest. They are created by the local community.

Therefore, with regard to the Eparchial schools, the department of education leaves the day-to-day administration as a responsibility of the community, the Parish Priest and the school director. The school director has clear mandate to play a role of coordination between the school, the parish and the school PTSA. Each school has different potentialities and internal regulations and experiences in fund raising.



**Cultural show during the opening of the school**

## Eparchial Catholic Schools

No	School Name	Established	Grade Level	School level	Language of Instruction	Location	Presbiterial Location
1	St. Giorgis Doroq	1957	1-5	Elementary	Blin	Keren	Halibmentel
2	Kidane Mihret Yighar	1963	1-5	Elementary	Blin	Elaber'ed	Halibmentel
3	Medhanie Alem Awenjeli	1988	1-5	Elementary	Tigre	Hagaz	Hagaz
4	St. Michael Dighi	1959	1-3	Feeder School	Blin	Keren	Keren
5	St. Michael Ashera	1941	1-8	Element/Junior	Bilen/English	Hagaz	Hagaz
6	Beata-Mariam Qerotnejar	1967	1-5	Elementary	Blin	Hagaz	Hagaz
7	Medhanie Alem Hamedey	1951	1-5	Elementary	Blin	Elaber'ed	Halibmentel
8	Arba'etu Insisa Gush	1958	1-5	Elementary	Tigrigna	Elaber'ed	Halibmentel
9	ST. Estefan's Azefa	1957	1-5	Elementary	Blin	Elaber'ed	Halibmentel
10	St. Gebriel Hager	1965	1-5	Elementary	Blin	Keren	Keren
11	Kidane Mihret Hagaz	1989	1-8	Element/Junior	Tigrigna/ English	Hagaz	Hagaz
12	Mariam Tsion Qunni	1962	1-4	Elementary	Blin	Elaber'ed	Halibmentel
13	Kidane Mihret Juffa	1965	1-3	Feeder School	Blin	Keren	Keren
14	Mariam Tsion Far'aleba	1960	1-5	Elementary	Blin	Hagaz	Hagaz
15	St. Joseph Boggu	1954	1-5	Elementary	Blin	Keren	Hagaz
16	Lideta Mariam Ghilas	1957	1-8	Element/Junior	Blin	Hagaz	Hagaz
17	St. Michael Bambi	1949	1-5	Elementary	Blin	Keren	Keren
18	Medhanie Alem Sheqloti	1988	1-3	Feeder School	Tigre	Hagaz	Hagaz
19	Medhanie Alem Dob'at	1993	1-2	Feeder School	Blin	Hagaz	Hagaz
20	St. Giorgis Shariki	1953	1-3	Elementary	Tigrigna	Elaber'ed	Halibmentel
21	Zera Kihnet /Seminary *		6-8	Junior	English	Keren	Keren

## Religious Congregation Schools

N o.	School Name	Establi shed	Grad e Level	School level	Language of Instruction	Locati on	Presbiteri al Location
1	Lideta Mariam Shinnara	1952	1-8	Elementary/Junior	Blin	Keren	Keren
2	St. Joseph Keren	1949	1-11	Elemen/Junior & High School	Tigrigna & English	Keren	Keren
3	St Anna Keren		1-8	Element/ Junior School	Tigrigna & English	Keren	Keren
4	Abune Yosief Eden		1-5	Elementary	Tigrigna	Elaber'ed	Halibmentel

## CESK - Health Department

Donation of medicines and medical equipment

Donor: Agata Smeralda Onlus seated in Firenze, Italia

The container full of medicine arrived on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June 2013 and were immediately distributed the health facilities according to their needs and the request made.



Medicine received from Progetto Agata Smeralda Onlus

### Medicine received from Progetto Agata Smeralda Onlus

S/N	Name	Unit	Quantity in the list	Quantity we received	Difference
1	ASA 300mg, 1000 tabs	tin	100	75	-25 tins
2	Amoxicillin 500mg, 500tabs	tin	80	80	0
3	Ciprofloxacin 500mg,6 tabs	strip	334	353	+19 strips
4	Lopremide 20mg,1000 tabs	tin	20	20	0
5	Ascorbic Acid 250mg, 1000 tabs	tin	20	20	0
6	Syringes, 2.5ml,100 pcs	pk	30	30	0
7	syringes, 5ml,100 pcs	pk	30	30	0
8	Multivitamin BPC formula 5000 tabs	tin	24	24	0
9	Paracetamol 500mg,1000tabs	tin	100	80	-20
10	Aluminum Hydroxide 500mg, 1000tabs	tin	100	120	+20
11	Ferrous sulphate 200mg, 5000tabs	tin	20	20	0
12	Erythromycin 500mg, ,1000tab	tin	10	10	0
13	Ringer Lactate 500ml bottle	bottle	1500	1500	0
14	Sodium chloride 0.9%, 500ml	bottle	2000	2000	0
15	Ranitidine 150mg, 500 tabs	tin	60	60	0
16	Glucose 5%, 500ml	bottle	1800	1800	0
17	Co-trimaxazole 960mg,1000tbas	tin	20	20	0
18	Multivitamin syrup	bottle	0	1500	+ 1500
19	Multivitamin 100mg, 1000 tabs	tin	60	0	-60

