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for a just and sustainable  
world free from poverty  
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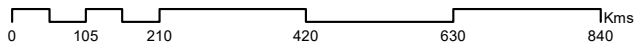
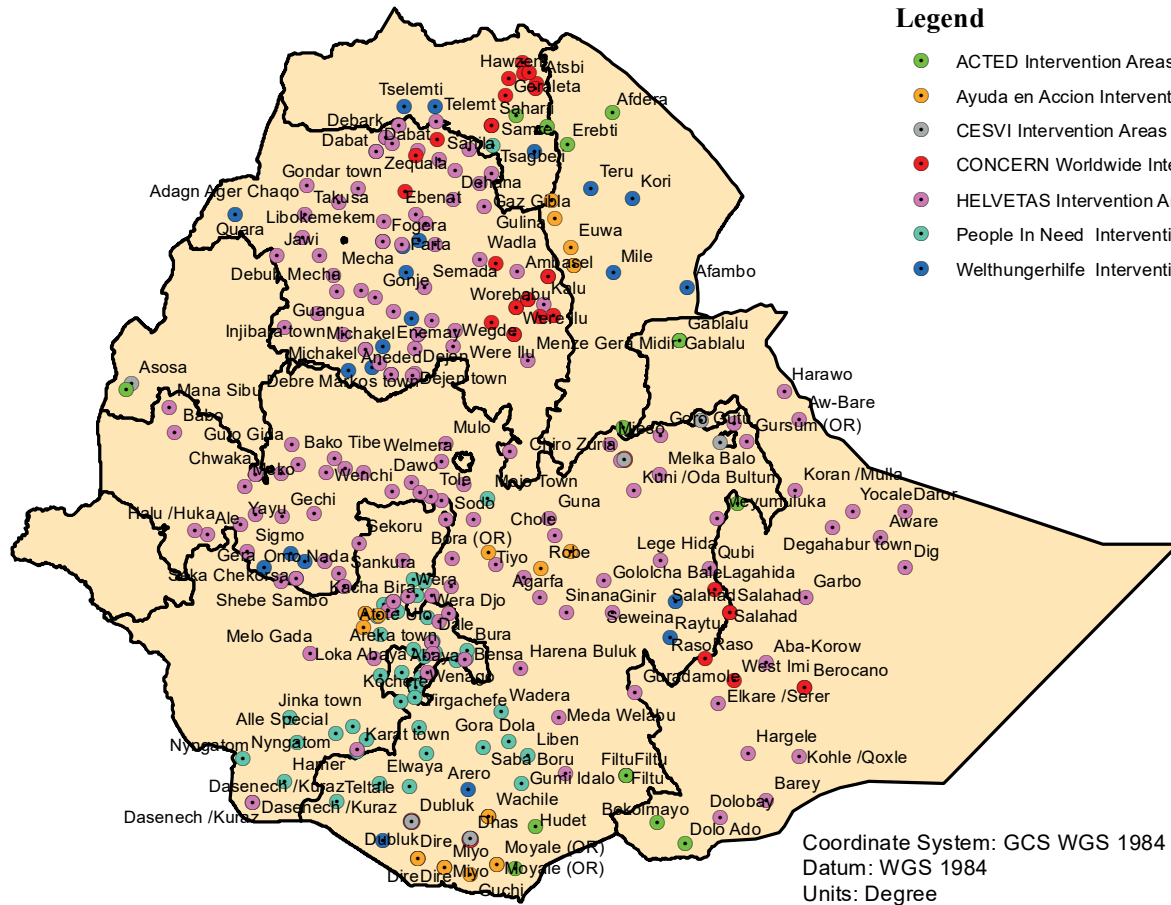


# Alliance 2015 Member Organizations' Intervention Areas



## Legend

- ACTED Intervention Areas
- Ayuda en Accion Intervention Areas
- CESVI Intervention Areas
- CONCERN Worldwide Intervention Areas
- HELVETAS Intervention Areas
- People In Need Intervention Areas
- Welthungerhilfe Intervention Areas





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## Who We Are

Alliance2015 was founded in 2000 to foster and nurture increased collaborations and impact towards the Millennium Development Goals. Alliance2015 is a strategic and operational network of European-based international NGOs, working to achieve the broader vision of Agenda 2030 and a world free from poverty, hunger, injustice and inequality. Working as an agile platform, we engage in partnerships of different types and at different levels, with Alliance2015 members as our first partnership of choice. Between us collectively, we work in over 90 countries, with close to 2000 local partners and spending over EUR 1 billion per year. Alliance2015 in Ethiopia:

