

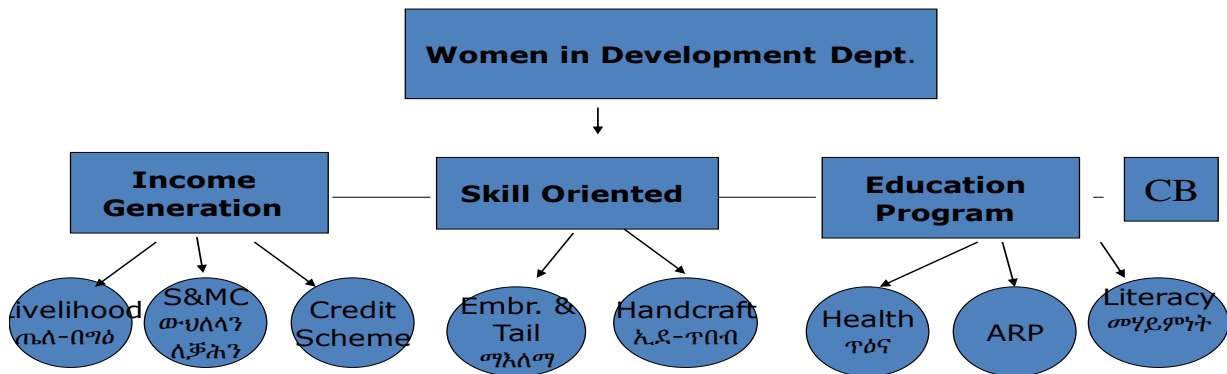
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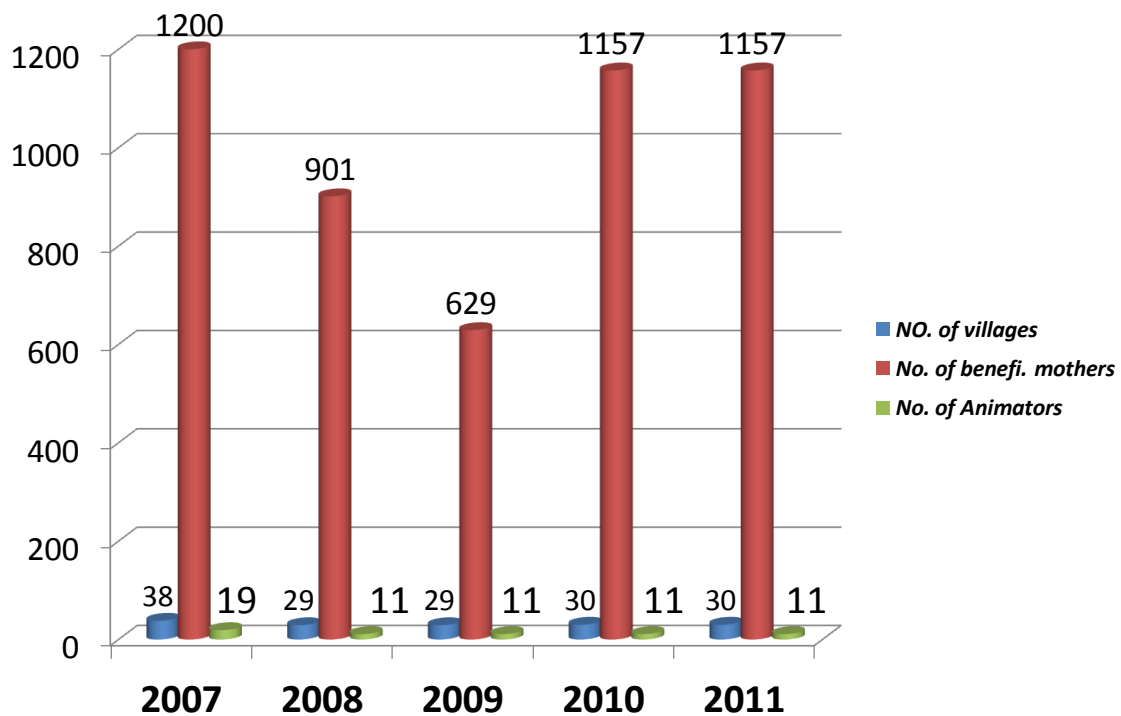
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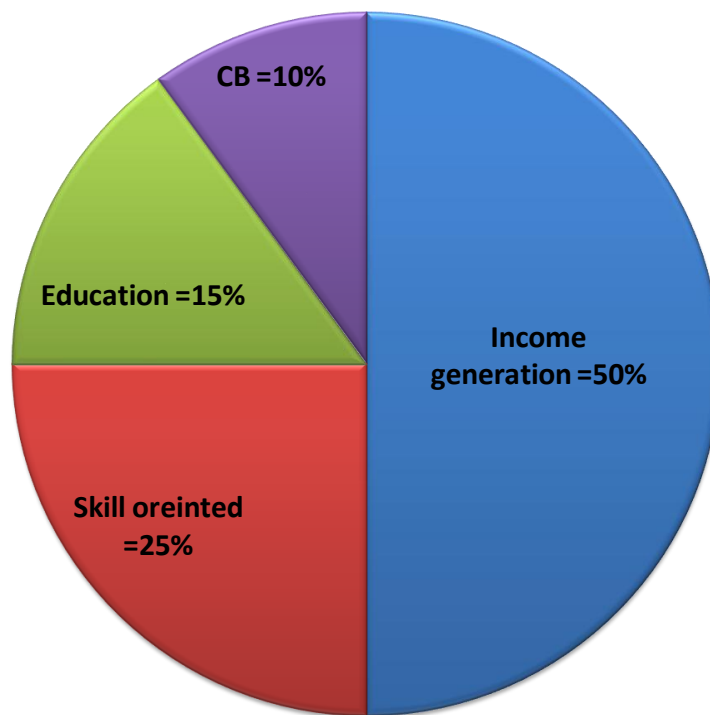
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Sub Programs



