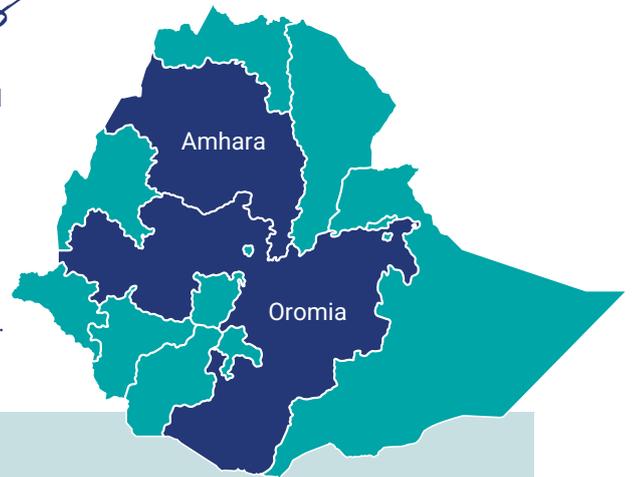




ENHANCING LIVELIHOODS *for Ethiopia's Youth*

Transforming Opportunities

Ethiopia, with over 70,000 youth reached across the Amhara and Oromia regions, is the launchpad for SAfA's transformative approach to creating sustainable opportunities. Through agriculture, logistics education, and health services, SAfA addresses systemic challenges and creates pathways for long-term impact. The SAfA project in Ethiopia is implemented by HRNS Ethiopia, DSW Ethiopia and Kühne Foundation Ethiopia.



Project Overview

Key activities and milestones include:

Agriculture:

- 400 Youth Agricultural Innovation Groups (YAIGs) established, training youth in climate-smart farming and agribusiness.
- Strengthened value chains in coffee and other key crops, improving market access and reducing post-harvest losses.

Education & Logistics:

- University partnerships for research and PhD-scholarships on agro-logistics and supply chain management.
- Vocational training for 1,000 youth in logistics and supply chain management.

Health & SRHR:

- 50 health centers equipped to provide youth-friendly services.
- 150 Youth Clubs established for SRHR awareness and peer education.



Results and Impact

Safa's work in Ethiopia has reached around 70,000 young people and achieved the following measurable results:

Gender Equality:

- 22% reduction in time spent on domestic work for young women.
- Improved female engagement in household responsibilities and decision-making.

Economic Impact:

- 13% increase in YAIG members living above the poverty line.
- 44% rise in self-employment for youth in comprehensive programs.
- 43% reduction in underemployment, among project participants in Oromia.

Health & SRHR:

- 79% of targeted health facilities now have staff trained in Youth-Friendly Services (up from 37%).
- 58% of health centers provide free or discounted services for youth.
- Strong improvements in SRHR knowledge (e.g., family planning, HIV testing), though behavioral changes require further support.

Emotional Wellbeing:

- Significant gains in self-esteem, resilience, and communication skills among youth.

Challenges and Lessons Learned

While SAfA's work in Ethiopia has achieved significant results, a few challenges have provided opportunities for growth and innovation:

Access to Resources:

Limited availability of financial services and agricultural inputs has underscored the need for stronger partnerships with local providers.

Regional Disparities:

Participation rates have shown encouraging results in Oromia but remain lower in Amhara, highlighting the need for targeted outreach strategies.

Sustainability of Youth Groups:

While most youth groups remain active, a few require revitalization and stronger community support to ensure long-term impact.

How SAfA Is Responding

- Strengthening follow-up and support mechanisms for youth groups.
- Building partnerships with financial institutions to improve resource access.
- Tailoring interventions to the unique needs of each region through localized solutions.

Join Us

By partnering with SAfA, you can help scale transformative programs that create measurable, lasting change for Ethiopia's youth. Together, we can empower the next generation to build resilient communities and sustainable futures.



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