Our members include – ACTED (France), Ayuda en Acción (Spain), Cesvi (Italy), Concern Worldwide (Ireland), HELVETAS (Switzerland), People in Need (Czech Republic) and Welthungerhilfe (in Ethiopia registered as German Agro Action (Germany)). The Alliance2015 members have different backgrounds and expertise, united under the same goal: to use our combined voices, access, resources and know-how in service to improve the lives and well-being of people most affected by natural and manmade disasters, as well as those people impacted by economic and social marginalisation.

We are considered 'medium sized' in the INGO context (with a combined annual budget of €47 million in 2022) and working with 25 local partners. Our members' development and humanitarian interventions currently reach more than 6 million people in Amhara, Oromia, Tigray, SNNP, Afar, Somali, Benishangul Gumz, Dire Dawe, Harari, and Sidama regions.

Our members are multi-sectoral organisations, with strong track records in the areas of food and nutrition security, agricultural livelihoods, climate risk and resilience, natural resource management (NRM), inclusive growth and water, sanitation, hygiene (WASH) and education.

**Vision:** Alliance2015 envisions an Ethiopia where all women, men, youth, children and those furthest behind gain access to opportunities and voices in building a resilient, just and sustainable society whereby they can claim and enjoy their rights in an environment that is safe, secure and equitable.

**Mission:** Alliance2015 exists to mobilise our unique assets, our diversity, competencies and geographic scope to better influence policy and practice through joint projects, evidence and sharing of best practices with stakeholders across Ethiopia.

### A2015 Added value

- Strategic Collaboration: Our joint strategy includes development linked to humanitarian responses for a nexus approach which builds on synergies and complementarities between members by leveraging joint actions, knowledge and solidarity.
- Regular coordination in-country at all levels including at senior management;
- Consolidated consortium practices and use of shared structures for increased value for money
- Long-term presence in the country, with meaningful geographic and sectoral coverage.
- Working with local partners to effectively reach and impact decision makers by working together, and by acting as a united platform to channel influence and the voices of our civil society partners.





## A2015 Initiatives/engagements

- **Advocacy**

- **Ethiopia's Food Systems Pathway:** In support of the Government of Ethiopia's Food Systems pathway commitment and position paper, Alliance2015 proactively engaged in key national-level dialogues and contributed to game changing solutions for transformation towards equitable and sustainable food systems
- **Seqota Declaration:** Supporting the Seqota Declaration Expansion phase through the Alliance2015 members' direct implementation of programs/projects in the Seqota Declaration Expansion Woredas in line with the Seqota Declaration Strategic Objectives and Initiatives; the Seqota Declaration is an innovative Ethiopian government initiative commitment to ending stunted growth among children under two years old by 2030
- **Global Hunger Index (GHI):** The GHI is an annual multidimensional tool to comprehensively measure and track hunger at global, regional and national levels. Since 2006, the GHI and its report are elaborated by Alliance2015 members Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe, supported by the whole network
- **CSO Empowerment-** A2015 members are working with 25 local civil societies through joint projects, capacity building and information sharing to be more effective and inclusive through local-to-national civil society collaboration and ensuring that local civil societies are informed about the national and international initiatives and enabled them to actively engage through relevant platforms

- **Representation**

- To support coordination and collaboration of all actors involved in the implementation of the Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture, A2015 is acting as a co-chair for the National Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture platform in Food and Nutrition office at MOA
- A2015 is a member of the Ethiopia Civil Society Coalition; Scaling up Nutrition (ECSC-SUN) and active supporting the coalition to transform Food Systems in Ethiopia

- **Joint Projects**

- Since 2018, over 17 joint project/programmes for development and humanitarian response have been implemented in the country, funded by the European Commission-EU, FCDO, Austria Development Agency, ECHO, as well as EHF-OCHA and institutional funding from all member countries

- **Shared learning and resources**

- Learning and Growth is a cornerstone of A2015 country strategy. It aims to influence and increase the effectiveness and coherence of members' engagement in the Alliance2015 country strategy implementation; to develop members' capacity and strengthening partnership. Hence, A2015 has been organising learning sessions to its members and local civil societies

## Members profile

### ACTED

Founded in 1993, ACTED is a non-governmental organisation with its headquarters in Paris, France. Independent, private, and not-for-profit, ACTED operates in 39 countries across the world and endeavours to respond to humanitarian crises and to build resilience. ACTED brings significant experience in implementing rapid multi-sectoral emergency interventions focussing on WASH, Shelter, Camp Management and Camp Coordination (CCCM) or Site Management Support (SMS), both globally and in the region.