### Other Materials received from Progetto Agata Smeralda Onlus

#	Description	Quantity	Received	Remarks
1	Boxes of children Nappies	6	6	
2	Boxes of sleeveless T-shirt	3	3	
3	Boxes of short Sleeve T shirt	3	3	
4	Box of wool Hats for children	1	0	Not yet found
5	Box sheets	1	1	
6	Box of long skirts	1	1	
7	Hospital mattress	30	30	
8	Packs of Adult Nappies	60	60	
9	Box of Nasal Canulas	4	0	Not yet found
10	Box of Patches	1	1	
11	Box of gauzes	1	1	
12	Box of slides of analyses	4	0	Not yet found
13	Box of tourniquets	1	1	
14	Box of steel speculum	1	1	
15	Needls	1	1	
16	Box of syringes	1	1	
17	Box of sheets	4	4	
18	Wheel chair	1	1	
19	Pan for stool	1	1	
20	Boxes of covers	6	6	
21	Boxes of clothes	13	13	
22	Steel trays for surgical tools	15	15	
23	Packs of toilet paper	50	50	
24	Boxes of Knitwear	11	11	
25	copier	1	1	

26	package ink for copier	1	1	
27	Boxes stationery materials	10	10	
28	Packages of textiles	19	18	
29	Boxes of linen	6	6	
30	Boxes of sheets	3	3	
31	Boxes of cotton wool	2	2	
32	Boxes of health materials	2	2	
32	Steel box	0	1	

### **Expenses incurred by CESK**

	<b>Nakfa</b>	<b>Euro</b>
Custom clearance ( sdoganamento)	42,581.95	2.129,00
Transportation: Masswa-Keren-Massawa	17,034.30	851.71
Loading/unloading	1,000.00	50,00
	<b>60,616.25</b>	<b>3,030,80</b>

## **CESK – INTEGRATED FOOD SECURITY PROJECT**

**January - June 2013**

### **Introduction**

“Many of the world’s poorest countries and regions will see their population double in the years from 2000 to 2050, with Africa expected to grow from 820 million to 2 billion. Therefore, farmers in Africa need to produce more than twice as much food. One solution for this problem is the contribution of women and their enormous present and future potentials are recognized and empowered” (FAO reports, 2010).

- Women should have access to needed resources and
- Have a voice in decision making that have an impact on their lives and lives of their family.

Agriculture in the 21<sup>st</sup> century faces three challenges:

- ✓ how to feed growing world population,
- ✓ how to contribute to rural poverty and
- ✓ how to manage depleting natural resources. Moreover, there are other challenges like, climate change with increase temperature, frequent droughts, natural and manmade disasters and others.

Based on this, CESK has been planning and implementing recovery and food security projects targeting poor rural households, especially women and female headed families. Moreover, CESK is working hard to contribute towards empowering women economically, socially and morally to achieve its mentioned goal. CESK is working hard to close the gap between men and women.

### **Humanitarian situation**

- The rainy season in most parts of Eritrea is from June to August. However, this year particularly in the Anseba region, rainfall didn’t start at the right time.
- Most water sources dry and people travel long distance to fetch water for themselves and animals. Poor farmers have no access of donkeys or camels to fetch water from distant place and therefore are forced to carry on their shoulder.



- Grass and straw, (used as animal feed), collected during harvest does not last long, thus the animals start to die due to shortage of grass.
- When the farmers bring their animals in the market to purchase grains, the cost is very cheap and the farmers feel unsatisfactory.
- By exploiting the situation of rainfall the merchants increased the cost of grains tremendously. With these problems the farmers are becoming despaired.



## Project implementation procedures

### 1. Livestock

- ❖ **Plan:** Provide 150 needy households with two goats each and improve the nutritional status of Women and children.
  - The purpose of the livestock distribution is to encourage the needy households to increase their food intake through milk and other dairy products. The milk will serve families as a source of calcium, protein and fats. Hence, it will contribute to the reduction of diseases and malnutrition.

