



**EMPOWERING CAREGIVERS TO  
PROVIDE FOR THEIR FAMILIES**

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UPDATE FROM ETHIOPIA



The caregiver, Tsega, has engaged in fattening and goat rearing. She is one of the parents taking part in a self-help group triggered by this intervention. In 2021, she borrowed 3,000 ETB (£47) from the self-help group. She is changing her life by working and earning an average of 1,000 to 2,000 ETB (£16-£31) per month. She intends to grow her business.

## THE DIFFERENCE YOU ARE MAKING

43p a day. That was the average daily income for these 863 caregivers. Weighing up how best to put this to use in the household was an ongoing stress for these families. Overall, extreme poverty was preventing opportunities for these individuals to maintain their health and dignity.

That was before you decided to step in and show support.

Now, these 863 caregivers have been trained and provided with the resources needed to increase their household income.

Family lives are being transformed as caregivers can now put away savings for emergency needs or future development ideas.

The timing of caregivers setting up businesses could not have come at a better time. During a time of national food insecurity, your support has enabled these families to put food on the table for their families.

Children are being equipped with supplies for school, and household items. These things that were seen as luxuries before are no longer out of reach for these caregivers.

Your support has increased peace and stability for many families across Ethiopia. Thank you.

## INTERVENTION SPECIALIST, YONAS, SHARES PROGRESS:

“The intervention is going well. The 13 child development centres are managing the work in a manageable and effective way.

In the process, price escalation of food items and other commodities has affected the purchase process for the caregivers. The price of food has increased by a double fold, and the caregivers have encountered financial constraints to run their businesses and feed their children simultaneously.

Despite these challenges, caregivers are earning a monthly average of 2,000 ETB (£31.50). Collectively, they have managed to put away more than 800,000 ETB (£12,625) into savings.

## YONAS SHARES LINA’S DEVELOPMENT:

“Lina is the mother of Yusura, a Compassion-supported child. They are a family of three, and now she is pregnant. She is engaged in a small shop business. In the first phase, she took 3,200 ETB (£51), and she returned the first phase loan within eight months. She took the second phase loan, which is 5,000 ETB (£79). Due to the market inflation, she saved 200 ETB (£3.10) this quarter. Her total saving amount is 1,200 ETB (£19).

Previously she did not have a job; she waited for her husband’s income. Her husband is a police officer, and his monthly income is not more than 2,500 ETB (£39.45). After starting her business in a small shop, she got more than 2,000 (£31.56) in a month.

Not only this, but she is the only person who covers the family’s expenses because her husband was made redundant from the police department. Nowadays, Lina is so happy because she works for what she dreamt of and always tries to improve her market stall. In the beginning, she rented electricity, but now she’s got a private electrical line and continues to do her best.”



Mother to Compassion-supported Daniel, is making Enjera (a local bread made from Teffe) to sell. She obtained a 3,000 ETB (£47) loan from the self-help group. She gets 1,500 ETB to 2,000 ETB (£24 - £31) profit per month.

## CONFLICT IN ETHIOPIA

In November 2020, conflict broke out in the Tigray (northern) region of Ethiopia and has spread into the Afar, Amhara, and Oromiya regions. Opposition forces, including the Tigray Defense Forces (TDF) and the Oromo Liberation Army (OLA), have aligned against the Ethiopian government. 16,091 people have been killed and more than 5.5 million fled their homes.<sup>11</sup>

97,920 citizens in the communities where Compassion Ethiopia are based left their homes to seek refuge. Some areas in Ethiopia are still unstable. Although this has created challenges for Compassion Ethiopia, the Compassion centres in this report are not currently affected by the conflict.

## COVID-19 UPDATE

As of the 29 June, 2022, there have been 7,532 COVID-19 related deaths in Ethiopia.

Ethiopia has administered at least 30,025,290 doses of COVID-19 vaccines so far. Assuming every person needs two doses, that's enough to have vaccinated about 13.4% of the country's population.<sup>1</sup>



Mother Damenu, is making Enjera (a local bread) to sell at the local market. She obtained a 5,000 ETB (£79) loan from the self-help group.

**“When the caregivers’ abilities to save grows, they will be more able to provide the basic requirements of the entire family.”**

These are the words of, Dechasa, who is a Centre Director taking part in the intervention. She says:

“The caregivers have been making savings and demonstrating their desire to improve their economic status. Most of them did not have a stable source of income. They frequently struggled to meet their children’s fundamental needs, such as feeding them.

