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## Thank you for being a valued member !

Early Care International is a member-based civil society organisation. Since the establishment of our organisation, we have reached out to our friends, families and people who care about our area of work to become members of Early Care International. We are thankful for our members who support the organisation in various ways.

We have 37 members, and we are working on reaching 50 members for funds that support long term projects.

## Looking for an intern/volunteer

As we are getting increasingly busy with various tasks, we are searching for a volunteer/intern who can assist us with fundraising and project proposals. If you are interested or know someone who would like to join us, please let us know.

## Remember March 31st - General Assembly

On March 31st, at 17:00-18:00, we will have our first general assembly meeting. We look forward to this day where we will talk about the organisations' activities and vote on amendments to the articles of association.



## Project granted

In partnership with Civil Connections, a Danish-based non-governmental organisation, Early Care International has received the first small scale intervention grant from CISU-Civil Society in Development. With the grant, we aim to map the existing Early Childhood Development programmes and services with our local partner, Education for Sustainable Development in Ethiopia. The project runs from February 2022 until July 2022.

## What is Expected from the project ?

The national Early Childhood Development (ECD) programme in Ethiopia is cross-sectoral. The holistic needs of children are diverse and cannot be addressed by a single intervention from a single sector. However, from our discussion with the Ethiopian Ministry of Health and our local partner, Education for Sustainable Development, we have learned that ECD programmes across the sectors are not coordinated and lack a platform to start a more concentrated collaboration towards this coordination.

This small-scale intervention will provide the foundation for strengthening ECD programmes in Ethiopia. The following outputs are expected through this project: 1) Identification of existing Early Childhood Development (ECD) programmes and services in Ethiopia and the various actors involved in the area. 2) Determining if there are existing coordination



## Exciting New Initiatives

We are working on several interesting ideas and project proposals.

## Children and War Foundation

Due to the ongoing war in Ethiopia, many children face atrocities and become traumatised. There is no established knowledge to assess and treat children who have experienced trauma in Ethiopia. Early Care International is working closely with the Children and War Foundation (a Norwegian-based non-profit organisation) to provide trauma assessment and therapy training for front line workers to reach children affected by the conflict in Ethiopia.

## LEGO-Call

Early Care International is partnering with the Danish-based NGO Civil Connections and other local organisations in Ethiopia and Uganda to apply for the LEGO Foundation 90th anniversary call on Early Childhood Development programmes.

## Project: Capacity building

Together with Civil Connections and two other Danish NGOs, we have applied for a grant at Globalt Fokus to build our capacity in development work.

mechanisms. 3) Identification of gaps in the ECD national programme.

## Inception meeting for the small-scale intervention

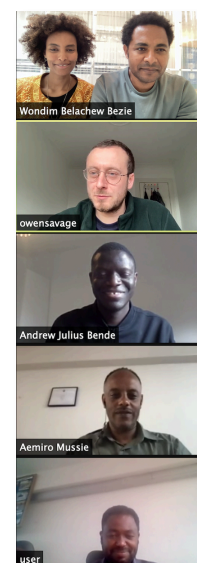
On February 15th, 2022 we had an inception meeting with our Danish-based partner Civil Connections and our implementing partner in Ethiopia, Education for Sustainable Development.

It was an informative meeting where we discussed the overall ambition with the project, the setup of the mapping team and implementation tools.

We took a screenshot of the zoom meeting so you can picture the key persons in this project.

At the bottom you can see Daniel Hailegebriel (programme coordinator Education for Sustainable Development).

Just above Daniel, you can see Aemiro Mussie (Deputy Director Education for Sustainable Development). In the middle you can see Andrew Julius Bende (Founder Civil Connections). Above Andrew you can see Owen Savage (Head of Communications Civil Connections). On the top you can see Rebecca Ejigayehu Engberg-Brixen and Wondim Belachew Bezie (Directors of Early Care International).



## Early Care International on Social Media

We have created a Facebook page where we will update our followers on our activities. Please go ahead and give us a like and share.