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Annual Report

*for Year 1st October 2004
to 30th September 2005*



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For-ethiopia Trust Annual Report
for the year ended 30 September 2005

For-ethiopia is a charity registered with the Charity Commission under registration number 1108526.

Trustees

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Gary Underhill	(Vice Chairman)
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The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2005.

Signed:  Date: 7th June 2006
Tigist Grieve
(Secretary of the Board of Trustees)



I. CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

2005 will be remembered as a big year for global justice with the Make Poverty History campaign urging the UK government to use its position of presidency of the G8 summit to do more about aid, debt relief and trade justice.

This year also had a momentum all of its own for our charity being our first year of operation. The positive response that we received from people in the UK and Ethiopia exceeded our expectations. Our target for income was fully achieved and we had the excitement of realising that small amounts of input could actually make big significant change.

It is very easy to read about aid, development and poverty reduction strategies in books or to support a large charity where you don't know the names of the beneficiaries. But for us this was different as we were getting to know the community of Addis Alem in Ethiopia. We had done lots of talking in our 2004 visit because participatory development is the theory that you begin with asking and listening to the people in a community. We sat and talked with villagers in this very poor region, listening to how they viewed their own situation, to the things that were important to their livelihoods and we came away with a very clear message their most urgent is for clean safe drinking water, followed by education and health together with income generation.

This formed the basis of what we then set out to do.

Janet Mills

7th January 2006



II. HISTORY & OBJECTIVES

For-ethiopia is a charity operating from Bristol, UK with the aim of providing sustainable development to help the people of Ethiopia move towards self-sufficiency. The Trust deed defines the charity's Objects as being: *'To relieve poverty and sickness, to preserve and protect health and advance education, among the people of Ethiopia who are in need.'*

For-ethiopia was formally constituted with the signing of the Trust Deed on 26th September 2004 by the four original Trustees. A bank account was then opened in the name of For-ethiopia with the Co-operative bank on 2nd November 2004.

January 2005 saw the addition of a fifth Trustee and the development of the three year business plan. Registration with the Charity Commission was achieved on 10th March 2005.

III. GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

The Trustees who held office during the financial year and at the date of this report are set out on page 1. The Trust Deed states that there must be at least three trustees. Apart from the first trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of 3 years by a resolution of the trustees passed at a special meeting called under clause 15 of this deed.

The Trust's headquarters are at its registered office in Bristol. The Trust is committed to ensuring that all money raised from the public and other organisations is spent directly on development projects in Ethiopia. To this end its Trustees guarantee to personally cover all administration costs themselves. The Trust works collaboratively through its sister organisation - **'For-ethiopia Association'**, an NGO based in Addis Ababa, assessing and selecting development projects, raising funds for those projects, supervising the work, monitoring the impact of the resulting development and maintaining the effectiveness of the projects. These projects must meet the criteria set by the charity before grants are made. Currently the work in Ethiopia is focussed on the community in and around Addis Alem, but in the future partnerships may be developed with other communities and suitable NGOs.

Our procedure for selection of projects and beneficiaries incorporates the following safeguards:

- All trustees will be involved in reviewing identified projects or applications.



- All trustees will consider whether we need to consult independent experts to assess viability of proposed projects.
- Partners may be recommended by individual trustees.
- No work with new partner organisations will occur without a personal meeting of their leaders.
- To further enable effective decision making in-depth analysis of the local situation and context will be provided, including cross-checking our understanding of unfamiliar social / cultural situations.

During 2005 we networked with organisations with similar aims, both in the UK and in Ethiopia and will continue to do so. Two Trustees, as our field officers, have been on several fact-finding missions to Addis Alem, and in co-operation with local interested groups have explored needs and possible projects. As a result of the survey we have identified the following areas where projects should be investigated:

- i. Develop and protect an existing natural spring (approximately benefits 700 people).
- ii. Supply educational materials to the Junior and Senior schools.
- iii. In the next financial year we intend to investigate health needs of local clinics.

In assessing risk our Trustees recognise that some areas of our work require the acceptance and management of risk if our key objectives are to be achieved.

We recognise that risk may be involved in initial project assessment and implementation. Major risks, for this purpose, are those that may have a significant effect on:

- Operational performance, including risks to our personnel and volunteers;
- Achievement of our aims and objectives; or
- Meeting the expectations of our beneficiaries or supporters.