**Result:** 80% of the beneficiaries showed improvement in Nutrition of the households.

### 2. Improved stoves

**Plan:** 400 HHs secured access to a sustainable and efficient energy stoves.

**Result:** 75% of the targeted beneficiaries experiences less smoke related disease.



### 3. Moringa seedlings

#### Training

Training was given to households who have taken moringa seedlings by the Ministry of Agriculture. The training was focused on:

- General behavior of Moringa tree
  - ❖ Type of soil it requires
  - ❖ Temperature range it requires
  - ❖ Amount of water it requires/rainfall requirement
- How Moringa seedling implemented
  - Direct seedling
  - Growing from cuttings
- Necessity of protecting the tree; especially from goats; camels; chicken and other animals
- Pinching procedures to be followed
- Protection of the tree from pests and diseases
- General benefits that can be obtained from all parts of the tree



**Plan:** to distribute two seedlings each for 1000 households in two years

**Result-1:** 1000 households receive two Moringa seedlings each and increase their food diversification and their food stock increased.

**The table shows summary of the Moringa distribution**

Sub region	Distribution sites	# of beneficiaries	Total seedlings distributed
Elabered	Halibmentel	100 HHs + Kindergarten, Women promotion center & Church compound	210seedlings
	Sharki	22HHs+church compound	44seedlings
Keren	Boggu(Geab)	15HHs+Clinic & Church compounds	45seedlings
	Titri	15HHs	30seedlings
	Dighi(Shesherema)	32HHs	64seedlings
Hamelmalo	Musha	24HHs	48seedlings
	Fusorukhu	25HHs	50seedlings
	Feledareb	32HHs	64seedlings

	Gizgza	30HHs + women promotion center and School Compound	80 Seedlings
Hagaz	Qerotnejjar	44HHs + Church Compound	98 Seedlings
	Shaftakhw	32 HHs + Church and Clinic Compound	84 Seedlings
Keren	Fafda	30HHs + Church Compound	70 Seedlings
	Hager	10HHs + Church Compound	30 Seedlings
	<b>Total</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>917</b>



## 4. Water

**Result1:** construct micro dams to enrich underground water sources and increase food security of the targeted households.

- Alleviating the water shortage faced by the Eritrean people due to inadequate, unreliable rainfall by constructing water conservation structures like micro dam is one of the priority areas of CESK.



- The site of Dearit is suitable for dam construction and has high potential of water source that can be used for household, livestock and small irrigation projects. The micro dam has the capacity of 65,000 M<sup>3</sup> and completed successfully. The dam has collected some water from the only two rainfalls.

## 5. Seed distribution

**Result1:** distribute improved seeds for 1000 households to increase crop production and strengthen food security initiatives.

- The project aims to purchase and distribute 200 Quintals of seeds (sorghum) 1000 vulnerable households and each received 15Kg. The selection criteria for the farmers included:

- Poor and destitute households
- Female headed households
- Widows
- Farmers that have plot of land but no seeds to plough etc...

## 6. Skill development

**Result 1:** Women trained in weaving machines were engaged in self employment and improve their living standard

- **CESK** initiated this component as a pilot project and the aim was to purchase weaving machines and train 50 women. Thus, we purchased 22 weaving machines with two trainers.



**The yarns**



**Training**



**Production**



**Graduation**

## 7. Micro credit

**Result:** Identify and distribute loans for 100 women to create self employment and enhance their economic at household level.

- **CESK** has a good experience and excellent reputation in implementing the microcredit programs.
- The selected sites are: Habero-Tselim, Haber-Tsaeda, Mezret, Af-ayun, Qerobel, Feledareb, Fusoruk, Musha, Gizgiza, Ajerbeeb, Hager, Qerotnejjar, Shafitakhw, Boggu Qertset
- The selection criteria: Widowed women, Orphan, Women headed families, Poor and destitute women



**CESK staffs distributing the loans to the rural women**

## 8. Health Education

**Result 1:** 3400 women and girls have increased their confidence, self-esteem and leadership

- Standard Health education manual was developed in consultation with concerned bodies and distributed to junior Catholic schools and women in development outreach program animators.
- The topics of the campaign are:
  - Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Gender, HIV/AIDS, Girls early marriage...

