



**GlobalGiving IGA Project
March – May 2013**

Background

With generous support from the GlobalGiving donors, Pathfinder International has received a total of \$18,421 since the project's inception in 2008 to setup an income generating activity (IGA) program for low income Ethiopian women. This support has been used to empower low income women to become productive and self-sufficient in their households. To date, this project has selected 97 beneficiaries with the help of the Addis Ababa Women Association (AAWA) and organized them into two commercial sectors: the poultry development group and the small-scale restaurant venture.

New beneficiaries assisted during the reporting period

The funding amount received during this reporting period was not sufficient for the recruitment of new beneficiaries into the IGA project. While there were no new beneficiaries assisted during the reporting period, the funding amount received was allocated to women already enrolled in both the Poultry Development Group and the Small Restaurant Group.

Progress report of the last 15 women assisted in the second quarter of 2013 (January-March 2013)

As there were no new beneficiaries this quarter, we wanted to report on the tremendous progress of our most recent IGA recipients:

The Poultry Development Group

Five women were trained on poultry development skills by the woreda government agricultural office experts; subsequently, they engaged directly in the business and with the support of the experts, the team managed to:

- Buy 30 Holland hybrid hens from the Jalene Yedoro Erbata Team Enterprise located in the Akaki sub-city. The enterprise is specifically working on breeding such hens for poultry purposes.
- Purchase poultry feed from Kality Animal Feed Enterprise and water supply equipment from suppliers.

- Acquire services of a veterinary doctor to treat and spray the poultry shed to avoid the spread of infection.
- Arrange the quarters given by the local administration in such a way that it suits the poultry development scheme by partitioning the area with wire.

In addition, the women were able to acquire other cleaning materials necessary for the poultry shed have been placed in the designated location for further use.

Beneficiaries wear their protective gowns in the poultry coop for sanitary reasons and take turns to work. There is a general feeling of positive expectation that once the hens start laying eggs, the group will be earning a minimum of 3000 Birr per month (US\$160.00 per month) in 2 months' time from egg sales.

The Small Restaurant Group

Likewise, the local restaurant group began producing and selling different food items to their customers in the shed that was provided by the Addis Ababa Women Association. The ten women work on a shift basis with five women working in each shift. As the women are popular and well-experienced in food preparation, they now have a fairly large number of customers and are making good earnings every day. Although it looks like it has a promising future prospect, the monthly cost turnover has not yet been estimated.