Department profile





Income generation component

- 1. Goat project:** In the last five years, over 300 goats were given as a loan for poor and destitute women for breeding and milk. Mothers return the money after one year to the dept. to be used as revolving fund.
- 2. Provision of Donkeys:** About 20 donkeys were given to poor and female headed households.

Goat and donkey distribution



Goats distribution to the beneficiaries



Offspring's of the goats



Micro credit and saving

Women form a group of 25-28 individuals & put saving of 10-15 Nakfa weekly. The money is collected and the loan given by the department to the groups is used for the women to make loans and invest it on small scale business.



Credit scheme: loan for individuals

Women also take an individual loan from the dept. with no interest rate and make business on their level. This loan is returned after one year and serve as revolving fund.



Training on preparation of local food

- Training on preparation of **Shiro**, **Thihni** and **berbere** was given to 14 animators (Training of trainers – ToT) who train their respective groups.
- As a result a loan was to given to the trained women to prepare and sell shiro, thihni and berbere as a part of income generation.



Pepper for training



Trainees attending practical sessions on shiro and thinin preparation

Skill oriented component

- **Embroidery and Tailoring:** women groups in 28 villages have one sewing machine each where they practice sewing clothes of their family.
- **Handcrafts:** women in each village learn to develop their handcraft skills hence produce more attractive and beautiful products. They use to decorate their houses and sell the rest.



- **Hand weaving:** established as a pilot project in 2011 with 7 embroidery machines. This small scaled hand weaving is evaluated and will be expanded with more machines in the coming year.





Education component

- **Health education (ToT):** continuous health education was given to the animators, department staff to strengthen their knowledge of control and prevention of communicable diseases.
- Yet 48 sessions were given to 960 women on different health issues, like FGM, HIV, Nutrition, ...

- **Awareness raising program:** On-going campaign to women to broaden their attitude and develop positive behavioral change.



Capacity building

- Aimed at improving and strengthening the capacity of the office staff, animators and women in general.



Other activities

- Distribution of big cooking kits/pots for a group of women as a part of income generating... (esp. on ceremonial occasions).



- **Solar-kit (cooker):** About 947 solar cookers distributed to the mothers. This kit saves time, energy & redundant consumptions.



May 20 Eparchial Women's Day



- Cultural show
- Exhibition
- Spiritual songs
- Seminars by chief model woman and invited guests/scholars
- General knowledge contest and poems

Challenges

- Large magnitude of needs
- Financial bottlenecks
- Shortage of fuel to have access to the remote areas
- Escalating current market prices
- Community's norms and beliefs on women's role