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| Agar Ethiopia Charitable Society |
| Rehabilitating and Sustainably Reintegrating Returnees in Ethiopia |
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# Introduction

## Organizational Address and Contact Person

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## Mission, Vision, Goals and Core values of Agar Ethiopia

Agar Ethiopia Charitable Society (Agar Ethiopia) is a national non-political, non-partisan non-profit making and non-governmental organization established in 2005 and re-registered in 2009 by Charities and Societies Agency of Ethiopia as Ethiopian Resident Charity Organization with reference number 0496.Agar Ethiopia has a vision of empowering and rebuilding society of women, elders, victims of gender based violence (GBV), mentally ill and victims of trafficking in Ethiopia. It is established with:

* **Vision:**Agar Ethiopia envisions empowered, renewed and rebuilt society of elders,victims of gender based violence (GBV), mentally ill and victims of trafficking.
* **Mission:**Agar Ethiopia facilitates human development through strategic partnership to improve the quality of life for elderly people, victims of human trafficking and mentally ill by addressing their physical, emotional and mental as well as spiritual needs; empowering them to meet their own needs by themselves.
* **Core Values:**Respect for diversity, equality, caring, integrity, impartiality, efficiency, professionalism, partnership, transparency and accountability.
* **Core Strategies:**Partnership/collaboration/networking, encourage participation and volunteerism to become the center of excellence in social service delivery.
* **Goal:** Agar Ethiopia inspires and empowers victims of human trafficking, victims of gender based violence (GBV), elderly and mentally ill people to improve their livelihood by themselves.

# Rationale of the Project

It is evident that there is a continuous migration of people between locations and countries since ancient times. Migration is beneficial both to the host country and the migrant when it is done on a voluntary, orderly and safe manner. However, it is taking place in a very unregulated and dangerous way in many instances. Irregular migration and human trafficking has become a common phenomenon in developing countries like Ethiopia.Although the Ethiopian governmentdemonstrated readiness to control irregular migration and human trafficking, data and information on the mainstream media tells us that there is an increasing trend in the irregular cross-border migration of people and human trafficking in the country in recent years.

This makes it important to look for ways of regulating, reducing and controlling such irregular and illegal migration of people, which is mostly related with other illegal activities such as crimes on humanity and money laundering. The measures could be taken at different levels. Some could be local (such as job creation, improving infrastructure and awareness creation), while others could be national or international. It sometimes requires international cooperation to stop illegal cross-border activities such as human trafficking to reduce illegal migration. But most of the time, local and bottom-up measures are believed to bring positive impact in controlling such unregulated migration and associated criminal activities. Taking such drastic measures in countries like Ethiopia is important because of its huge implication on the country and the region. Ethiopia has a huge with population (110 million people, the second most populous country in Africa next to Nigeria) with 71 percent of its population under the age of 30[[1]](#footnote-2).

The main causes of irregular movement of people and human trafficking across boundaries can be divided into two: the push factors and the pull factors. There are many push factors that force (entice) people to migrate even under difficult and challenging conditions. Some of these push factors areeconomic factors such as poverty, lack of access to essential services and infrastructures and unemployment. Unemployment in Ethiopia is above 20 percent (which is above this in urban areas); and urban and rural poverty stood at 37 percentand 45 percent, respectively[[2]](#footnote-3). These figures are difficult to ignore and could be taken as some of the major push factors that induce people to migrate illegally and irregularly. There are also other social and political problems that have been pushing people to undertake this cross-border migration to other countries. The recent flare up of conflicts in Ethiopia, for instance, has up-rooted 1.1 million peoplein the last three years only, (according to IDMC, 2018 estimate[[3]](#footnote-4)) some of whom are now settled in camps and temporary shelters in different parts of the country people. Such conditions may exacerbate the illegal cross-border migration.

Although there isan economic progress achieved in recent years in the country, the rate of job creation particularly for young people is very low as compared to the increase in the demand for it. And, the number of unemployed educated youth is also increased over the past years. Evidence shows that many young people rarely have a decent job and often none or limited social protection along with being subjected to poor working conditions. The situation is worse among women1. Such factors are among those economic forces that encourage people to engage in cross border migration.

There are also other pull factors that encourage people to participate in an illegal cross-border migration to different countries. Pull factors are those factors in the destination country that attract people to leave their respective countries. Some of the pull factors are hope of better economic opportunities, more jobs, and the promise of a better life.

