



# World Vision Project Profile



## Yaya Gulele Area Development Programme Ethiopia

World Vision Singapore has been funding Yaya Gulele ADP since its inception in 2007. Working in tandem with national governmental policies and other agencies for the eradication of poverty and transformational development in Ethiopia, this programme seeks to help families in the target areas achieve livelihood security on a sustainable basis. The programme will continue to run until its goals have been reached, and communities are in a position to maintain and improve the levels of transformational change they have achieved.

### Brief Information

Impact Area Population: 64,720 people  
Programme Lifespan: 2007 to 2022  
Children Available for Sponsorship  
(as of Nov 2015): 511

### Geographical Location

Yaya Gulele woreda (district) is in the North Shewa Zone of Oromia state. It has one urban and 17 rural kebeles (neighbourhoods). The topography is diverse with 44% highland, 40% midland and 16% lowland, making it possible for a variety of farming. The environment, however, is severely damaged through deforestation, decline in soil fertility, wildlife depletion and climate change.

### Realities

#### *Economic Poverty*

Ethiopia ranks 173 out of 187 countries on the 2014 Human Development Index. The average household income is US\$100 per month and 34.7% of the population live below the poverty line. Majority of the population are farmers engaged in mixed cultivation and livestock rearing. The major crops grown include wheat, beans, maize and barley. The rearing of livestock such as cattle, donkeys, mules, horses and poultry are an additional source of income. Access to energy sources is limited with most people in the rural areas depending mainly on firewood for cooking.

#### *Educational Challenges*

Enrolment in primary school has improved to 87% in recent years. The facilities and quality of teaching, however, are inadequate and secondary schools are lacking. More than 50% of children have not gained functional literacy. The ability of children in reading, writing and use of numeracy skills are not on par with the required standard. Inadequate school materials and limited access to updated teaching methodologies contribute to students not being engaged in school. As such, they prefer to do income generating activities like farming instead of going to school.

#### *Healthcare Concerns*

There is a high level of need in the areas of healthcare, sanitation and clean water. A shortage of potable water is the highest ranked priority to address. The causes are poor sanitation practices, poor waste disposal and open defecation. In 2011, the infant mortality rate was 59 per 1,000 births, compared with two per 1,000 births in Singapore. Due to the inability to have a balanced diet and age appropriate food, mothers and children are malnourished. There is also poor health service provision and a prevalence of communicable and infectious diseases due to poor personal and environmental hygiene.

### Programme Goal

The overall goal is to contribute to the sustained wellbeing of children, especially the most vulnerable, within families and communities.





## Key Challenges and World Vision's Key Initiatives

### **Challenge: Shortage of food due to environmental damage and dependence on rain-fed farming**

#### **Initiative: Improve food security status of children**

World Vision adopts an integrated approach focusing on agricultural production, environmental rehabilitation and non-farming income like savings groups to improve the food security of vulnerable families. This includes improving irrigation, providing improved inputs, providing training on environmental rehabilitation, facilitating credit access and providing new agricultural technologies.



World Vision assists farmers by providing training and good quality seeds to increase agricultural production.

### **Challenge: Poor school facilities and lack of awareness about the importance of education**

#### **Initiative: Improve access and quality of education for boys and girls**

By constructing schools, equipping them with necessary school furniture and providing training to academic and leadership staff, the quality of education can improve. To facilitate access to education, school kits and uniforms are supplied to needy students. Community awareness workshops on the importance of education are conducted, focusing especially on education for girls.



Classrooms now have chairs and desks for students to write on.

### **Challenge: Lack of access to quality medical care and low awareness on nutrition, healthcare and hygiene**

#### **Initiative: Improve health status of children and families**

To increase access to essential health services, health posts are constructed and furnished. Community health workers are trained on antenatal care, delivery, postnatal care and early response to epidemic diseases. Training is provided to mothers and caregivers on increasing the intake of micronutrients and promoting a balanced diet. Vaccination campaigns are conducted to reduce diseases, and different kinds of training and mass education are conducted on personal and environmental hygiene. The initiative also works to reduce new cases of HIV/AIDS.

Through all these interventions, World Vision is transforming the lives of children in Yaya Gulele, making a change today as well as giving them hope for the future!



Mothers and caregivers are educated about nutrition and the need for a balanced diet.

### How You Can Help

**Sponsor a child in Yaya Gulele ADP** or give towards a **Gift Catalogue** item, which benefits the community!

Thank you for your heart for the poor, and for making a difference in the lives of children and families in Ethiopia.