

Pathfinder International
Income Generation Activity for Ethiopian Women
GlobalGiving Report
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BACKGROUND

Pathfinder International and its partner, the Addis Ababa Women's Association, received funding from generous GlobalGiving donors 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

As we have reported earlier this year, the generous support of the GlobalGiving donors has been used to help a group of 30 women who created a restaurant business together in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. You may recall that the group suffered a setback when a fire engulfed their warehouse. The project provided about 30,000 Birr to help rebuild this warehouse and the attached restaurant.

During this reporting period, Pathfinder visited the project beneficiaries who were able to restart their business despite the scarcity of kitchen utensils. Given the nominal amount of funds received during this reporting period, the GlobalGiving project was not able to award another grant to the project beneficiaries. We will allocate donations received during March-May 2014 to June-August 2014 activities.



IGA beneficiaries after the re-construction of their business storehouse and revival of their business.