



Save The Rural Society



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Coordination for pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities
in lowland areas

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INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND:

- ▶ Save the Rural Society (SRS) is a non-partisan, non-for-profit, non-political, non-religious and non-governmental organization that was set up to holistically address issues that affect the community for example poverty eradication. The organization was established in 1998 and it is currently re-registered with Charities and Societies Agency (CSA) with registration # 0606.
- ▶ SRS are currently working of various thematic areas such as FSL, Water and sanitation, Education, Environmental protection, Refugee programs and emergency response.
- ▶ The organization is currently operational in four zone of the Somali regional state of Ethiopia, namely, Fafan, Liban, Afdheer and Siti zones.

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Community approaches

- ▶ SRS uses community-driven approach within the government's decentralization plan, delegating increased authority and responsibility and the relevant mechanisms to the kebele (subdistrict) and woreda (district) levels. This was to enable pastoralists to identify, design, and implement community-driven micro-projects that reflected their development priorities.
- ▶ The Pastoral Risk Management Component aimed to improve drought preparation through steps to mitigate risk and reduce vulnerability.
- ▶ SRS has so far supported more than 500,000 in different projects implemented in different areas of the region

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Partners & Financing Instruments

Key achievement

- ▶ Construction of Primary School for Waji kebele of Jigjiga, boys and girls with no access to education: The project was funded by Embassy of Japan in Ethiopia.
- ▶ Flood Disaster Response Emergency Relief project in 2009: The project was funded by Muslim Aid, UK based organization.
- ▶ Awebere and Shed-der Refugee Camp environmental program: The program was funded by UNHCR & LWF the environmental rehabilitation program in Awebere and Shed-der Refugee Camp.
- ▶ 1000 women refugee received poultry brought from Alemaya University of agriculture
- ▶ Poultry Management Sessions were provided to women refugee
- ▶ Restocked 20 female local varieties “Wan” sheep to selected income generation women refugee’s vulnerable groups
- ▶ Livestock Management Sessions were provided to selected income generation women refugee’s vulnerable groups
- ▶ Refugee Program at Awbare Refugee Camp: Constructed 60 Improved Shelter houses
- ▶ 3 birks Constructed in Jigjiga Wareda: The Program was funded by PCDP_ World Bank.

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Collaboration Opportunities

- ▶ Given that SRS know the local context while also working on food security and livelihood programmes, Environmental protection and tree seedling, Wash and sanitation and have presence in 4 zones of the region.
- ▶ Thus, GIS and SRS can explore partnership opportunity in mentioned thematic areas in those 4 targeted zones
- ▶ SRS have partnership with UNICEF, UNHCR, LWF, Japan Embassy, Muslim Aid UK, ARAHA and the regional line bureaus

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Ongoing Project

- ▶ In collaboration with ARAHA and Rootworks International for construction of sanddam, SRS is currently digging wells and dams in Qabaale kebele of Shabeeley.



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