**The table below shows the number of sessions and participants**

<b>S/N</b>	<b>Schools/Women promotion centers</b>	<b>No. of sessions</b>	<b>No. of participants</b>
1	Hagaz Junior school	2	324
2	Gilas Junior school	2	243
3	Ashera Junior school	2	359
4	Shinara Junior School	1	237
5	Bogu: Women promotion centers	2	54
6	Far-aleba: Women promotion centers	2	58
7	Titri: Women promotion centers	1	27
8	Wesben: Women promotion centers	2	46
9	Doroq: Women promotion centers	1	62
10	Halibmentel :Women promotion centers	2	83
	<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1,493</b>



**Women and junior school girls during Health campaigns**

**Result 2:** 70% of the targeted women and girls are aware of their national and international women's rights.



**CESK Financial Report**  
**Project No. ERI 065**  
**Integrated Food Security Project**  
**Period: October 2012- June 2013**

	<b>Budget Line</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Oct. 12 – Dec. 12</b>	<b>Jan. 13 -June 13</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>
<b>A.</b>	<b>Staff Costs</b>				
<b>A.1</b>	Salaries	454,800.00	61,950.00	123,900.00	185,850.00
<b>A.2</b>	Fringe Benefit	45,480.00	6,195.00	12,390.00	18,585.00
<b>A.3</b>	Staff Severance pay	25,000.00			
	<b>Sum A</b>	<b>525,280.00</b>	<b>68,145.00</b>	<b>136,290.00</b>	<b>204,435.00</b>
<b>B.</b>	<b>Administration Cost</b>				
<b>B. 1</b>	Office stationery	35,040.00		24,091.00	24,091.00
<b>B. 2</b>	Electricity & water	18,000.00			
<b>B. 3</b>	Office Communication	9,984.00			
<b>B. 3.1</b>	Internet				
<b>B. 3.2</b>	Phone/Fax			5,070.32	5,070.32
<b>B. 3.3</b>	Postage				
	<b>Sum B</b>	<b>63,024.00</b>		<b>29,161.32</b>	<b>29,161.32</b>
<b>C. 4</b>	<b>Transportation</b>				
<b>C. 4.1</b>	Vehicle maintenance	60,000.00	330.00	97,000.00	97,330.00
<b>C. 4.2</b>	Fuel	240,000.00		16,521.00	16,521.00
<b>C. 4.3</b>	Staff Per diem	192,000.00	18,250.00	42,000.00	60,250.00
	<b>Sum C</b>	<b>492,000.00</b>	<b>18,580.00</b>	<b>155,521.00</b>	<b>174,101.00</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>Equipment</b>				
<b>D. 1</b>	Internet Net work installation	100,000.00			
<b>D. 2</b>	Lap tops computers	60,000.00		30,000.00	30,000.00
	<b>Sum D</b>	<b>160,000.00</b>		<b>30,000.00</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>

	Budget Line	Budget	Oct. 12 – Dec. 12	Jan. 13 -June 13	Total Expenses
E	Direct Project Cost				
	Sector : Food Security/ Env				
E. 1	Purchase of Seeds	200,000.00		75,000.00	75,000.00
E. 2	Purchase of Moringa tree seedlings	21,000.00			
E. 3	Purchase of Goats	450,000.00	360,000.00		360,000.00
E. 4	Purchase Improved Stoves	140,000.00	72,900.00	6,383.16	79,283.16
E. 5	Transportation & distribution of Seeds 100 Qts	20,000.00		6,000.00	6,000.00
E. 6	Transportation & distribution of Moringa Seedlings	9,296.00		6,000.00	6,000.00
E. 7	Training on Seed banking	36,000.00		9,000.00	9,000.00
E. 8	Training on Moringa tree	180,000.00	36,000.00	108,000.00	144,000.00
E. 9	Training of Farmers on Animal husbandry	72,000.00	32,000.00	38,000.00	70,000.00
E. 10	Training on Improved High effic. Stove	36,000.00	26,300.00	12,800.00	39,100.00
E. 11	Campaign on Improved High efficiency Stoves	26,000.00		23,900.00	23,900.00
	Sum E	1,190,296.0	527,200.00	285,083.16	812,283.16
F	Sector: Water				
F. 1	Rehab. of water dam/pans	480,000.00		654,932.70	654,932.70
F. 2	Training of Water users committees	54,000.00			
F. 3	Hygiene Promotion	12,000.00			
	Sum F	546,000.00		654,932.70	654,932.70
G	Sector: Livelihood				
G. 1	Training of groups leaders on Micro Finance	72,000.00		46,800.00	46,800.00
G. 2	Training of Women on Weaving	72,000.00			
G. 3	Micro grants/loans for groups	300,000.00		195,000.00	195,000.00
G. 4	Purchasing of Weaving Machines	90,000.00		237,500.00	237,500.00
	Sum G	534,000.00		479,300.00	479,300.00

