

2014

Subject: Introducing a purposeful project

Project Name: Gobezie Goshu Support for Elderly and Children (GGSEC)

Location: Kebele 06 (ግዕዳላ), Adwa, Tigray, Ethiopia

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Google Map:



Purposes:

**1. Educating Children**

- a. Ages 3-7 children whose parents are either dead or cannot afford to send them to KG are supported. These children otherwise spend their days on the streets of Adwa. The children are selected to the program by local administrative organs depending on their need. Currently, the center supports about 1,178 children.
- b. This project and all other pertaining activities within this 23,000 sq/m land are initiated and funded by S/r Tsige Roman Gobezie and some support from her friends.

**2. Supporting the Elderly**

- a. 169 bed ridden elderly are helped in their respective premises with basic daily necessities including, groceries and other needs. These elderly are also selected by local government organs. The basic selection criterion is bed ridden and helpless elderly.
- b. 4 elderly are resident at the center and are provided with room and board complete with all necessary assistance including, sanitation, clothing, entertainment area, hospital visits and other services.

**3. Project duration**

- a. This project has ended its first phase of five years' service and has now proposed for the second five year project plan 2014 - 2018.

**4. Current and future plans**

- a. The center has some possible income generating activities that need further attention, such as gardening and dairy farm in order to support its large expenses (Birr 70,000/month just for Elderly and Children), i.e grocery/school fee.
- b. Besides services to destitute children and the helpless elderly, the center is also engaged in environmental protection activities focused on a river that cuts through the property. The banks of the river are planted with elephant grass and other soil protective plants. This environmental activity is so important that it has been recognized by regional authorities hence received an award. The knowledge is also being shared with surrounding and neighboring property owners.
- c. In addition to soil and water conservation, balancing the eco system, various fruits and trees are also beautifying the area and supporting in generating income for the center.
- d. A large building for various training activities, an apartment building with furnished and unfurnished rooms, and a land where a river crosses through are among the future income generators for the center.

**5. Employment:** The center has employed about 21 full and part time employees excluding seasonal volunteers.

We welcome ideas that make a difference:

Thank you,

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