

Global Grant 25031

Sustainable Clean Water & Disease Prevention in Itu & Galcide, Minogelti, Ethiopia

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Objectives:

- Provide disease prevention training for 1,095 beneficiaries in remote villages of Itu and Galcide, Minogelti, Hamar woreda, South Omo zone, SNNPR, Ethiopia

There are 188 households with 686 people over 15 years age or older; 350 adults (51%) have participated in all sessions of Community-based Learning in Action training.



Participation goal was exceeded by 100%; 49 households (26%) have committed to constructing and using pit latrines. The community's gratitude is overwhelming.



- Construct two shallow-drilled wells, demarcating defecation free zones that are surrounded by community pit latrines.

The Galcide well, constructed in August 2011, is 22 meters deep; Itu well, constructed in March/April 2012 is 55 meters deep. Both wells have been fenced by the community. WatSanCo (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene committees) have been trained to perform preventative maintenance, repair the pumps, and monitor the defecation free zones. Each well is supported by a cattle trough and watershed mitigation measures.



The community takes great pride in being able to repair their own wells.

Itu well was plagued with challenges. When it finally produced water, the women danced with joy.



Constructing these two shallow-drilled wells cost more time, money, and effort than any of us expected. Between dealing with a water contractor who stole money and left the area in the middle of the night – flash floods that destroyed community built roads – 40% inflation and personnel issues, we join their celebration!