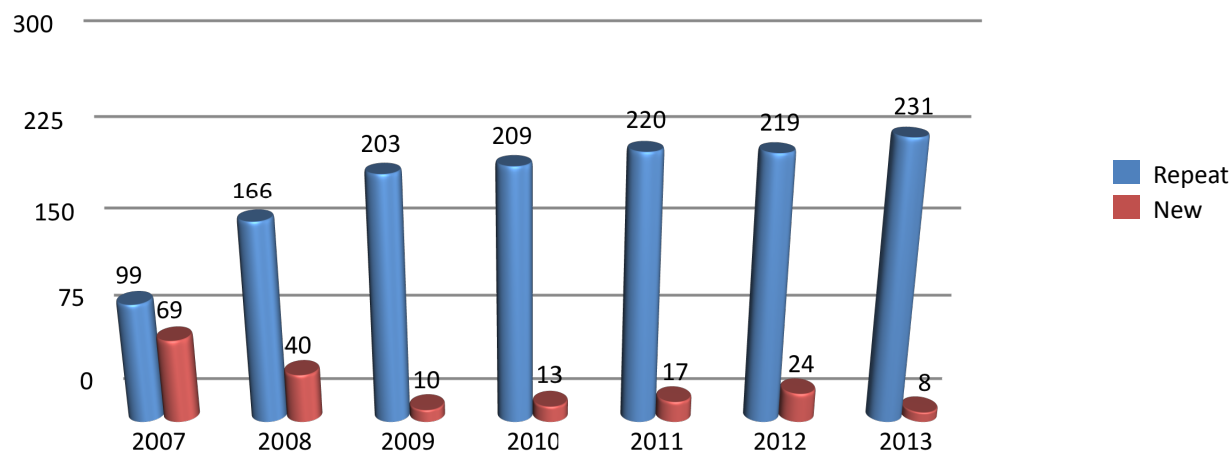
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H	<b>Sector :Capacity Building</b>				
H.1	Training on Need Assessment	55,000.00			
H.2	Training on Community Developmen	55,000.00		45,000.00	45,000.00
H.3	Training on project Mgt & Impact Assessment	60,000.00			
H.4	Training on Financial Mgt	55,000.00			
H.5	Training on Food Security & Humanitarian Standards	60,000.00			
H.6	Exposure study visit	100,000.00			
	<b>Sum</b>	<b>385,000.00</b>		<b>45,000.00</b>	<b>45,000.00</b>
I	<b>Sector: Monitoring &amp; Evaluation</b>				
I.1	Project Review/Assessment	35,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00
I.2	Project Evaluation	90,000.00			
I.3	Reports Production	10,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	5,000.00
I.4	Project Audit	10,000.00			
	<b>Sum I</b>	<b>145,000.00</b>	<b>7,500.00</b>	<b>7,500.00</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>
J	<b>Cross Cutting</b>				
J. 1	Awareness manual on FGM, Gender, Women rights	4,500.00		4,500.00	4,500.00
J. 2	Production of Brochures on FGM, Gender & Women rights	55,000.00			
J. 3	Prizes of high performing girls	19,200.00			
J. 4	Workshop on women rights/debates session rewards	31,350.00		28,050.00	28,050.00
	<b>Sum J</b>	<b>110,050.00</b>		<b>32,550.00</b>	<b>32,550.00</b>
	<b>Grand total</b>	<b>4,150,650.00</b>	<b>621,425.00</b>	<b>1,855,338.18</b>	<b>2,476,763.18</b>

## CESK – HIV/AIDS Component

**CESK runs its HIV/AIDS program under the following components.**

1. Social support
2. Health awareness campaign and peer education
3. Orphan Care
4. Consultation Services
5. Micro Credit
6. Monthly education

**Graph showing the HIV/AIDS clients of the program since 2007**



**Client's current status**

Clients in the program from 2012 (A)	New clients (B)	Left the program (C)	Died (D)	Total (A+B)-(C+D)
231	8	0	1	238

## **New admissions**

During these six months period, eight new clients; seven female and one male were admitted to the program. The clients come with their official documents from the volunteer counseling and testing (VCT) center where they made the test and know their status. These clients were among the neediest that need social and moral supports. There are many others people living with HIV/AIDS but not willing to participate in the CESK HIV/AIDS program activities. This is mainly because they fear to disclose their status and want remain hidden among the community.