Although there is absence of clear data regarding cross-border migration in Ethiopia, due to the absence of well documented data, there areample evidenceswhich show that the destination countries for most migrants are Gulf countries, Europe and South Africa. According to ILO for instance, in January 2016 alone, the number of migrants reaching Yemen was around 10,000, of which 75% were Ethiopians1. Another document from ILO states that illegal recruitment coupled with multitude of factors leads most migrant workers to take illegal cross-border migration which is risky at all stages of the journey. The Journey is risky becauseit results into many rights violations, abuses, exploitation and deaths. The chance for female migrants, particularly,to face risk of rape, unwanted pregnancy, sexual abuse and sexually transmitted diseases is very high[[4]](#footnote-5).

Hence, containing or at least controlling or managing this migration within the local boundary is a crucial task which is part of a bottom-up initiative). It is important because it saves the lives and well-being of the migrants and potential migrants. In addition, it reduces the movement of illegal money and crime, which are mostly related to illegal human trafficking. It further reduces the pressure migrants are creating on the resource of destination countries, many of which are struggling with the issue.

Another important issue related with human trafficking, which is not getting the attention it deserves and which is less visible in the migration discourses,is the issue of 'return migration' and reintegration of immigrants in their country of origin. Although these issues of return migration and reintegration are mistakenly considered as minor and less problematic, the process of re-inclusion or re-incorporation of a person into the society of his or her country of origin has proved itself to be a difficult task. Re-inclusion is a difficult process because it is a multi dimensional process that requires the re -establishment of economic, social, cultural and psychosocial ties at personal, social and governmental levels. Re-integration is a very complex process because its success depends on migrant’s personal abilities and resources; acceptance by his/her family, peers and community. It also depends on environmental, economic, social and structural capacities and opportunities present in the country of origin.

Although there is an increase in larger scale irregular migratory flows, documents indicate that the numbers of migrants returning to their countries of origin and reintegration programs have grown too[[5]](#footnote-6). However, returning-migrants are mostly faced with diverse environments when they return to their countries of origin. Some may face a welcoming and smooth environment upon their return. Nevertheless, for others, their country of origin may present itself as unwelcoming, harsh and a rough one. In such instances, re-integration or re-inclusion of migrants into their respective countries of origin becomes a daunting task, which is mostly the case in developing countries like Ethiopia. This process even becomes more challenging when the countries or communities of origin are poor, unaware and are unable to provide acceptable level of local infrastructure, resources and jobs to the returnees like the case in Ethiopia.

Ethiopia, which obviously falls in the category of Least Developed Countries, is usually faced with the daunting task of managing its migrating citizens and reintegrating returnees up on their return. Currently, the Ethiopian government is doing many encouraging jobs in facilitating the orderly, safe, and regular migration and return migration and re-integration with the support of international organizations. However, with the continuous increase in both migrations and returnees, the sustainability of the program is faced with a daunting challenge.

This project is, therefore, targeting sustainable re-integration of returning migrants to their country of origin, Ethiopia; and improving public awareness about the down sides of irregular and illegal cross-border migration.

# Objectives of the Program

The overall objective of this project is the sustainable integration of returning migrants into their communities of origin and improving the public awareness on the down-sides of irregular (illegal) cross-border migration in areas known to be origins of migration. According to Fernandez (2017)[[6]](#footnote-7)high-risk migration regions in Ethiopia are mainly Oromia, Tigray, Amhara, SNNPR National Regional States and Addis Ababa City Administration. The project will therefore focus in these regions to sustainably integrate returnees and improve the public awareness about cross border irregular migration.

The project will specifically:

* Provision of psychological counseling and even physical treatments to 150 returnees, especially to those who endured abuses in the course of migration or return;
* Provision of vocational training to all the 500 (150 of which will be highly vulnerable returnees) returnees to sustainably integrate them in their communities of origin; and
* Provision of seed money to help returnees re-start their lives in their communities of origin

# Main activities

1. Provide free and secured living environment
2. Provide comprehensive psychosocial support
3. Provide life, vocational and basic business skills training
4. Reunite returnees with their families and/or communities
5. Reintegrate survivors economically for their independent and sustainable livelihoods
6. Capacity building for Agar Ethiopia and its implementing partners
7. Strengthen multi-sectoral prevention and response mechanism on illegal migration and TIPs
8. Establish watchdog committees that will report violence and human trafficking to the legal bodies

# Approach and Methodology

To achieve the aforementioned objectives, agar Ethiopia will follow the following procedures.

