**Walking Cane Support to 300 Parkinson Patients**

Parkinson disease is a progressive degenerative disorder of the central nervous system. The most obvious symptoms are shaking (resting tremor), rigidity, slowness of movement and postural instability, constipation, sleep problem and a lot others. In the early stage patients can function independently in carrying out daily activities. Asthe disease progress, disability increases and quality of life deteriorates. In advanced stage caregivers assistance becomes essential. The worst scenario to observe about this disease in Ethiopia is that patient do not have proper walking aid to facilitate their movement.

Experience shows that as the disease progresses from one stage to the other, even strong PD patients start to deteriorate quickly and start to expect support of walking aides and/or human care givers for movement from one place to the other. However, almost all PD patients are economically very poor. Even for those who have income source or work, long run sustainable living is under question since they are forced to lose their jobs as they cannot work like others. Some patients even fall to the ground and damage parts of their bodies. Others are forced to urinate while going to toilet or even shops. They cannot fulfill all their basic necessities due to lack of resources. They are forced to stay at home without any support, and hope. Parkinson patient usually suffers until death or until situation gets worst without getting enough attention.

The way to reverse this situation is to buy and provide walking aides, improved toilet, wheelchairs, and Patient ID for the patients. To this end support is expected from donors, individuals, organization both at local & international level.

If you think that you can help raise funds to support this project, even if it just a few Birr/dollars, please donate via the Global Giving Website ([www.globalgiving.org](http://www.globalgiving.org))

Or

Direct to our account information (Dashen Bank: C/A 5039781372002 and CBE: 1000002963462). If you would like to have a more personal connection with the project you are very welcome to contact the Founder (0911-70-1362) & the Director (0916-82-5331).

**Project Cost**

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| **No** | **Description** | **Qty** | **Amount** |
| 1 | To train PD patient on cane use & body balance | 100 | 1,000 |
| 2 | Buy cane accessory and transportation to Patients | 100 | 2,500 |
| 3 | Buy cane per person | 100 | 3,200 |
|  | Total |  | 6,700 |