



Hope for Children 2012 – 2013



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Welcome!



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In 2012 – 2013 Hope for Children has continued to carry out its youth-focused programming in Ethiopia’s capital, Addis Ababa.

We champion a holistic approach that recognizes all aspects of a child’s development.

We believe that community plays a fundamental role in this and our programs aim to incorporate community engagement at all stages of delivery.

The ongoing support of numerous individuals, corporations and private donors make this happen.

I cannot thank those of you who have contributed enough for your valuable time and energy that facilitates the growth & development of Ethiopia’s poorest and most vulnerable youth.



Youth development

Community leadership

Life skills

Alternative income
generating activities

Sexual health & rights

2012 – 2013 Hope for Children achievements

Sponsorship: 539 children received essential food, healthcare, clothing and educational support

Youth Centre: 187 youth participated in extra-curricular lessons, English, computer & art classes

School of St Yared: 150 children enrolled, 240+ parents engaged in community initiatives

Home-based care: 10 community volunteers trained to provide support to people living with HIV/AIDs in Addis Ababa

Lets Talk About Sex (LTAS): 300+ in-school youth participated in sexual education training

Community Savings Groups: 33 microfinance groups formed this year, with 330 members in groups of 8-10



Children showing off their inventions at a school competition



IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN
SPONSORING A CHILD
FOLLOW THESE 3 EASY STEPS:

1. Send an email to sponsorship@hopeforchildren.org.au
2. One of our lovely staff members will respond to your request with information on a potential sponsorship candidate
3. Your \$400 goes to providing food, healthcare, clothing, school supplies & support for the family in emergencies

This year **SEVEN** sponsored students graduated from University, technical and vocational colleges in the fields of IT, construction and science.

on-going initiatives

2.1 “Hand in Hand” sponsorship

Our flagship sponsorship program is the biggest of all projects funded by Hope for Children.

Orphans and Vulnerable Children receive:

- A home, decent clothing & uniforms, health services, educational support and basic food
- Support to stay in school so that they can benefit from education and seek employment
- Programs to help them develop life skills to support their growth into healthy and confident young adults

In 2012 – 2013, 18 sponsored students were accepted into university and technical colleges across Ethiopia to study engineering, IT, education, business, nursing, journalism and earth sciences

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SNAPSHOT: Rekik Yonas



DOB: unknown

Age: About 7 years

Sex: F

Grade: LKG

Parents: Mother

2.2 The School of St Yared

OUR MISSION: TO PRODUCE ONE OF ETHIOPIA'S FUTURE LEADERS

On a hot summers day in July 2012, more than 4000 children accompanied by their parents from one of Addis Ababa's poorest slums, Francine district, applied to sit the entrance examination for the School of St Yared.

Since we opened our school in 2008, we have accepted more than 150 of the most disadvantaged youth from the area to receive world-class education.

Every child is awarded with all the resources they need to excel at school: 3 nutritious meals a day, uniforms, schoolbooks & stationary, and a contribution to get them off the streets and into safe accommodation.

\$1, 000 PER YEAR GOES A LONG WAY

IT'S WORTH THE INVESTMENT

Every morning before the sun rises, 7 year-old Rekik gets up from her tiny one bedroom tin room she shares with her mother and walks up to the shared community toilet. The cement-built public toilets, with 4 long drops and 4 taps, is the only facility available for 10, 000 people in Bella, the poor community, Rekik lives in. By daybreak the line to use the toilet is so long that if Rekik misses the early opportunity to go, she has to wait until she arrives at school.

Once Rekik has done her business, she races to her rented tin room and throws on her school uniform. The blue shirt, grey pinafore and grey sweater are Rekik's only belongings, and will be solely funded by generous sponsorship.

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2.3 The Youth Center

At Hope for Children we believe that a child's needs don't stop in the classroom. After school and weekend extra-curricular activities are vital to providing young people with the life-skills that will support their growth & development.

Hundreds of children from the poorest families join in on our **Youth Centre** activities, learning English, computer skills, and taking part in art and craft lessons



Before Rekik was accepted into St Yared's she lived on the side of the street in the slum, under a piece of plastic to protect her from the heavy downpour of summer rains. For years Rekik's Mum would leave her only daughter sitting, guarding their meager possessions, while she searched for enough food to survive.

On registration day (June 2012) Rekik was one of 4, 200 who applied to get into the school. Entrance criteria includes degree of poverty, resilience and regular intelligence testing. Because of Rekik's exceptional resilience, she was accepted to join the highly-acclaimed school.

With acceptance to the school Rekik and her mother can live off the streets in a safe and secure environment. This also means Rekik's mother can work as a daily labourer and bring in additional income.

Sponsorship is Rekik's lifeline. Sponsorship provides Rekik with all her educational needs – including uniforms, 3 meals a day, and a western-standard education that will ultimately prepare her to be a competitive candidate for tertiary education and what follows.



2.4 Adolescent sexual & reproductive health

All adolescents need information about safe sexual health practices.

Our program partners with schools in the slum areas to provide an interactive after-school session that combines fun with learning.

Our specialists train young leaders to educate their peers on male and female anatomy, relationships, HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted disease, contraceptives, sex & sexuality.

Let's Talk
About
Sex!

FUN FACT:
MORE THAN 300++ IN-
SCHOOL YOUTH
PARTICIPATED IN
SEXUAL EDUCATION
TRAINING THIS YEAR!



2.5 Home-based care

The poorest children in our program often have to balance their dedication to school with caring for their parents or family members suffering from HIV/AIDS.