Many lives have been brightened because of this intervention, as they were able to obtain funds to expand their enterprises.

We are grateful for the assistance provided. It has aided us in meeting the families’ economic demands. The assistance has paved the path for Gospel outreach and has aided the church in reaching out to the community with holistic development assistance. We would like to thank our donors from the bottom of our hearts for this great help to the caregivers.”

## YONAS SHARES MERSERT’S SUCCESS

“Mesert lives with her husband and her two children, including Abel, a Compassion-supported child. Before this opportunity, she owned her own business in a shop. However, because of a lack of money, she was not able to run the business consistently. Since she had low capital, she used to earn very little money from selling her goods and could not support her family’s basic needs.

In October 2020, Mesert received training and a first loan of 5,000 ETB, (£79) and started her own coffee and tea house. She repaid the first loan and took a second loan of 10,000 ETB (£158). She is now starting to earn a monthly net profit of 2,500 - 3,000 ETB (£39 - £47). She can now purchase clothing, food items, and school supplies. She is very grateful and excited for the support.”

**“I’m optimistic about the future now. Because economic support has given me hope, I am determined to work hard and better my life.”**

These are the words of Tsehay, who is a caregiver taking part in the intervention. She says:

“I couldn’t support and raise my child since I didn’t have enough money. My child receives food and scholastic support from the programme. Since she started, I have experienced significant financial assistance.

I am overjoyed that I’ve been given the opportunity to try my hand at a variety of businesses.

We gained insight and energy to work for the improvement of my family after receiving instruction on how to handle the business. I think that God will give me strength, and that the intervention will help me in a variety of ways.

**“It was reassuring, and it had prepared me for a more promising future.”**

I can also practice social communication with my Self-Help Group members.”



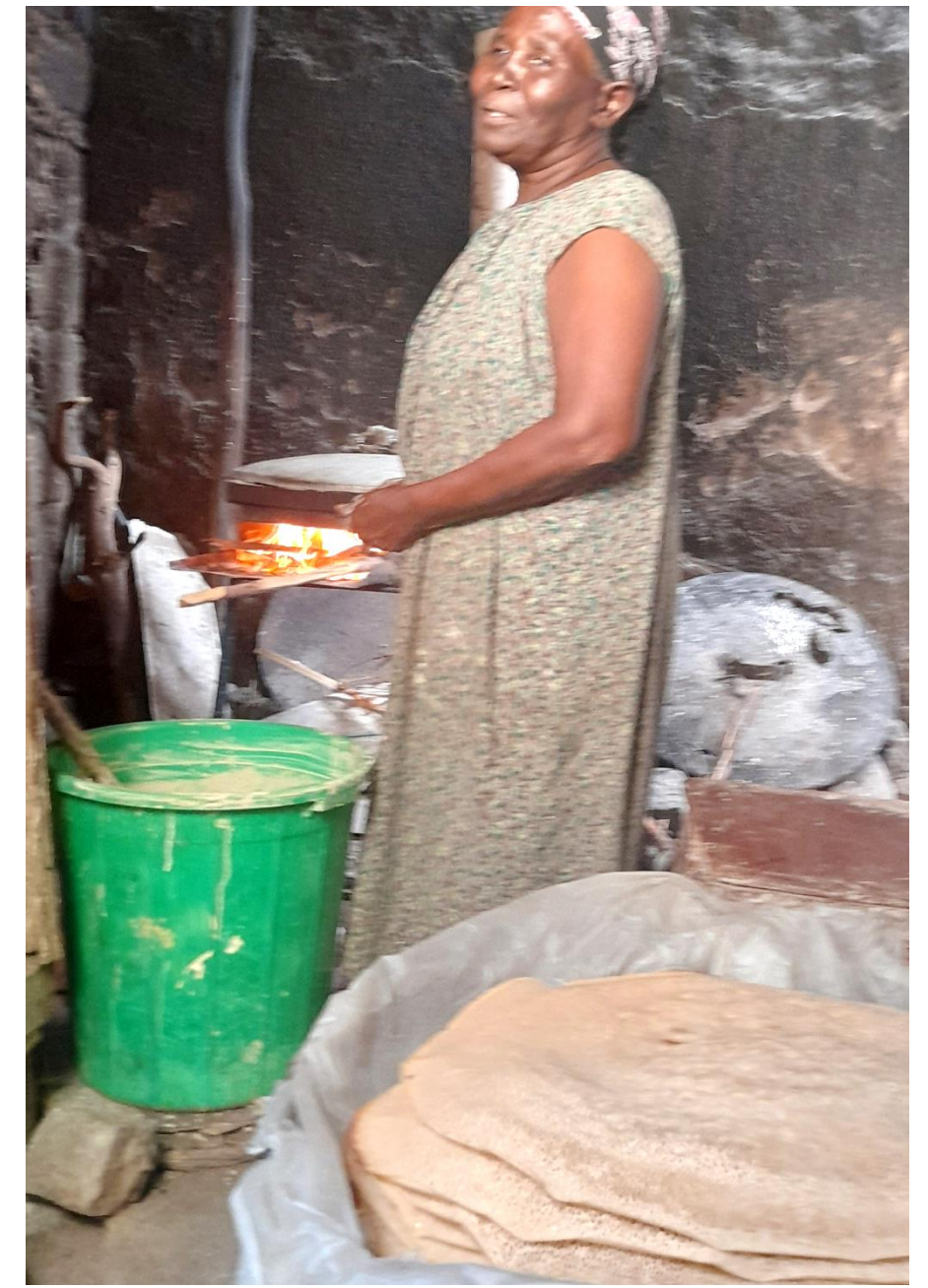
Tsehay is working in a local market selling vegetables. She obtained a 5,000 ETB (£79) loan from the Self-Help Group, which has changed her family's life.



