



# Koka Children Project



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Dear reader,

Last April we have made a call for an additional food support donation program in Koka for the children of the OVC project in Koka. We were positively surprised and very thankful for the support we received. In total 8.225 euro have been raised, what a great support for the project! Via this way we would like to thank you all for the donations given.

The implementation of the food support started by the end of



April by supplying packages to the children and their families. The package consists of soap, macaroni or rice, oil and flour. In the coming weeks the support will continue. The initial idea was to provide support for 4 weeks but the great support from our donors made it possible to continue the project for at least 12 weeks. Very essential in this period in which the Child Centre has been closed by the government with respect to the Covid-19 situation.



## Other projects

Besides the focus on nutritional support, the following projects were supported:

We bought a bicycle for Negash (right on the picture), the social worker/teacher at the OVC Child Centre. In this way he can travel faster and more efficient to the families in Koka, important in this challenging period.



The payment of the salaries of the teachers has been continued. Although the school is closed because of the Covid-19 restrictions they continue their work by supporting the children.

Another ongoing project is to improve the floor of the injera bakery in order to make it easier to clean and keep it clean. Next to that, new chimneys for the injera ovens will be installed soon.

A grandmother who is taking care for her grandchildren, with major mobility problems, received a mattress, blankets and night clothes.





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## Play ground

All the playground equipment which was ordered in 2019 have arrived and installed. The children are enjoying the playground a lot!



## Changes

There have been quite some changes within the project. The Director has resigned from the project. Together we are looking for a structural and sustainable solution. An option under investigation is the cooperation with another partner NGO in Koka area.

Currently the project keeps on running under the supervision of a new Project Officer: Ms. Abinet Alemayehu. She is responsible for all the daily operations which is going very well. Abinet is in close contact with the Florensis Management and with us. In the next newsletter we will introduce the Ethiopian team to you.

Hilde and Michel left Ethiopia in 2019 and are living now in the Netherlands. Erick and Marijke left Ethiopia at the end of May and are living in Ireland. Together we have the plan to proceed the support of the Koka project by setting up a foundation in the Netherlands.

In Ethiopia the Florensis colleagues will stay in close contact with the Project Officer Ms Abinet. Furthermore, Michel will visit Ethiopia a few times per year and will combine these visits with a visit to the Child Centre. All the actions and sponsoring will be discussed together with Florensis Ethiopia PLC. In this way we can continue supporting the children in Koka.

We wish and hope that you will continue sponsoring the project, also in the new setup. Please feel free to contact us any time in case of questions!

Warm regards, on behalf of the local Koka Children Project team,

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