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1. Introduction

Lem, the Environment & Development Society of Ethiopia (Lem Ethiopia) has been involved in the fields of environmental education, environmental advocacy, environmental sanitation and awareness development on natural resources conservation and sustainable development at national level as per its very existence. Year 2002 activities were done in collaboration with mainly the Federal Environmental Protection Authority, Addis Ababa Health Bureau, Amhara, Oromia & Southern Regions Regional Education Bureaus, DPPC and its respective bureaus, and other relevant government institutions.

During year 2001 the Society has focused on strengthening it-self and mobilizing resources from in-country and abroad through devising partnership programs with institutions having similar objectives. Thus, the Society has kept its popularity in the sector it is involved. The efforts made by its Board of Directors have attained its objectives satisfactorily. As the result of these, the Society has survived and has become able to operate in 3 regions, Addis Ababa, Amhara (S.Wollo, Oromia and N. Shoa Zones) and Oromia (W. Shoa & Jimma Zones) for the coming 3 years.

Though the Society's Board of Directors are extremely busy, they managed to meet every three months and has made follow up individually keeping their commitment than ever. They were actively participating in different national development meetings conducted by Gos, and NGOs.

2. Project Profile and Activities

2.1 Conducting Terminal Evaluation of School Environmental Education & Protection Clubs Project in sample schools

- Project/Activity location: Amhara, Oromia & SNNPR selected high schools
- Beneficiaries: 18 High schools
- Donor Agency: Heinrich Boll Foundation
- Executing Agency: Lem Ethiopia
- Implementing Agency: Lem Ethiopia in collaboration with the above mentioned Regional Education Bureaus
- Project Budget: Eth. Birr 14, 095
- Project Duration: January – April 2001
- Project Objective: Conducting Terminal Evaluation in selected high schools and getting lesson for similar future activities.
- Activities: The major activity is evaluating the previous project, which should have been conducted in the previous year, and became late due resource constrain beyond

the control of the Society. Accordingly experts from Amhara, Oromia, and SNNPR Education Bureaus and DPPBs (Planning Bureau in the case of SNNPR) and a representative of Lem Ethiopia has conducted the terminal evaluation in respective regions. The outcome of the evaluation has been very important for both Lem Ethiopia and the Regional Education Bureaus as well as to those organizations to be involved in similar projects in the future.

2.2 Awareness Development through organizing World Environment Day 2001

- Project location: Mainly in Addis Ababa
- Beneficiaries: Gos, NGOs/Civil Societies and Private Enterprises involved in environmental sanitation & other development initiatives.

- Donor Agency: The Royal Netherlands Embassy & different institutions (GOs & NGOs)
- Executing Agency: Lem Ethiopia in collaboration with Environmental Protection Authority and other NGOs
- Implementing Agency: Lem Ethiopia and Environmental Protection Authority
- Project Budget: Eth. Birr 65,204
- Project Duration: April - July 2001
- Objective: Awareness development of the public at large on environment & development specifically on environmental sanitation, and enhancing the role of those individuals and private enterprises who participated actively in the activities of environmental sanitation during year 2000- June 2001.

- Major activities: Production of different types of publication (brochures, posters, leaflets, banners etc.) on the prevailing issues of environment & development, organizing panel discussion by sponsoring television & radio programs, organizing public gatherings, clean up campaigning, and tree planting campaigns.

3. Partnership

Lem Ethiopia has been and/or has good relationship and partnership with GOs and NGOs (both local and international), with those embassies who have special interest in environment & development, professional societies, civil societies and communities. Among the major GOs with this regard are MoE and its respective Bureaus and

department, DPPC and its respective Bureaus and departments, Environmental Protection Authority, Addis Ababa Environmental Protection Bureau and Addis Ababa Health Bureau. From NGOs are Agri-service Ethiopia-Forum for Sustainable Land Use, Center for Human Environment, Forum for Environment, etc., and from international NGOs; Pact Ethiopia, David & Lucil Packard Foundation etc; among the embassies are Finland Embassy and Sweden Embassy, etc.,

4. Projects Budget Utilization

During this period more than 90% of the overhead costs of the Society were covered by the contribution of some Board Members. As one can observe the budget of each of the projects mentioned above was very much minimal. But due to the free contribution of Board of Directors and founding members of Lem Ethiopia and collaborative GOs by providing technical support the outputs of each project is maximum and helped the organization to take its position again.

Accordingly more than 90% of the financial expenditures were used directly for project activities. The financial system of Lem Ethiopia is as per standards of accounting and computerized. Refer Audit Report 2001.

5. Problems & Constraints Encountered

The main problems & constraints encountered during the previous year has been financial resource constraint/insufficiency of donations compared to the Society's goals and objectives and the extent of the prevailing environmental degradation, delayance of project appraisal and signing of agreements from some of the concerned government institutions side, donors fatigue and the frequently changing donors' policies.

6. Conclusion

Coming out of the distressing situation of the previous years (1999-2000), Lem Ethiopia is progressing ahead in its contribution to the country's effort to improve the livelihood situation of our communities though still its capacity is limited compared to other giant institutions.

By implementing the strategies designed by the Founders of the Society, it is believed that it will attain better achievements since its inception. In fact this depends on how much concerned GOs and its other stakeholders are collaborative in exercising its strategies which are inline with the country's development strategies.