Pathfinder International
Income Generation Activity for Ethiopian Women
GlobalGiving Quarterly Report
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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

Due to the funding provided from GlobalGiving donors from the period of March-May 2015, women have been able to continue growing their restaurant business. 30 women have been receiving GlobalGiving support for the recovery of their group restaurant business, which they lost due to accidental fire, and are doing very well in their business. They are grateful to our GlobalGiving donors for continuing to support them during their time of need.