* Agar Ethiopia will start the selection of the most vulnerable (abused) returnees in those districts in coordination with local officials. The selection of other returnees that will benefit from this project will also be done simultaneously.
* Agar Ethiopia will then commence the provision of counselling and psychological treatments (in its own rehabilitation centres) to those who deserve the service.
* Agar Ethiopia will then start providing tailored vocational trainings to those returnees according to their needs; after they fully came out of their health problems and traumas.
* Agar will approach local vocational schools to host those trainees (returnees) who cannot get their areas of training (specialization) in Agar Ethiopia's facility or in areas where Agar does not own such facility.
* Agar Ethiopia will also approach local government offices (local Micro and Small Scale Enterprises Promotion offices) that are responsible for local job creation in those respective districts. This is important because these offices have a very good connection with employers and have also some resource (provision of land or working premise) at their disposal to help trainees create their own jobs.
* Agar Ethiopia will contact other local potential employers to complete the sustainable integration of the returnees to their communities of origins.
* Parallel to these jobs, Agar Ethiopia will conduct extensive awareness creation programs in those districts to improve the public awareness about the problems associated with illegal cross border migration. This will be done using different creative mechanisms. This will be conducted through organizing local coffee sharing ceremony (coffee sharing ceremony is an important platform in Ethiopia where people share information), through organizing elders' meetings and workshops, youth meetings and through promoting school clubs that work on the issue. Local administrative, legal (judiciary) organs will also be part of this campaign as there are some illegal activities associated with illegal migration in Ethiopia. It helps the districts deal with illegal brokers that lure people to engage themselves in such dangerous migration.

To achieve this objective, Agar Ethiopia will host 500 vulnerable returnees in its four rehabilitation center and another boarding training center designated for both rehabilitation and training purposes. Agar Ethiopia aims at providing vocational trainings to 350 of the returnees admitted.This training will help the returnees to sustainably support their lives and not engage in another re-migration.

The re-integration process or engagements (Interventions) will be made at the four different levels and this is crucial fora successful and sustainable reintegration of returnees. These are:

1. Personal level engagements,
2. Family level engagements, and
3. Community level engagements
4. Structural and Cross Cutting engagements

Although there is no universally agreed definition for sustainable reintegration of migrants into their communities of origin, achieving sustainable reintegration requires economic self-sufficiency by the returnee, social stability within their communities, and psychosocial well-being[[7]](#footnote-8). If these are achieved, returnees willbe sustainably integrated into their countries (communities of origin) and can help themselves to cope with (re)migration drivers. That is why these four tiered interventions are proposed in this technical proposal.

**Personal level Engagements**: Agar Ethiopia will vigorously engage with all the returnees at personal levels. Engagement at this level includes, but not limited to

* Agar Ethiopia will first produce screening and needs assessment forms to be filled by all the 500returnees up on the commencement of the program. This will be done during the first week of the engagement. Assessing and knowing their personal needs help Agar to make sure that the returnees get tailored and targeted trainings. This will improve the reception of the trainings by the trainees and its effectiveness.
* Other personal level engagements to get knowledge about their previous skills, economic status, personal experiences, family and community relationships, motivation, individual emotional, psychological, and cognitive characteristics. Depending on these findings, Agar will recommend and appropriately deliver all the necessary interventions such as tailored trainings, health related supports, psychosocial counseling and other required services.

**Family level Engagements:** In addition to those engagements to be made at personal level, Agar will strive to smooth the reintegration process through engaging families of the returnees. This is because sometimes re-integration fails because of rejections by family as a whole or members of the family. Hence sustainable reintegration requires tacking the issue at this level too, counseling and guidance at family level. This intervention may include, but not limited to:

* Discussing with members of the family (of the returnee) to identify if there is any rough relationship or rejection by any member
* Training these members of the family about the process of migration, how it affects the life of the migrant, how it affects the psychological make-up and emotions of migrants and how family members can understand and cope up with these challenges when they surface.
* Helping children and dependents of the returnees to go to schools (providing some assistances)

**Community Level Engagements**: After all, it is the community that has to embrace and retain returnees after they move back to their communities of origin. Rejection by the community may send back the returnee to another migration. Hence, intervention at this level is also important. Hence, there are activities that Agar Ethiopia plans to undertake with the community. Some of these are:

* Educating the community about the advantages and challenges of migration.
* Educating the community about the psychological make-up of returnees and the challenges they faced and passed through.
* Encouraging the community in accepting the returnees as productive members of the community and helping them re-integrate into some social institutions such as Iqub (traditional saving scheme) and Iddir (traditional support system during emergencies) that will enhance both the economic and social reintegration.

