

WWBS Activity Summary, 2007

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Activities of the organization:	The motto of our church is to serve the whole person (physical and spiritual needs)

I. Western Wollega Betel Synod (WWBS): is located 635 km away from Addis Ababa, country capital, in western part of the country.

The inception of WWBS is marked by the medical and evangelical work started in 1919 by Presbyterian missionaries

II. Development and social services of the Synod

1. Education (in partnership with PC-USA)
 - 1.1 Berhane Yesus Primary School
 - 1.2 Bethel evangelical secondary school (BESS)
 - ❖ Academic stream (in partnership with PC-USA)
 - ❖ Vocational training (in partnership with EED)
 - ❖ Basic /Rural Education in partnership with Berliner Missionswerk, BMW, Susquahanna Valley Presbytery and PC-USA outreach foundation
2. Lalo Kile IRDP Phase I (in partnership with EED) which includes many components:
 - Agricultural extension
 - Termite control
 - Soil and water conservation
 - Reforestation
 - Gender and Development
 - Veterinary service
 - Bridge construction
 - Water development etc
3. Dale Wabera IRDP (in partnership with BftW)
 - The same activities as in Lalo Kile IRDP but it phased out this year except credit scheme

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4. Tullu Gopo Clinic and preventive health service (in partnership with PC-USA)
5. HIV/AIDS prevention and control program (Ecumenical Churches)
5. Support for HIV/AIDS orphans and PLWHA (in partnership with BMW, PC-USA)
6. Child and Youth care program for orphans and semi-orphans at Dembi Dollo and Haro Sebu Hostels: 118 and 50 children
7. Water development program to render potable water for rural community (in partnership with BMW, Waterlines, LAFIM)
8. Rehabilitation of marginalized Dale Sadi Sadi and Ula Wata Mejengir community, 120 households (PC-USA)

III. Main challenges of the EECMY-WWBS

- Managing the rapid growth of the church
- Meeting the demands of/needs of the community for Development and Social Services such as WDP, Rural Development Projects, church buildings etc
- Inadequate running cost and human resources for the Berhane Yesus Primary School and Bethel Evangelical Secondary School
- Inadequate trained human resources in Development, Evangelism, Finance and administration department to undertake holistic service
- The rapid increase of HIV/AIDS orphans and PLWHA

IV. Future plans of the WWBS/Development and Social Service

- Continuation of BESS and BYS activities
- Continuation of DWIRDP and Inception of Lalo Kile IRDP 1st phase
- Continuation of HIV/AIDS Prevention and control Program and strengthening of Support for HIV/AIDS orphans and PLWHA
- Continuation or strengthening of Literacy program/ Inception of Rural Education Program/ let the Women Read the Bible Project
- Continuation of Water Development Project
- Continuation of KNH supported orphans (at community level and Haro Sebu Hostel)
- Construction of Yubido and Kebe Kindergarten
- Continuation of Rehabilitation work of 2002/2003 drought affected re settlers
- Human Capacity building training for Presbyteries and synod
- Local capacity building training for peace
- Working and guiding congregations towards self-reliance
- Promote evangelism outreach program,
- Improve capacity of the synod and presbyteries in all aspects,
- Rehabilitation and capacitating of the Mejengir community,
- Awareness rising towards gender issues and increase the involvement of women in church/community development activities and decision making
- Continued cooperation and partnership with partners and donor agencies.

V. Financial Management

For each WWBS project and program activities there is separate bank account and signatories and every year they are audited by independent chartered auditor. The synod management is always willing to exert its maximum effort to meet its partners requirements and ready to implement their advice and recommendations.