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Thank you for being a valued member!

We are truly grateful to our more than 60 members of Early Care International. Your contribution allows our member-based civil society organisation to continue our mission of helping children and youth achieve their full potential.

If you wish to continuously support our work and you have originally become a member through a MobilePay donation, we kindly ask that you consider manually creating a PBS agreement through your bank. This helps us in tracking current members and helps you support our work in the years to come. Our bank information:

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Looking for a volunteer/intern

As we are getting increasingly busy with various tasks, we are searching for a volunteer/intern to assist us with fundraising and project proposals. If you are interested or know someone who would like to join us, please let us know.

One-year celebration

Early Care International celebrates its first anniversary on the 8th of December at 8:00 pm @ Impact Roasters Flintholm Station. Mekdes, an upcoming musical star, will play her songs at the event (<http://www.themusiccompany.dk/>). We will be delighted to see you at this event:-)



Teaching recovery techniques to trauma-affected children

In May 2022, Early Care International, in collaboration with our Norwegian-based partner Children and War Foundation, the Ethiopian Public Health Institute and the Ethiopian Psychologist Association, launched a pilot project on "Teaching Recovery Techniques for Children" affected by war in Ethiopia. This pilot project aims to train non-specialised front-line workers in war-affected areas to psycho-educate trauma-affected children on recovery techniques.

These techniques have been developed by the Children and War Foundation and have proven to work effectively in helping children recover from trauma symptoms in numerous countries.

To make the techniques contextually relevant in Ethiopia, Early Care International has worked closely with the Ethiopian Public Health Institute and the Ethiopian Psychologist Association to translate the manual into Amharic and adapt the tools to make them applicable to war-affected children and communities.

Thus far, a handful of front-line workers have received training in recovery techniques, and we hope to see this training cascaded to their peers during the month of September to December. Although the project is still in an early phase, the Ethiopian Public Health Institute has given this topic proper attention and has chosen to include it in the national strategy due to our initial talks regarding this project. The measures taken will progress the well-being of war-affected children in Ethiopia.



Exciting New Initiatives

Throughout the past year, we have launched two small-scale projects in Denmark in addition to our Ethiopian-based projects.

TELL-TO-ACT

Early Care International co-launched the project TELL-TO-ACT in August, which will equip employees from NGOs with several concrete tools for practice.

On August 29th, we facilitated a TELL-TO-ACT meeting at Impact Roasters café. The meeting focused on how our various organisations use the principles of True Storytelling and protreptic in project work internally and externally.

Mental Health Day October 14th

In connection with World Mental Health Day, Early Care International has hosted an event that focuses on the work-life balance for entrepreneurs. With this event, we provided sustainable strategies for balancing and cultivating personal life with the stress of running a small start-up business.



Mapping early childhood services

In May, Wondim and Rebecca returned from a monitoring visit of our Ethiopian partner organisation, Education for Sustainable Development, to record the progress of our collaborative effort to map existing programmes and providers of Early Childhood Development (ECD) programmes in Ethiopia. During the visit, we were impressed by their portfolio of projects uniquely offering holistic programmatic support to children and families.

The project's objective was to map critical stakeholders, the nature of the ECD programming and the existing gaps within these programmes. The study revealed the main challenges of ECD programme implementation to be weak multi-sectoral coordination, absence of solid implementation structure, budget and human resource constraints, lack of an effective system for performance monitoring and accountability and low policy adaptation at sub-national levels.

This small-scale project, which is the result of a collaboration between Early Care International, Education for Sustainable Development and our Danish-based partner organisation, Civil Connections, concluded in November. Although the project has officially been concluded, we continue our technical support to our Ethiopian partners, who are currently branching out the project by adapting our recommendations.

If you want to read more about the project and our recommendations for a sustainable Early Childhood Development programme implementation in Ethiopia, please read our executive summary by following this link: <https://earlycareinternational.dk/ressources>

Initiatives in the works

We have finally reached more than 60 members, making us eligible to apply for new funding opportunities and expand our work in Ethiopia and other countries.

As a result, we have initiated collaborations with several other organisations operating in the African continent and Denmark. With the members' support, Early Care International has initiated and applied for funding to implement the following projects:

Tuborgfondet

With our articles of association changed at the last board meeting to include not just children but also youth and their families worldwide, we wish to create a path for more young women to gain the knowledge and self-confidence to become entrepreneurs. Thus, we are applying for funding from Tuborgfondet to start a project focusing on entrepreneurship amongst young women from socially disadvantaged residential areas of Copenhagen.

Don't hesitate to contact us if you want more information or wish to volunteer for our first Danish-based project.

REEP Ghana & Save Street Children Uganda

We have connected with the Ghanaian organisation REEP Ghana and the Ugandan organisation Save Street Children, to create mapping projects similar to our mapping study of Ethiopian Early Childhood Development programmes and actors in Ghana and Uganda, respectively.

Introducing new team members

Early Care International is growing. While Rebecca and Wondim continue to work tirelessly to improve the lives of children and youth, the Early Care International team now includes two volunteers, Emma and Inger, and an intern, Natascha.



Inger:

Inger has a background as a consultant working with Danish municipalities, educational sector, ministries and ngo's with a focus on the social sector. Recently she was a part of building the NGO De Anbragtes Vilkår as a professional organization. Currently living in South Korea there is time for volunteer work. As a volunteer Inger is contributing with developing a strategy for the next stages of our organization.

Emma:

Emma holds a master's degree in anthropology and has volunteered with Early Care International since the Spring of 2022. She first joined Early Care International after returning from long-term travel. While she was looking for a job, she was able to dedicate a lot of time to helping us build a new website and assist with various communication tasks. Please visit our brand new website using this link: <https://www.earlycareinternational.dk/>.



Little Sun

This partnership will scale up the pilot project that Early Care International implements in Ethiopia with the Norwegian foundation- The children and War Foundation, and the Ethiopian Public Health Institute. After piloting the techniques and tools developed to help children affected by war trauma, we plan to scale up the project within six months. Here we wish to collaborate with Little Sun to scale the project and give out solar lights for children displaced by the war in Ethiopia.



Natascha: a former intern (august -september 2022)

As a recent sociology graduate, I wanted to try my hand at working for a small NGO whose values align with mine. Thus, I joined Early Care International at the beginning of August. During my time at the organization, I have been helping with various communications tasks and developing the project proposal for Tuborgfondet.

OpEn Pulje

After two years of conflict in Ethiopia, on November 2nd, a peace agreement was signed by the Ethiopian government and the Tigray rebels. The agreement raises hopes for a brighter future. The conflict in Ethiopia has affected a large group of people, yet the Danish media has scarcely covered it.

We have applied for funding from Udenrigsministeriets oplysnings- og engagementspulje (OpEn) to inform the Danish population about the lives of children and youth affected by war in Ethiopia.

EU-Project

This August, the EU sadly rejected our application for funding for a project focusing on learning through play. However, we at Early Care International and our Greek partner organisation Center for Education and Innovation, still believe in this idea. Thus, we have resubmitted an edited version of the application.

Catch us on social media

In addition to our new webpage, Early Care International is also available on LinkedIn and Facebook. We are continuously updating our followers on our various activities on both platforms. Please go ahead and give us a like and share.

The gift that keeps giving

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