## **Deaths**

During these six months period; one male has died due to Full blown AIDS. His wife had died 4 years ago. They had 5 children, the older being 17 years old and youngest 9 years old. The two young children are HIV positive. These children are left without any support and care giver. Their close relatives had neglected them because they knew that their parents died due to AIDS. CESK and Zonal Association of people living with HIV/AIDS are the only supporters of the children.

## **2. Project implementation**

**Result 1:** Improve the quality of life of the people living with HIV/AIDS and reduce the prevalence of the HIV infection in country.

**Indicator 1:** Over 80% of the program beneficiaries managed to live a positive life. The HIV infection rate maintained by 2% in the Zoba

- CESK HIV/AIDS program provides social and moral services to over 238 clients. CESK had been working hard to help clients live positively by accepting their situation as it is. Still there is lack of full understanding of the disease and hence stigma/discrimination is very high in the area. The stigma and discrimination is unlikely to be reduced or controlled as the community still believes that: “people that are infected by the HIV are those who commit adultery”, hence, as a result are being punished.
- This is the general situation in the community. However, those clients that got regular services from the CESK HIV/AIDS program are better than those who fear the stigma and discrimination and remain among the community by hiding their status. To help clients overcome his situation, CESK provides moral, psychological and social supports.

Moreover, CESK provides monthly education and home based care services to the needy clients. Therefore, CESK confidently concludes that the positive living status among our clients is more than 80%.

- In the project we had a plan to help maintain the HIV infection rate in the zone at less than 2%. However, currently the HIV infection rate the zone is less than 1.3%. We believe our rehabilitation services to PLWHA, our campaigns to remote parishes and the peer education program among the parish youths had helped to maintain the HIV infection rate at less than 1.3%.

**Result 2:** CESK HIV/AIDS program clients increase their food consumption.

**Indicator:** CESK HIV/AIDS program clients get monthly ration of sorghum and DMK.

CESK had been providing monthly food ration to the program clients. The aim is to help clients secure their monthly food need. However, CESK lacks the financial capacity to provide full package of daily requirements to the clients. In the previous years, CESK had been providing sorghum/millet, vegetable oil and DMK monthly. However, the DMK factory had stopped production and the price of vegetable oil become expensive; hence currently CESK is distributing 10 kg of sorghum on monthly basis.

The table below summarizes the food distribution in the six months.

Months	Sex		Total	Total Grains distributed in kg
	Male	Female		
January	28	140	168	16.80
February	26	144	170	17.00
March	29	146	175	17.50
April	31	144	175	17.50
May	30	150	180	18.00
June	28	147	175	17.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>1043</b>	<b>104.30</b>

In these six months about 104 quintals of grain was distributed to the program clients.

**Result 3:** 40 bed ridden and needy PLWHA got home based care service by the volunteers every year.

**Indicator :** >80% of the clients got home based care services as required

Home based care services is one of the most valuable services in the HIV/AIDS program activities. As stigma and discrimination still pose PLWHA suffer, it is very difficult for them to get the needed services by untrained family members or other care givers. Therefore, the volunteer home based care providers are the ultimate care givers to the people living with HIV/AIDS. CESK is the sole home based care provider in the region. Therefore, the need is huge but the available volunteers few. CESK had nine volunteers who provide Physical, Moral, psychological, Spiritual support. Moreover, they provide health and nutrition education to the clients and their family. The total number of clients receiving the home based care services are currently 31 Making 77.5% of the planed target (80%).

The following activities were provided to the clients by the volunteers.

Services provided by VHBC providers	Number of times
Physical support	9
Moral and psychological support	110
Spiritual support	111
Health education for client's family on how to care PLWHA	29
Health Education on Nutrition and nutrients	89
Number deaths	1
Moral and psychological support for orphan	13

### Medicine provision

Clients were benefiting from the medicines we got through Eritrean Catholic Secretariat (ErCS) HIV/AIDS Desk last year. The medicines includes antibiotics, antipyretics and analgesics, different skin creams and lotions, IV fluid and many others. The medicines were given to the clients for free. Clients come with their prescription pad and take the medicines accordingly.

Totally about 153 clients had got medicines from the CESK mini-pharmacy in these six months period.

**Result 4:** Clients got counseling and consultation services based on their current need.

**Indicator:** Clients get the required counseling services at office and at their homes.

**CESK** had a social counselor who follows clients' issues everywhere like in home, hospital, their work places etc...

This service was given to a total of 1341 people living with HIV/AIDS during this reporting period. Consultation topics include; marriage, disclosure of HIV status to family, hope and positive living, depression and spiritual counseling.

