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Strengthening Government-NGO Platform in South Omo Zone.



On December 26, 2024, CCRDA, in collaboration with South Omo Zone and CSOs, hosted a Government-NGO Platform event in South Omo Zone, Turmi City. The session aimed to foster collaboration between government and CSOs to address community challenges more effectively.

Ma'ekel Maliko, Head of South Omo Zone, opened the event by emphasizing the importance of working together to solve local issues. He highlighted the zone's potential for development, stressing that when government and CSOs collaborate, they can achieve impactful results in a short period of time.

"We need to effectively use platforms like this to support our communities," he stated. While Zone Head acknowledged that some ongoing projects were making a difference, he also pointed out that others were not fully meeting the needs of the community, urging more collaboration to bridge the gaps.

In his keynote address, Nigussu Legesse (PhD), Executive Director of CCRDA, discussed the crucial role these platforms play in strengthening relationships between the government and CSOs. "When we work together, we can make a real impact in the community".

He also noted that the platform provides an opportunity to better understand the community's priorities, to plan projects in collaboration with the zone administration, and quickly address any emerging issues.

The Executive Director also shared that CCRDA had established GO/NGO platforms in six other regions, and South Omo Zone's platform was the first at the zone level.

Tenkir Nuri, CSOs Projects Affairs Officer at South Omo Zone Finance Office, presented an overview of the achievements and challenges faced by CSOs in the zone.

He highlighted the significant activities of CCRDA, particularly in peacebuilding and conflict resolution. The officer mentioned that CCRDA had provided train-

He pointed out several challenges in the zone CSOs activities, including high turnover of the government officers and leaders, lack of commitment to sustainability of CSOs projects and commitment to sustainability of CSOs projects.

Despite these challenges, the officer also emphasized the strengths of the projects in the area. He noted the importance of working in coordination with relevant parties, designing projects based on thorough assessments to identify gaps with the government, and ensuring effective financial management of project activities. These efforts have contributed to the overall success of their projects.

CCRDA conducted training focused on building organizational capacity for survivor-centered, trauma-informed GBV case management in humanitarian settings.



The session held from December 2-4, 2024,aimed to equip members with the knowledge and skills necessary to provide trauma-informed, survivor-centered Gender-Based Violence (GBV) services tailored to humanitarian contexts.

Experts from CCRDA member Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), particularly those working on survivor-centered and trauma-informed GBV Case Management (GBV CM) attended the session.

The training intent to enhance CCRDA Women, Children, and Youth Development Forum (WCYDF) members technical expertise, knowledge and overall organizational capacity in case management for survivors of GBV.

CCRDA-Global Fund HIV Prevention Project officially launched on December 18, 2024.



The workshop brought together stakeholders from six regions, alongside local implementing partners, to introduce the project, discuss its objectives, and plan initial activities.

Nigussu Legesse (PhD), Executive Director of CCRDA, delivered the opening remarks, highlighting CCRDA's achievements and the challenges in HIV prevention. He outlined the strategic direction of the CCRDA-GF HIV Prevention Project and urged participants to collaborate for greater impact.

Mohammed Abatemam Representative from Ministry of Health provided the keynote address, reflecting on Ethiopia's 30-year journey in HIV prevention. He noted significant national achievements and the vital role of CSOs in this effort. He emphasized the importance of stakeholder commitment to ensure the project's quality, timeliness, and cost efficiency.

Nigussie Tefera, CCRDA-GF HIV Prevention Project Coordinator, presented an overview of the project, which will run for three years until June 2027.

The project targets:

Establishing 27 Drop-In Centers (DICs) in hotspot towns to reach 72,900 female sex workers with HIV prevention programs by the end of the project.

Mentoring over 95,000 adolescent girls and young women (AGYW) in 22 higher learning institutions by the end of the project period.

Reaching more than 643,000 workers in hotspot areas with HIV prevention programs.

In total, the project aims to directly benefit over 842,000 Key Priority Populations (KPPs).

Demelash Misgana (PhD), Representative from Ministry of Education, discussed the role of CSO-university partnerships in supporting mentorship programs for AGYW, emphasizing their critical role in HIV prevention and control.

The workshop marked a promising start for the CCRDA-GF HIV Prevention Project, setting a solid foundation for effective implementation across target regions. The active participation and collaboration of stakeholders underscored their shared commitment to achieving the project's ambitious goals.

CCRDA conducted Grant Orientation Workshop for CSOs

The orientation was held on December 2, 2024, at CCRDA, aimed to equip selected CSOs with essential knowledge and tools for programmatic and financial compliance under the Global Fund GC7 HIV Prevention Project.

The representatives of the selected CSOs: Mekdem Ethiopia National Association (MENA), Fayyaa Integrated Development Organization (FIDO), Professional Alliance for Development (PADet), Mahiberehiwot for Social Development (MSD) and Family Guidance Association of Ethiopia (FGAE) attended the session.

During the orientation, Tsehay Admassu CCRDA, Senior Director of Program Development and Management, underlined the importance of effective work and commitment to successfully complete the Global Fund HIV Prevention project.



The Senior Director stated, “to ensure the sustainability of our efforts beyond the project's phase-out in 2027, successful HIV prevention in our target areas relies on fostering strong collaboration."

Furthermore, the Senior Director highlighted, "For the project’s success, teamwork is essential. We must unite in addressing the issues where we have gaps. With regular learning sessions and review meetings, we are committed to completing the project within the set timeframe."

According to Nigussie Tefera, CCRDA, Global Fund GC7 HIV Prevention Project Coordinator, the selected CSOs are strategically located in key regions, with a focus on vulnerable populations such as students, workers in hotspot areas. By focusing on Drop-in Centers, Higher Learning Institutions, and industrial parks, these organizations are well-positioned to implement effective HIV prevention strategies in their respective areas.

CCRDA Global Fund GC7 HIV Prevention Project expands HIV prevention for Key and Priority Populations (KPPs) in high-incidence areas in six regions of Ethiopia. The project runs until June 30, 2027, focusing on differentiated service delivery, capacity-building, integration into local healthcare systems, and ensuring sustainability through local partnerships.