ACTED has field offices in (Somali) and Mekelle (Tigray), Afar (Semera) and Metekel (Beningshul Gumuz): In Southern Somali, ACTED supports over 50,000 beneficiaries focussing on agriculture, livestock assistance, emergency WASH assistance, coordination and infrastructure support, while also responding to both climate and conflict-derived shocks. In Eastern Somali, ACTED supports over 18,000 Internally Displaced People (IDPs) in 5 camps with an integrated SMS, shelter, and WASH emergency responses. In Tigray, ACTED has supported 1,700 of the most vulnerable IDPs. In Afar, ACTED has supported over 15,000 IDPs with access to SNFIs and over 10,000 IDPs in Afase Woreda which included infrastructural and in-kind assistance modalities support. In Beningshanguil Gumuz, ACTED are due to support over 10,000 IDPs located out of camps. ACTED operates through an established network of national NGO partners and can therefore quickly expand and scale-up its operation capacity across regions as required, focussing on the capacity building of its local counterparts.





## Ayuda en Accion

Ayuda en Acción is a secular, non-partisan, non-governmental organisation established in 1981 with a global commitment to fight against poverty, inequality and exclusion. Its headquarters are in Madrid, Spain. The organisation operates in 20 countries within Africa, South and Central America and Europe (Spain, Portugal). In Ethiopia, Ayuda en Acción worked through local partners between 2002 and 2017; and an independent country programme was established in 2018. Ayuda en Acción Ethiopia cooperates with three long-term partners and a number of public and private sector actors.

The first pillar of the country strategy focusses on increasing production and productivity of small-scale agriculture and pastoralist livelihoods by promoting inclusive market systems to address systemic constraints, including barriers perpetuating gender inequalities. The programme also prioritises entrepreneurship and job creation for women and youth. The second pillar promotes quality, inclusive and equitable education for girls and boys in primary and middle schools and assists youth to transition to the labour market. The third pillar of the country strategy responds to humanitarian needs, in particular by restoring livelihoods, rehabilitating the educational system and mainstreaming protection needs. In resilience building, we promote risk financing, such as index-based livestock insurance, community-based animal feed production and other resilience practices.



## CESVI

CESVI is a secular and independent humanitarian organisation, founded in Bergamo, Italy in 1985. CESVI works in 23 countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe, supporting the most vulnerable populations through the promotion of human rights, in the achievement of their aspirations, for sustainable development and response to the most severe emergencies. CESVI was registered in Ethiopia in 2018 and has been working in refugee camps in Tigray and with pastoralists communities in Oromia. In 2022, CESVI started operations in Amhara (COVID-19 prevention measures and income-generating activities for people with disabilities in conflict-affected areas), Harar and Dire Dawa (promoting socio-economic integration of people on the move and potential migrants, with a focus on people with disabilities, along the Eastern Ethiopian migration route), and Beninshangul-Gumuz (implementing livelihoods activities at Bambasi refugee camp).





## Concern WorldWide

Concern Worldwide is a non-governmental, international humanitarian organisation dedicated to the reduction of human suffering and working towards the ultimate elimination of extreme poverty in the world's poorest countries. Concern was founded in Ireland in 1968. With its history of famine in Ireland, the country and Concern as an organisation is focussed on food security, nutrition and related sectors providing humanitarian assistance and programmes to address poverty and to build resilience of communities to shocks such as climate change. Concern Worldwide started operating in Ethiopia in 1973 to provide humanitarian assistance related to a severe drought and has remained to support humanitarian and long term development programmes. Our mission is to help people living in extreme poverty achieve major and sustainable improvements in their lives which develop without ongoing support from Concern. Concern implements and works with partner NGOs in both rural and urban areas to implement long-term integrated development programmes and emergency responses. The sectors of our programming in Ethiopia include: Livelihoods and food security, Health (nutrition, WASH, and maternal and child health and nutrition) and Education. Concern in Ethiopia currently operates in three regions, namely, Amhara, Tigray and Somali. Gender equality and climate change are crosscutting issues in all our programmes and we apply conflict sensitivity, protection, resilience building and accountability approaches to programming.