Dates 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> of each month were reserved for monthly ration and consultation services. Moreover, clients come for medicine and consultation services whenever they need it.

**Result 5:** 30 clients got micro credit and developed self-reliance, sense of ownership and productivity and earn some incomes for their family.

**Indicator:** >90% of the planned micro credit clients get the loan and improved their living standard by the end of the project life.

The aim of micro credit component is to provide clients with micro credit to develop sense of productive, reduce stress caused by lack of job and also to earn incomes for themselves and their family. Most of the clients were able to use the loan effectively and created self employment. The returned loan is used as revolving fund for the other clients. As usually the loan size ranges from 3000 to 5000 Nakfa returnable in six months. The micro credit scheme is very small in scale but it is very important ingredient of the HIV/AIDs program.

In 2012, about 20 clients got the micro credit and 48.9% of the loan was returned on time. The remaining 51.1% of loan was expected to return in 2013. However, only 15% of the expected loan was returned since June 2013. Since about 41,000 Nakfa is still not returned on the scheduled time frame, CESK had decided to wait this money to return and evaluate the micro credit program. Therefore, in this first six months of 2013, we did not distribute new loan. However, we will distribute micro credit in the second half of 2013 after complete assessment and evaluation of the micro credit component.

**Result 6:** The 40 orphan children got moral and material support (including food aid and school materials and the rate of school dropout is decreased).

**Indicator:** Over 90% of the orphan children got monthly social and moral support and continue the school.

Currently the number of orphan children assisted by the program is 44. CESK provides the following services to the orphan children;

- Distribution of monthly food ration
- Distribution of school materials once in a year during start up of the school
- Follow up in education
- Social consultation, moral and psychological support.
- Provision prescribed medicines and follow up of the ARV compliance

Those orphan children got these services on monthly basis. In these six months period, three orphan children did HIV test and found to be positive. Most of the orphan children live with their close relatives; however, there are some children who live alone. These later group of children are prone to social, moral and psychological problems. The bigger take care of the smaller siblings. Since, some of the smaller siblings are infected by HIV, there is fear of infecting the other siblings. CESK had being working hard to bring this to the attention of the children and raise the awareness of the infecting each other. 14 orphan children (from four families) live alone; out of this 3 children live with the virus.

**Indicator 2:** The dropout rate is reduced to <10%.

Out of the 44 orphan children who lost both parents due to AIDS, 37 orphan children learn in primary and secondary schools, 2 orphan children has joined college and 5 children has dropped out for different reasons but mainly due to lack of close follow up and motivation. The dropout rate was 11.36%. In this area we did not achieve out mentioned target (<10%).

**Result 7:** Health awareness campaigns conducted to wider population in the parishes and positive behavioral change is realized.

**Indicator 1:** Conducted health awareness campaigns in 10 Parishes and form 6 groups of peer education.

The Eparchy had conducted health awareness campaigns in 8 parishes (80%) for 1030 parishioners. These parishes are among the most remote parishes in the Eparchy. In some parishes, we used to carry the sessions for youths in the Saturday evening and the testimonial sessions in the Sunday morning after the Holly-Mass. In these cases, we spend the Saturday day nights in the parishes.

We have noticed that the parish youths still lack full understanding of the diseases and Stigma/discrimination is very high in the areas.

## Testimonies to the parishioners

Testimonial sessions were conducted in 8 parishes and over 1030 people had attended the sessions. As usual the sessions focus mainly on HIV/AIDS and particularly on how to stay safe from infections. The sessions also addressed; the role of the parents in control and prevention of disease and how to approach and help the people already living with the virus. These testimonial sessions were conducted by two people living with HIV/AIDS and two CESK health department staffs as facilitators. The testimony givers presented their history of infection by the virus and how they managed to live positively. These experiences were painful to the testimony givers but touching and sensible to the parishioners. They parishioners thanked the testimony givers for their openness and dedication and promised to help any people living with the virus. They also said that they gained a lot from the experiences of the testimony givers.



Testimonial campaigns in the Parishes of Dighi, Gilas and Azefa respectively

To training for the youth leaders coming the targeted parishes

Training of trainers was given for 20 youths from the 20 target parishes to continue and sustain the health education campaign after the phase out of the project. The trained youths will continue the sessions in their respective parishes and will collaborate with the head office during campaigns and testimonial sessions. The training was conducted for two days, the first day on HIV/AIDS and behavioral change process and the second day on TB and malaria.



### **Youth leaders training**

#### **Production of T-shirts and brochures**

Health campaign information can be disseminated through many channels. Disseminating information through T-shirts and brochures is also one of the good practices that can convey information to many people cheaply.

