

SUPPORT FOR THE BENISHANGUL -GUMUZ REGION



Location Benishangul-Gumuz region borders with Sudan to the west,

Amhara to the north, and Oromiya to the south.

Capital Asosa

Population 670,847; Male: 340,378 Female: 330,469

Population Density 13.6 inhabitants/km2

Ethnic Groups Berta 25.9%, Gumuz 21.11%, Amhara 21.25%, Oromo 13.32%,

Shinasha 7.59%, and Mao 1.9%

Religions Muslim 45.4%, Ethiopia Orthodox 13.5%, Protestant 13.5%,

and traditional beliefs 7.1%

Languages Berta 27%, Gumuz 21.11%, Amharigna 21.25%, Oromifa

13.32%, Shinasha 7.59%, and Mao 2%

No. of Woredas 21 woredas

President Ahmed Nasir Ahmed (November 2008 – Present)

Source: Central Statistical Agency of Ethiopia 2007

Basic Education Services

Project Name: Community School Partnership Program (CSPP)

Implementer(s): Save the Children US

Duration: 2008 –2012

Overview: To enhance quality and equity of primary education in target schools through capacity building of teachers and communities in designing, implementation and management of education and health services at school level.

Project Name: Transforming Education for Adults and Children in the Hinterlands (TEACH II)

Implementer(s): Pact Duration: 2009 –2013

Overview: To increase access to education for children and adults in disadvantaged areas and to improve the capacity of woreda education offices

(WEO) to manage non-formal education.

Project Name: Fre-Addis Girl's Scholarship
Program

Implementer(s): Fre-Addis Ethiopia

Duration: 2010 - 2014

Overview: To help 1022 female high school students in 196 woredas who demonstrated strong academic performance and successfully completed grade eight, but are in need of assistance to complete secondary education by granting them scholarship money.

Democracy and Governance

Project Name: Human Rights and Advocacy

Implementer(s): Justice for All & Prison Fellowship

Ethiopia

Duration: September 2007 -2012

Overview: Deter human rights abuses by training court and police officials in human rights law and administrative regulations and by general and

case-specific advocacy.

Health, AIDS, Population and Nutrition

Project Name: Contraceptive Commodity

Procurement

Implementer(s): Central Contraceptive

Procurement

Duration: 2005 -2012

Overview: To ensure access to and availability of modern contraceptives through the procurement of contraceptives for the (IFHP) Integrated Family Health Program service delivery network in public

health facilities.

Project Name: Integrated Family Health Program (IFHP)

Implementer(s): Pathfinder International

Duration: 2008 –2013

Overview: Improve family health by strengthening and promoting increased use of high impact family planning, maternal, new born and child health

practices, products and services

Project Name: Urban Gardens Program

Implementer(s): Development Alternatives Inc.

Duration: 2008 –2012

Overview: Improve the nutritional status and income of vulnerable households affected by HIV/AIDS and offer income alternatives for those

impacted by HIV/AIDS.

Project Name: Strengthening Community's Responses to HIV/AIDS

Implementer(s): Program for Appropriate

Technology in Health (PATH) **Duration:** 2009 –2012

Overview: Improve Ethiopian communities' abilities to respond to the HIV/AIDS epidemic by strengthening their capacities to deliver integrated community HIV/AIDS services, including basic and advanced care and support, HIV counseling and testing (HCT), adherence monitoring and defaulter

tracing, social support, and asset building/economic strengthening.

Project Name: Orphans and Vulnerable Children

(OVC) Program
Implementer(s): Pact
Duration: 2011 – 2016

Overview: Reduce vulnerability among orphans and vulnerable children and their families by strengthening systems and structures to deliver quality essential services and increase resiliency.

Project Name: Strengthening the Federal Level Response to Highly Vulnerable Ethiopian Children through the Development of a Child-Focused

Social Welfare System Implementer(s): UNICEF Duration: 2011 – 2012

Overview: To mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS on children through improved Ethiopian systems and

structures.