

## **HELP FOR AFRICA, FINAL REPORT: Strengthening of the Awash-Fentale Woreda elementary schools, Ethiopia**

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**Project summary:** Help for Africa provided Save Awash National Park (SANP) with 1000 Euro to strengthen four schools in the Awash-Fentale Woreda by providing basic resources that will allow them to meet the educational needs of the community.

The results for each of the four schools are as follows:

**Sobure elementary school:** *Requested 2500 kgs of cement to lay a concrete floor and encase the inside and outside walls of a newly built mud clad classroom.*

The cement has been purchased and delivered to the school. The school has ordered sand and gravel, upon the deliver of which they will begin work. They hope to have the classrooms lined before the beginning of the wet season in August.

**Alebetti elementary school:** *Requested a solar lighting.*

The solar panel and lights have been purchased and installed. Occasional night classes have been held.

**Doho elementary school:** *Requested a solar lighting.*

The solar panel and lights have been purchased and installed. The lit classroom is being used for occasional night classes as well as community meetings and seminars, such as a recent one on HIV.

**Wasaro elementary school:** *Requested reference books and trees for their compound.*

An English dictionary and thesaurus were purchased and delivered and are being used by the teachers. Local trees are currently being grown in pots and will be transferred to the school for planting when ready.

### **Difficulties encountered:**

- The small solar panels, as originally budgeted for, were not available at the time of purchase. As a result larger, more expensive panels were purchased.
- Cement prices fluctuated considerably. While a proportion of the cement was able to be purchased at or below the budgeted price, the rest was bought at a higher price.
- The number of books provided to Wasaro School was reduced to compensate for the high solar panel price.

### **Acknowledgement of the support:**

The kind support of Help for Africa has been acknowledged on the SANP website and an article about the project will be included in the October 2010 Awash National Park newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to pass on to Help for Africa the many thankyou's given by the students, teachers, family and local kebele leaders. They are very appreciative of your kind support and the opportunities it creates.

I would also like to thank Help for Africa on behalf of SANP. Your kind gesture has helped strengthen both SANP and Awash National Park's relationship with the community. Thank you.