

Pathfinder International Income Generation Activity for Ethiopian Women GlobalGiving Report December 2014 – February 2015

BACKGROUND

Pathfinder International and its partner, the Addis Ababa Women's Association, received funding from generous GlobalGiving donors in the previous quarters to support low-income women to engage in income-generating activities (IGAs) to increase self-sufficiency and productivity. With the support of these donors, 97 low-income Ethiopian women have started their own businesses. Each woman was provided business skills training, in addition to information on issues like sexual and reproductive health, reproductive rights, family planning, HIV and AIDS, and harmful traditional practices. Beneficiaries are engaged in various types of businesses including poultry, small-scale restaurants, vegetable gardening, petty trade, animal fattening and dry foods preparation. Testimonials from beneficiaries demonstrated that GlobalGiving support continues to bring about positive change in the lives of these women and their families by providing household food security, the ability to send their children to school, personal satisfaction, and control over their own income.

UPDATE

We are glad to report that the 30 women who received GlobalGiving support for the recovery of their group restaurant business, which they lost due to accidental fire, are currently doing very well in their business. They convey their appreciation to our GlobalGiving donors for their generous help during their time of need.