Mother to Compassion-supported child Melat is selling coffee and fast food next to the Dire Dawa Sports Commission. She obtained a 5,000 ETB (£79) loan from the group.



Mother Edene is selling coffee along a pedestrian route. She obtained a 3,000 ETB (£47) loan from the self-help group in March 2021. She has been able to get a profit of 1,600 ETB (£25) per month. She has a plan to expand her business.



Grandmother to Compassion-supported child, Yasbira, is making Enjera (a local type of bread) to sell. She obtained a 3,200.00 ETB (£51) loan from the self-help group.



Mother to Compassion-supported child, Kalkidan, is selling vegetables. She obtained a loan of 3,000 ETB (£47) from the self-help group in March 2020. She has been able to earn 3,300 ETB (£52) from the products. She has a plan to expand her business.



Rachel is a caregiver who runs a small shop. She received a loan of 6,000 ETB (£95) from the Self-Help Group in June 2019 for the purpose of running a small shop. She works to support her family and has saved 300 ETB (£5) per month from her earnings.



Mother to Compassion-supported child, Tsion, is selling coffee and fast food. She obtained a 3,700 ETB (£59) loan from the self-help group in March 2021. She has been able to get a profit of 1,500 ETB (£24) per month. She has a plan to expand her business.

## THANK YOU

Before this intervention, these caregivers were seeing essential items for school and the dining table as luxury items. Despite their resilience, for these families the idea of putting away savings was a far-off dream.

Now these caregivers are putting away monthly savings, enabling them to buy clothing, food items, and school supplies for their children and spouses.

Increasing confidence to know that they can provide for their families is life-changing for these caregivers.

Developing the ability to meet household needs is relieving significant pressure.

This provision has protected many lives and futures across Ethiopia. Thank you.

You will hear more about the impact of this intervention in the next report.

If you have any questions about this intervention, please do not hesitate to contact Mark Preston on 07830 791 899 or at [MarkP@compassionuk.org](mailto:MarkP@compassionuk.org).

<sup>i</sup> Relief Web, *Ethiopia Peace Observatory Weekly: 14-20 May 2022* [EN/AM]: [reliefweb.int/report/ethiopia/ethiopia-peace-observatory-weekly-14-20-may-2022-enam](https://reliefweb.int/report/ethiopia/ethiopia-peace-observatory-weekly-14-20-may-2022-enam)

<sup>ii</sup> NRC, *The world's ten most neglected crises are all in Africa*: [www.nrc.no/news/2022/june/the-worlds-ten-most-neglected-crises-are-all-in-africa/](https://www.nrc.no/news/2022/june/the-worlds-ten-most-neglected-crises-are-all-in-africa/)



“Learn to do *right*;  
seek justice.  
*Defend* the oppressed.  
Take up the *cause*  
of the fatherless;  
*plead the case*  
of the widow.”

**ISAIAH 1:17 (NIV)**



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