The Trustees are determined to satisfy themselves that adequate procedures are in place to manage the risks identified.



The following framework is central to ensuring adequate risk assurance:

- monitoring of major risks and development of action plans;
- establishing a clear structure of delegated authority and control;
- maintaining sufficient reserves to guarantee project completion;
- reviewing in Trustee meetings progress and impact of projects.

IV. ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

Two major fundraising activities were carried out in the first financial year.

In May 2005, a *'Taste for Ethiopia'* event took place. This successfully raised awareness of the charity's aims through organising a banquet with cultural activities.

In July 2005, St Joseph's RC Primary School undertook a sponsored water carry event following a series of presentations by Trustees to the pupils in lessons and assembly.

Throughout the year as more people became aware of the charity an increasing number of individuals began to make regular donations.

The monies raised through these activities allowed a spring capping project to take place in September 2005. The Ras Mulugeta spring in Addis Alem now serves over 700 people with clean water.





V. FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year, the charity raised £3,549.45 from general donations and events. All expenses were met by the Trustees through personal specified giving. In our 3-year business plan it was our stated objective to achieve income of £2,050. This was clearly exceeded. The business plan also stated that we would distribute £2,000 by October 2005. £1,500.00 was sent that month to 'For-Ethiopia Association', Addis Ababa, for the spring project in Addis Alem. A further £1,500 was made in November 2005 which does not therefore appear in this year's accounts.

There was a balance at the end of the financial year on the 30th September 2005 of £2,049.45. The success of this first financial year has given us the confidence that we will be able to fully meet our plans for the next financial year.

VI. FUTURE AIMS

- **Water**
 - Another spring will be developed in Addis Alem.
 - Construct more wells in rural locations
- **Education**
 - Books and computers will be provided for the Junior and Senior schools in Addis Alem.
 - Educational partnership will be further encouraged through appropriate links with schools in the Bristol area.
- **Health**
 - Surveys will be carried out at the 7 clinics to assess their needs and make provision for them.
 - A link will be encouraged with a Bristol clinic.

We therefore intend to continue to extend and diversify our fundraising activities as our minimum target for the next financial year is £3,000.



VII. ACCOUNTS:

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

EXTERNAL SCRUTINY

As a non-company charity below the £10,000 threshold, the Trustees are aware that an Independent Examination is not required. They have therefore decided in this their first financial year to have their accounts (see Appendix page 9) externally scrutinised following all the independent examination principles except that the retired Bank Manager undertaking the scrutiny is a close relative of one of the Trustees. This examination, in the form of a negative assurance report, has no statutory force. In the next financial year however the Trustees intend to move to a full Independent Examination.



External Scrutineer's Report to the Trustees of For-Ethiopia Trust

I report on the Accounts of the For-Ethiopia Trust for the year ended 30th September 2005, which are set out on page 9.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Scrutineer

The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) but that a form of external scrutiny would be helpful for the first financial year.

I have made it my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the External Scrutineer's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

External Scrutineer's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the Trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act); and
- accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:


Alan Grieve (MCIBS)

Date: 5/1/06



For-ethiopia
(Registered Charity No. 1108526)
Accounts for year ended 30 September 2005 (Year 1)

Receipts

Donations	
Regular donors	£ 731.00 *
Individuals	£ 1,795.34 *
HSBC Bank	£ 200.00
Woodlands Poverty Service	£ 91.11
Other receipts	
Taste for Ethiopia (7 May)	£ 540.00
Wacky Races (17 July)	£ 192.00 *
Total receipts for Year 1	£ 3,549.45

Payments

Sent to Ethiopia for Spring Project	£ 1,500.00
Total payments for Year 1	£ 1,500.00

Statement of Account

Balance at 1st October 2004		
Co-operative Bank A/c	£ -	£ -
Receipts for Year 1	£ 3,549.45	
Less payments for Year 1	-£ 1,500.00	
Surplus for Year 1	£ 2,049.45	£ 2,049.45
Balance at 30th September 2005		£ 2,049.45
Represented by:		
General Fund		£ 1,317.45
Earmarked Funds - Spring Project		£ 732.00
Balance in:		
Co-operative Bank A/c No. 65151897		£ 2,049.45

Notes:

* Giftaid of £475.47 claimable (To be claimed in 2006)

Signed: 
Robert Grieve (Treasurer)

Date: 20 / 12 / 05