



ENVIRONMENTALISTS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION - ETHIOPIA (EDA-E)

1. Background

1.1 Legal Status: The Association is reregistered with Certificate Number 0380 in Ethiopia by the Charities and Societies Agency. It has been operational since 3 March 2006. The license is renewed on January 01, 2013 for three years.

1.2 Area of Intervention: Environmental protection; the promotion of eco-friendly resource management.

1.3 Number of Founders: 15 individuals consisting mainly of academicians, engineers and researchers.

1.4 Organizational structure: As stipulated in the memorandum of the Association EDA-E set-up comprises of:

- 1.4.1 General Assembly
- 1.4.2 Board of the Association
- 1.4.3 Executive Director
- 1.4.4. Management staff.

1.5 Vision

EDA-E envisages the materialization of social development in harmony with its natural environment.

1.6 Mission

EDA-E has the mission to preserve and rehabilitate the ecological system of Ethiopia at a local level by:

- developing, promoting and applying environmentally friendly technologies,
- identifying, collecting and conserving the flora and fauna of all agro-ecological zones.

The Association engages itself in advocacy works to protect ecologically sensitive bodies like water, natural forest and special breeding habitats. It encourages, collects, compiles and validates indigenous knowledge on preserving and using natural resources.

1.7 Values

The Association upholds the accepted values of non-discrimination, partnership, community participation, knowledge sharing and empowerment.

2. Objectives

2.1. Preserving and rehabilitating forests by:

- 2.1.1 Reducing pressure on forest,
- 2.1.2 Conserving indigenous plants,

- 2.1.3 Introducing/promoting alternate technologies and materials which can substitute wood used for timber and fuel.
- 2.2. Reducing CO₂ emission by promoting alternate energy sources
- 2.3. Creating environmental awareness by:
 - 2.3.1. Publications, discussion forums and networking.
 - 2.3.2. Provision of up-to-date information on developmental/ environmental issues to individuals, institutions and communities.
 - 2.3.3. Establishing centers to demonstrate eco-balance.
- 2.4 Reducing soil erosion by protecting soil and water bodies through different biological and mechanical means that do support environmental protection, economic sustainability and social harmony.
- 2. 5. Cleaning the environment by recycling polluted water and solid waste material.
- 2.6. Identifying, collecting and reproducing economically/socially valuable indigenous plants as well as endangered species
- 2.7. Preserving and sharing valuable traditional knowledge on environmental protection by collecting and compiling individual and communal practices.
- 2.8. Developing natural resources like water for human consumption by taking ecologically sound practices into consideration.
- 2.9. Enabling communities to generate income by protecting the environment.

3. Funding Sources:

- 3.1. International donors
- 3.2. Communities cost sharing
- 3.3. Members contribution

4. EDA-E's Major Development Partners

The following organizations are our main partners or collaborators in implementing our projects:

- ♦ WasserStiftung/Water Foundation, Germany
- ♦ German Embassy, Addis Ababa
- ♦ Halcrow Foundation, UK
- ♦ Embassy of Finland, Addis Ababa
- ♦ SNV, The Netherlands
- ♦ Senior Experts Service, Germany
- ♦ Swedish International Development Agency through Mothers & Children Multi-Sectoral Organization.
- ♦ Civil Societies Support Program (Joint fund of Ireland, Denmark, The Netherlands, Norway, Sweden & UnitedKingdom)

5. Activities Carried Out

Despite various initial challenges, EDA-E has tried its level best to attain its objectives, and the following tabular presentation indicates the Association's completed activities:

See the Attachment EDAEs Completed Projects

6. Current Activities

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7. Contents of the Plan for the Years 2015

Water supply, water shade management, promotion of solar energy, biogas, alternative construction materials and beehives.

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8. Address of the Association

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