

Iffabas Water Supply System

(Deder Woreda, East Hararghe Zone, Oromia Region)

Major Activities/Scheme Profile

- 25m3 reservoir construction
- Spring Development and capping • 4 water points
- 2000-meter pipeline installation
- Training for WASH committees and care takers
- Total cost 2.36 million ETB
- Total Beneficiaries 1,315 people



School latrine constructed at Kufanzik Primary



50 m3 roof rain water harvesting reservoir constructed at Kufanzik primary school



Latrine construction at Kufanzik health center

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Mawardi Yousuf, WASH activities user in Iffabas village, Deder Woreda- Oromia Region

WATER ACCESS IMPROVED THE LIFE OF IFFABAS VILLAGE COMMUNITIES OF DEDER WOREDA

Although the availability of water is conspicuous in Iffabas village of Deder Woreda, East Hararghe Zone of Oromia Region, potable water was not easily accessible for the community. The main source of water is the spring located in the foot of the mountain. As the road to the spring is not accessible due to the slop of the mountain, it takes more than one hour to collect the water. Besides, because of rolling stones are coming from the top of the mountain, it is common to encounter physical injury if not death (two death reported to date). Similar to other places women and girls are responsible for fetching water for their family so that they are highly affected by the incident.

For Mawardi Yousuf, 38 and a mother of seven, fetching water was a tiresome and time consuming. Besides, the distance and location where the water source is positioned, the quality of water was very poor (unprotected spring) caused water-borne diseases for her families and the communities at large. Mawardi is a beneficiary residing in the project intervention area who are benefitted from the newly constructed water system. Mawardi said, “In addition to getting clean water at her door step, I got ample times to care for my children and work on her other routine household chores. Before I used to get into conflict with my husband for not preparing lunch on time as I am not able to get back on time from fetching water to prepare lunch for my families. But now, this becomes a history. As the water point is constructed very close to my house, water fetching is not a hard job for me and my family. Unlike the previous time, fetching water is not the responsibility only for women and girls. My husband and sons are also helping the family in fetching water.”

The spring source is caped with masonry pipe installation undertaken that transfers water to a 25m³ reservoir, it is then distributed to the four water points by gravity system. Water committee was established for managing the water system. These water scheme serves for 263 households.



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