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## People In Need (PIN)

People in need (PIN) was established in 1992 in the Czech Republic and has grown to become one of the largest non-profit organisations in Central and Eastern Europe. In addition to humanitarian aid and development cooperation, PIN also works in the fields of human rights, education and social inclusion, both abroad as well as in the Czech Republic. PIN has been operating in Ethiopia since 2003, working in four regions (Southern nation and nationalities Peoples regional state (SNNP), Sidama, Oromia and Tigray).

PIN has been implementing Emergency Response and Recovery Projects in drought-prone and conflict-affected areas targeting internally displaced and returnee communities. The main activities provided are construction and rehabilitation of water schemes and sanitation infrastructures of public institutions, hygiene promotion and awareness and distribution of non-food items and multipurpose cash vouchers.

PIN is also committed to increasing climate resilience in communities, maximising climate change mitigation, supporting people affected by climate hazards, aligning with Ethiopian governmental institutions and main stakeholders in the climate governance set-up. In light of this, PIN has been working on Development Projects focusing on WASH, Food Security, Natural Resource Management, Education and Skills Development, Market System Development and Youth Job Creation.

PIN works closely and collaborates with government, civil societies and the private sector, supporting their empowerment and capacity development. PIN pursues a holistic capacity development approach, enhancing the capacities at individual, community and institutional levels. PIN has provided capacity building to existing small-to-medium enterprises in Agriculture, Food, Hair and Leather processing as well as to Community Action Groups.





## Helvetas

Helvetas has been a committed development partner in Ethiopia since 1976 and a registered INGO since 2002. We work directly with local implementation partners to realise a just, gender-equitable, and sustainable world in which all people determine the course of their lives in dignity and security and sustainably using environmental resources. Our project implementation falls under five separate thematic areas: Emergency Preparedness and Response, Resilience and Sustainable Livelihoods, Inclusive Local Governance, Youth Skills Development and Employment, and Rural Infrastructure. These projects have a geographical focus on marginalised rural areas including small and emerging towns with a cross-cutting focus on youth. Gender and Social equity are central to our implementation. Currently we are implementing projects across 6 regions of the country; Amhara, Oromia, SNNPR, Somali, Sidama and South West People's region. We have done pioneering work on local governance (an area in which few INGO's have had the privilege to work) and on rural infrastructure. The Trail Bridge construction for isolated rural communities with direct government contribution is also one of our distinguished achievements. On skills development and education, we promote short term, high quality technical and vocational skills development leading to supporting job placements based on a results-based-financing (RBF) approach. We also have a strong presence in the pastoral area of Ethiopia, working with a market-based approach in the livestock sector.



## Welthungerhilfe (WHH)

Welthungerhilfe (WHH) has been working in Ethiopia since 1972. Officially registered as German Agro Action, WHH works in Afar, Amhara, Oromia, Tigray and Somali regions in close cooperation with the government, national and international NGOs, and the target community. Our Vision is for all people to have the right to a **self-determined** life in **dignity** and **justice, free from poverty**. In line with our global goal “to achieve Zero Hunger in areas where we work”, we contribute to comprehensive and inclusive development programmes on the community level to achieve sustainable food and nutrition security at the household level.

WASH addresses the fundamental needs of the people we work with in urban and semi-rural context smallholder farmers and agro/pastoralists. We aim to boost food and nutrition security of smallholder farmers through improved agricultural practices, irrigation, natural resource management linked to income generating activities, market integration, processing and marketing of agricultural products, and nutrition education.

We focus on creating business opportunities for women and unemployed youth by ensuring that the rights of these marginalised people are upheld by giving them a voice in discussions between civil society organisations (CSOs) and governments of various levels. We are convinced that sustainable impact can only be achieved working together with other actors, particularly local ones. Therefore, we engage open-mindedly in different kinds of partnerships and extend existing partnerships to leverage greater impact. We provide immediate emergency relief to people affected by crisis. To complement this, we address the underlying causes of disasters with long-term programming linking relief, rehabilitation, and sustainable development.



## Shared goals. Joint action.



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