CESK has managed to produce these information disseminating materials locally and disperse them after every campaign and testimony. About 1000 brochures were produced and had been used to deliver appropriate information to the people. Moreover, about 300 T-shirts were also produced locally and used to give information to the people. All the materials produced address HIV/AIDS and its prevention. These materials are very useful in attracting people and achieving our target. If one member of a family gets either brochure or T-shirt, the whole family members read the information hence this process increases the coverage of the campaigns.

#### **Youth seminar at Eparchial level**

Youth seminar at Eparchial level was conducted on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013. About 21 youth leaders from the 20 sites have participated in the seminar. The aim of the seminar was:

- Equip the parish youth leaders with adequate knowledge of HIV/AIDS, Tb, STI and malaria so that they can carry sessions for their respective youths in their parishes.
- Evaluate the impacts of health campaigns conducted in the parishes.
- To evaluate the campaign and testimonial sessions
- To share lessons learned and experiences obtained from the campaigns.
- Get feedback from the youths on the campaign
- And assess the need for further similar or different types of campaign in the near future
- Conduct general knowledge competition among the parishes.

### Based on the above stated objectives;

- Presentation of HIV/AIDS was conducted by the CESK health department
- TB, STI and malaria presentations were conducted by the concerned health personnel from the Ministry of Health Anseba zone.
- General knowledge completion was conducted among the parishes youths

### workshop General knowledge competition

Ten youths representing their parishes were participated in the competition. The questions were prepared the CESK health department. The questions included HIV/AIDS, TB, Malaria, STDs and behavioral change process. Each candidate was asked 5 questions and those who answered most, won the prizes according to the points the collected. The competition added color to the youth seminar.

### Monthly Education

CESK conducts monthly meeting where we deliver different health, psychological, moral and spiritual lectures to the HIV/AIDS program clients. The lectures are given by different expert people. In monthly meeting, clients:

- Get to know each other
- Help each other morally and financially
- Discuss common problems and challenges
- Find solution for the challenges etc...

### This table shows number of clients and topic covered in six months

Month	Male	Female	Total	Topic	Lecturers
January	10	64	74	2012 brothers day Video show	CESK staffs
February	18	84	102	HIV and Psychiatric problems	Tesfaldet Yohannes
March	28	101	129	Psychological counseling	Michael Teklay
April	13	70	83	ARV compliance	Mitslal Ghirmai
May	16	93	109	Stress and burn out	Essayas Niguse
June	20	88	108	The art of positively living	Misghina Gilazghi
<b>Total</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>605</b>		

## Financial Report

#	Description	budget	expenses	balance
1	BF from 2012	<b>38,364.90</b>		38,364.90
2	Program coordinator salary	36,000.00	18,000.0	18,000.00
3	Lay counselor salary	18,000.00	8,400.00	9,600.00
4	Finance Department head (40%)	12,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
5	Transportation allowance for volunteers home based care providers	43,200.00	17,100.00	26,100.00
6	peer facilitators monthly transportation allowance	21,600.00	3,300.00	18,300.00
7	Purchase monthly food for the clients and orphan children	307,200.00	0	307,200.00
8	Purchase office stationery	5,000.00	424.00	4,576.00
9	Purchase school material for the orphan children	9,000.00	0	9,000.00
10	Provide refresher Training to 12 Volunteer home based care providers (VHBCP)	5,300.00	0	5,300.00
11	Train 6 peer facilitators on standard peer facilitation manual.	10,200.00	0	10,200.00
12	Train clients on how to run small-scale private business, save, and credit schemes	5,000.00	0	5,000.00
13	Provide workshop for orphan children on trauma healing	11,000.00	0	11,000.00
14	Give training to health workers from the catholic clinics	6,900.00	0	6,900.00
15	Conduct Health campaign and testimonial sessions in 10 parishes.	9,600.00	0	9,600.00
16	Conduct monthly health education sessions for the clients.	17,800.00	5,582.00	12,218.00
17	provide 30 clients with micro credit	40,000.00	0	40,000.00
18	HIV/AIDS brothers day celebration	8,000.00	0	8,000.00
19	Food distributor for clients	4,800.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
20	Monitoring	6,000.00	0	6,000.00
21	Report writing	2,000.00	0	2,000.00
22	Track recording	5,000.00	400.00	4,600.00
23	Other miscellaneous expenses	5,000.00	1,510.00	3,490.00
	<b>Grand total in Nakfas</b>	<b>626,964.90</b>	<b>63,116.00</b>	<b>563,848.90</b>