To alleviate the burden on children to care for their sick parents, we train community volunteers every year to provide support to the most disadvantaged, most vulnerable families and persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Whilst often neglected from praise, in our eyes these people deserve gold stars.



2.6 Community Savings Groups

Alternative income generation



What is microfinance?

In developing countries like Ethiopia, most people don't have access to banking and other financial services because of high associated costs.

Microfinance is the provision of financial services, including credit, savings & insurance to the poor. By promoting access to these services and providing employment through small business, microfinance supports poor people out of poverty.

How it works

Each group gets
2,000 – 4,000
Birr (\$ 350 –
700) in seed
funding

The groups
undertake small
business
initiatives like
fruit & veg/
utensils etc.

The money they
make is managed
by an elected
chairperson,
secretary &
cashier

Profits are
divided up among
the group &
individuals: Money
raised goes to
social services

AIM: Groups can become economically independent and break the cycle of poverty



Women line up for months at the Immigration Office in Addis Ababa to obtain a passport & visa that allows them entry into the Middle East where they often end up enslaved.

3.0 New initiatives 2013 – 2014

3.1 “Fighting for Freedoms” Anti-Trafficking

In August our flagship anti-trafficking project will open in Addis Ababa to combat the mass migration of hundreds of thousands of young women and children to the Middle East.

Hope for Children will run preventative activities including **awareness raising initiatives** and **training & education** to facilitate knowledge, and **alternative income generating**

programs.

We will also be working alongside the Government of Ethiopia to build the capacity of a nationwide Anti-Trafficking Committee, to facilitate **knowledge-sharing** among the target demographic as well as advocating for **legislative change**.



3.2 FRIENDS Café

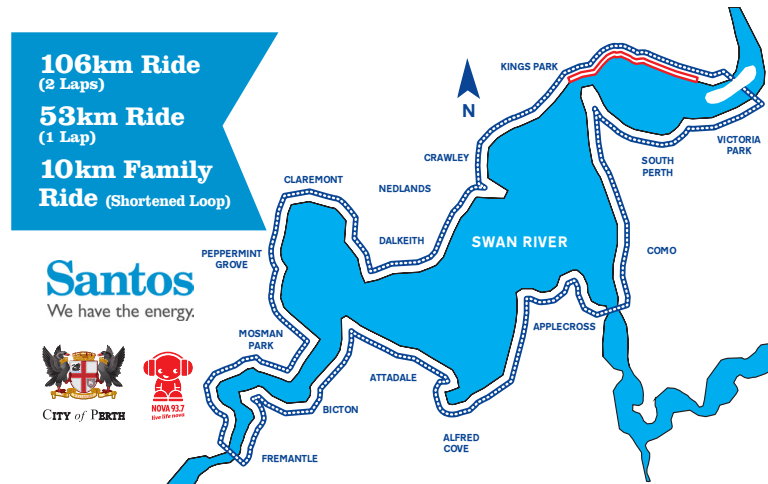
Hope for Children was awarded funding from Rotary Australia in 2013 to start up a social enterprise, Friends Café.

The café, which will be opened by 2014 in downtown Addis Ababa will provide vocational skills training for disadvantaged youth in

the hospitality sector.

Providing skills based training is paramount to facilitating sustainable, long-term change.

Hope for Children operations are funded by the generous donations of individuals, companies, and fundraising events we host on a regular basis



4.0 fundraising: It's your generous support...

4.1 Great Santos Annual Bike Ride for Charity The Santos Great Bike Ride for Charity: More than \$100, 000 for 3 charities with \$35, 000 raised for HFC, 4500 participants across 3 rides

Starting in 2004, The Santos Great Bike Ride for Charity is one of WA's most iconic mass cycling events.

Each year the event brings in funds for the Hope for Children, Horizon House, and the Heart Foundation.

4.2 LTAS Movie Night 160 people came to watch the 2012 smash hit Bel Ami

Raised \$8000 for the sexual reproductive health program Lets Talk About Sex!

4.3 St Yareds

A QLD fundraiser was hosted in 2013 to raise

money for St Yared. Money raised went to buying a rainwater tank to improve the school's capacity to provide drinking and cleaning water to the children.

4.4 "Liberating individuals and sustaining freedoms": Anti-Trafficking event

When: July 22nd 2013

Where: Steve's Food & Wine Bar, Nedlands

What: Deputy Leader of the Opposition & Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade will discuss modern slavery

All money raised goes to strengthening vulnerable communities against slavery.

4.5 Yogaworx Anti-Trafficking Yoga Night

In July 2013 more than 60 fans are practicing yoga to raise money for our Anti-Trafficking program.

Moving forward

Over the past 2 years I have been witnessing a dramatic change in Ethiopia. Hundreds of thousands of young adults and children are leaving the country on mass, seeking perceived 'better opportunities' in the Middle East.

What they find on arrival is truly horrific – physical and emotional abuse, exploitation and violence at the hands of modern day slaveholders.

What has horrified me the most is the number of children in this mass migration – including some of our former sponsorship children.

In order to combat this disturbing reality, in 2013 Hope for Children's anti-trafficking program will be launched, in a bid to raise awareness and educate vulnerable women and children -- the most at-risk potential victims for traffickers.

Our strategic direction will also continue to facilitate our programs around alternative income generation. We will be building our community savings groups to be more active, more efficient and to take more responsibility. Our new café initiative will also provide youth & young adults with valuable skills-based training.

If you have any queries or require more information please feel free to contact myself, or my staff.

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