**Engaging with Other organs (Structural and Cross Cutting):** There are many government and non government organs that Agar intends to engage with to smoothen the reintegration of these returnees into their communities of origin. These includes (but not limited to) organs like:

* Social Affairs Office
* MSE (Micro and Small Scale Enterprises) promotion office
* MFIs (Micro Financial Institutions)
* TVET centers (Technical and Vocational Education and Training Centers)
* Women's and Children Affairs Office
* Youth and Sports Office
* NGOs working on and with returnee migrants and VoTs
* Local administrations

In addition to these, there are some cross cutting issues that will be considered while engaging with the returnees. These are:

* Prioritizing women, victims of trafficking and disabled people
* Engaging in activities that are friendlier to the environment and the local people which also coincide with their interest and background.

# Monitoring and Evaluation

Monitoring and Evaluation is among the top priorities for the effective and efficient implementations of projects. To ensure the proper execution of this partnership program, AGAR Ethiopia will be closely follow, monitor and evaluate those activities mentioned above.

**Monitoring**: Proper follow up and monitoring will be implemented in order to ensure whether the returnees have received the proper support they deserve from this partnership. These will enable AGAR Ethiopia to timely fix the challenges, if and when faced, during the process of implementation. AGAR Ethiopia will also undertake the following important activities to assess the implementations of the aforementioned targets and realization of the partnership. These are:

* Regularly review and program documents and this proposal to ensure that all planned activities and outputs are being accomplished as planned in general and in accordance with their respective specific targets in particular.
* Periodically assess the extent to which key activities detailed in the project’s result matrix are being realized, as well as the extent to which the project resulted in expected changes and/or any unanticipated changes.
* Ensure that the project’s interventions are implemented as intended and are backed by evidence and asses their effectiveness and their contextual appropriateness and how performance various across contexts.
* Provide donors and other key stakeholders with quality and timely recommendations on how either project implementation and/or the project’s design and effective partnership can be enhanced to deliver greater value for money.

**Evaluation**: In addition to the aforementioned monitoring mechanisms, AGAR Ethiopia will also put in place proper and timely evaluation techniques in order to ensure that things are going as planned. This can be done through instituting timely and regular evaluations. One of these will be a mid-term evaluation. A mid-term review will be implemented to assess achievements half-way through the project or to derive lessons for implementation. This is a crucial period as it helps to check whether the project is going as planned not before the project ends. It offers a platform where partners can engage and evaluate what went right and wrong and why this happened. This helps to take corrective measures where necessary before the end of the project.

In addition to this, final evaluation will also be undertaken shortly before the end of a project to determine the extent to which planned (and other unplanned activities, if there appear to be any) outputs and outcomes were achieved, to identify the factors of success or failure, to assess the sustainability of the reintegration process, benefits and evidences generated, and to draw conclusions that may inform future programmes, policy making and overall organizational learning to scale up similar programmes widely.

