

Addis Ababa

Ethiopia

Positive changes are happening in Addis Ababa. Learn more about how we're supporting children and girls' rights through our collaborative, equality-driven work.

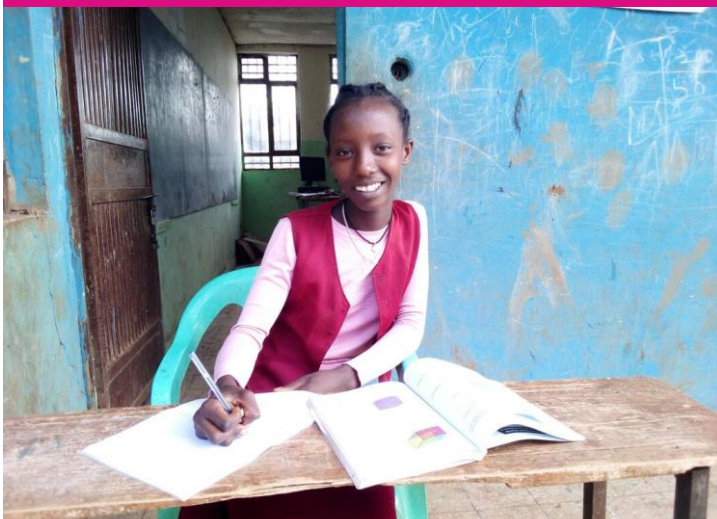
The influx of refugees from Sudan as well as millions of internally displaced people, puts pressure on resources such as food, education and social services. This increases the risk of gender-based violence, especially for girls, who face barriers such as poor sexuality education and inadequate educational facilities.

Through our early childhood development programmes children from preschools benefited from attending community-based childcare education centres. Additionally, we worked with economic empowerment for women by building their technical skills through the Meseret Humanitarian Organization (MHO) to effectively develop business plans. Also, more than one million people in Ethiopia have received humanitarian aid due to conflict and high level of food insecurity.



Young girls in school in Addis Ababa.

"After I complete grade 12, I want to join university and become a doctor, so I can help others around me." Betelihem, 14, Sponsored Child



Impact in Numbers

1,004,953

**people in Ethiopia
received
humanitarian aid**

87

**young women
trained in business
skills**

320

**students provided
sanitary facilities in
school**

Education Opening Up Doors



NAME:

Birtukan

AGE:

12 years old

DREAMS TO BE:

A doctor

“Thanks to Plan, we have school supplies, free medical services, and teacher training, combined desks, which has improved learning environment in schools.”



Meet Birtukan

Birtukan, a 12-year-old sixth grader from South Ethiopia, lives with her parents, two sisters, and three brothers. After school, she supports her family by tending to the cattle, preparing coffee, cleaning the floors, and fetching water from the river. Their livelihood relies heavily on subsistence farming.

Birtukan dreams of excelling academically and using her success to support her family, community, and society.

Financial Barriers to Education

Due to a low harvest, farmers and their families, including Birtukan's, are struggling financially. As a result, they can't afford the high costs of educational materials, which makes it difficult to support their children's education.

Until about a year ago, Birtukan's parents worked daily to support the family, requiring Birtukan and her siblings to stay home and care for younger siblings. This frequently caused them to miss classes and tests.

Supporting Education

To help families like Birtukan's send their children to school, Plan is partnering with the government to offer savings and loan training. They provide savings kits to groups for managing savings and accessing loans.

Birtukan's family is earning income through small trading activities, such as buying and selling butter. Hence, Birtukan is able to attend school, participate in her lessons, and work towards her dream of becoming a doctor.



Birtukan, playing with a friend.

We Work With 2,220 Sponsored Children in Addis Ababa

Projects That Support Lasting Change

Improving Education

In Addis Ababa, lack of educational infrastructure including overcrowded classrooms, poor ventilation, lighting, and temperature can negatively impact students' health, attendance, and performance.

Plan, in collaboration with the community, trained 240 teachers (including 126 women) on gender-responsive teaching and active learning strategies. This training empowered teachers to foster equitable, engaging, and stereotype-free learning environments. As a result, schools became more inclusive and adaptable, recognizing the role of gender in delivering high-quality education for all ages and abilities.

Additionally, 100 people participated in an awareness campaign on gender-based violence in schools, aiming to unite the public, community organizations, government officials, and policymakers in combating the issue.



Meraki, 5, loves going to school.

2,800

students provided with new classrooms



Women participating in entrepreneurship training programmes.

Supporting Female Leaders

In Addis Ababa, young girls and women face a grave risk of gender-based violence, which severely restricts their future economic and social opportunities.

Plan partnered with 98 women organisations in Ethiopia to advocate for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls in Ethiopia, particularly those from vulnerable communities. Meseret Humanitarian Organization (MHO), operating with the mission of reducing the vulnerability of women and children, is one of the project's partners.

MHO conducted business, entrepreneurial skills, and enterprise development training for 26 single mothers. Additionally, 75 young women were trained on childcare/babysitting, housekeeping, life skills, sanitation, and hygiene management.



Tsion, 24 years old, a single mother in Addis Ababa

"As a result of the support provided to me by MHO my life has changed. I am energetic and confident that I will be an example for others." Tsion, 24, from Addis Ababa.

You're Supporting a More Equal Future



Children studying in school in Addis Ababa.

Together, we're working to create a more just world.

High poverty has led to many young women struggling to find decent work opportunities. Next year, Plan will strengthen entrepreneurial skills and financing mechanisms for young women.

In Addis Ababa, schools are struggling with problems like not having enough classrooms. Next year, Plan will support schools by building more classrooms and enhancing the overall environment for students.

Schools in Addis Ababa also lack access to gender-sensitive, inclusive, student-centric learning methods. Next year, Plan will support teachers with educational materials and learning methods tailored to schools' unique needs.

Message from Plan Staff

"I am grateful of your support that helps Plan achieving women empowerment and saving lives in times of crisis. I am confident our sponsors' support will be extended in the coming years to address children, girls', and young women development needs."



Tesmegen Elias,
Programme Area
Manager, Addis
Ababa

The Plan Effect

Sponsored children are at the centre of everything we do, and they help plan our programmes based on what's important to them. Sponsors' donations are a gateway into a community. This helps build trust and credibility to attract even more funds from new sources. This makes more sustainable programmes possible in sponsorship communities. This powerful synergy is something we call The Plan Effect.

Progress in Numbers

100 people joined
International Day
of Disabilities

10 children with
disabilities given
wheelchairs

78 youth financially
supported for
startups

80 desks distributed
to classrooms in
schools