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| Budget for Rehabilitating and Sustainably Reintegrating Returnees in Ethiopia | | | | | |
| **Estimated budget** | | | | | |
| **Line Item** | **Unit** | **Qty** | **Unit Cost in US$** | **Total Monthly Cost in US$** | **Total Cost in US$ for average stay of 4 months** |
| **OUTPUT 1: 150 psychologically, mentally and physically affected vulnerable returnees rehabilitated** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Output 1.1: Free and secure living environment provided to 150 psychologically, mentally and physically affected vulnerable returnees** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Supplying materials Fixtures and Maintenance of the shelter at Dukem | Per preson | 150 | 220 | 33,000 | 132,000 |
| Renting a House for Shelter (Addis Ababa and Bahir Dar) | Month | 12 | 2,000 | 6,000 | 24,000 |
| **Sub- total** |  |  |  | **6,000** | **24,000** |
| **Output 1.2: 500 vulnerable of returnees provided comprehensive rehabilitation services (food, clothes, sanitary materials and medical)** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Food cost/person for 500 people | per person | 500 | 15 | 7,500 | 30,000 |
| Provide case based medical and, psychiatric, specialized treatments and cares | Persons | 500 | 25 | 12,500 | 50,000 |
| Sanitary materials for beneficiaries | Persons | 500 | 10 | 5,000 | 20,000 |
| Day and night closes for beneficiaries | Persons | 500 | 70 | 35,000 | 35,000 |
| **Sub-total** |  |  |  | **60,000** | **135,000** |
| **OUTPUT 1.3: 200 vulnerable of returnees under rehabilitation provided individual and group psychological counseling** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic literacy education materials (teaching aid kits, note book, pen etc) | Persons | 125 | 10 | 1,250 | 1,250 |
| Group psychological counseling support materials | Persons | 500 | 10 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Provide different therapies and physical care | Persons | 500 | 10 | 5,000 | 20,000 |
| **Sub-total** |  |  |  | **11,250** | **26,250** |
| **OUTPUT 2: 200 rehabilitated vulnerable returnees economically empowered and successfully reintegrated into their communities** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Provide pshco social and life skill training at Agar Ethiopia's rehab center | Persons | 500 | 50 | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| Provide vocational skill training with cost of transportation, certification, CoC, graduation ceremony, apparent ,job placement fee | Persons | 350 | 100 | 35,000 | 35,000 |
| Provide seed fund to skilled returnees | Persons | 125 | 500 | 62,500 | 62,500 |
| Trace and communicate parents/families of the beneficiaries | Persons | 500 | 10 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Arrange transport facility to reintegrate returnees to their family/community | Persons | 375 | 50 | 18,750 | 18,750 |
| **Sub-total** |  |  |  | **146,250** | **146,250** |
| **Program Staff Costs** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Executive Director | person | 1 | 625 | 625 | 2,500 |
| Program Director | person | 1 | 390 | 390 | 1,560 |
| Vocational Guidance Officer | person | 1 | 165 | 165 | 660 |
| Training Manager, Training Center Manager | person | 1 | 320 | 320 | 1,280 |
| Female Rehab Center Manager | person | 4 | 1,216 | 4,864 | 19,456 |
| Counselor/ Psychologist | person | 5 | 1,738 | 8,688 | 34,750 |
| IGA officer/Social worker | person | 5 | 869 | 4,344 | 17,375 |
| Psychiatry Nurse | person | 5 | 869 | 4,344 | 17,375 |
| Clinical Nurse | person | 5 | 388 | 1,938 | 7,750 |
| Senior Clinical Nurse | person | 5 | 538 | 2,688 | 10,750 |
| Clinical Nurse | person | 5 | 388 | 1,938 | 7,750 |
| Care Giver / House Mother | person | 5 | 280 | 1,400 | 5,600 |
| Junior care giver | person | 5 | 250 | 1,250 | 5,000 |
| Cook / Food Prep | person | 10 | 338 | 3,375 | 13,500 |
| Junior Cook / Food Prep | person | 10 | 295 | 2,950 | 11,800 |
| **Sub-total** |  |  |  | **39,277** | **157,106** |
| **Total Program Cost** |  |  |  | **262,777** | **488,606** |
| **Admin Staff Costs** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Finance Manager | person | 1 | 1,108 | 1,108 | 6,648 |
| Legal Case Officer | person | 1 | 695 | 695 | 4,170 |
| Psycho-methodological Team Coach | person | 1 | 695 | 695 | 4,170 |
| Accountant | person | 5 | 438 | 2,190 | 13,140 |
| Cashier/Secretary/Store keeper | person | 5 | 1,385 | 6,925 | 41,550 |
| purchaser/Messenger | person | 5 | 1,385 | 6,925 | 41,550 |
| Driver/Mechanic | person | 5 | 1,385 | 6,925 | 41,550 |
| Male Guard | person | 10 | 1,460 | 14,600 | 87,600 |
| Guard (Female) | person | 10 | 1,460 | 14,600 | 87,600 |
| Cleaner /House Keeper | person | 10 | 1,460 | 14,600 | 87,600 |
| Cleaner /House Keeper | person | 10 | 1,460 | 14,600 | 87,600 |
| **Sub-total** |  |  |  | **83,863** | **503,178** |
| **Project Admin Cost** |  |  |  |  |  |
| Communication | Month | 1 | 500 | 500 | 3,000 |
| Office supply and cleaning materials | Month | 1 | 500 | 500 | 3,000 |
| Utility (Water, Electricity, etc…..) | Month | 1 | 500 | 500 | 3,000 |
| Labor and transport cost for materials and equipment | Month | 1 | 500 | 500 | 3,000 |
| **Sub-total** |  |  |  | **1,500** | **9,000** |
| **Admin Cost** |  |  |  | 85,363 | 512,178 |
| **Grand Total** |  |  |  | **348,140** | **1,000,784** |

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