Wolaitta Development Association (WODA) is a community-based, indigenous non-governmental organization in Wolaitta zone, SNNPR of Ethiopia. It was established in 1950’s but became more active functional in integrated developmental activities since December 2000 G.C. WODA is re-registered with the Charities and Societies Agency of the Ministry of Federal Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia on November 9, 2009 under registration license number 0486 and waiting for re-registration according to the newly amended Charities & Societies Organization proclamation number 1113/19. The very essence of the establishment of WODA is to eradicate backwardness and poverty from Wolaitta by mobilizing the community and coordinating the united capacity of the people. Now it is performing a huge amount of development activities to the society based on the organization’s thematic areas. Among the activities which are implemented in the 2nd quarter of the budget year, the followings are some implementations in focus areas.

1. HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Among the current three main WODA’s thematic areas, Human Capital Development is number one in the list to ensure the creation of innovative, self-reliant and industrious human capital. The association has implemented activities like; Refresher Training for Self Help Group facilitators (promoters), providing capacity building training education officers, providing training for 50 child to child facilitators in Damot Sore Woreda, supporting University students by giving pocket money, providing stationary materials for students, giving IGA for ALFA linked schools & supporting TVET students are some of the achievements under the area in the past quarter.

The following are main duties delivered in 2nd quarter.

- Placement test was given for 899 (M- 522 F- 367) ALFA (Accellerated Learning for Africa) project students & students are placed for the next year class.
- WODA made continuous follow of the previously implemented ALFA project in Damot Pulasa & Damot Gale Woredas & checked the status of former ALFA students in these woredas.
- WODA is facilitating the construction of a fence in Bombe high school to establish and strengthen safe and conducive school environment in target schools.
- Wheelchair provided for physically disabled ALFA project beneficiary student by the project.
- 286 (M- 256 and F-30) students received ETB 722, 825 (seven hundred twenty two thousand eight hundred twenty five birr) pocket money from April to June 2019 from WODA.
- WODA in collaboration with Geneva Global supported ALFA linked schools by giving IGA money of ETB 40,500 depending on their business plan.
- WODA in collaboration with Geneva Global supported ALFA linked schools by providing 380 supplementary books of Civic & Ethical Education, Social Science & English language.
- WODA supported girl students by providing sanitary materials in Soddo town.
- WODA in collaboration with Geneva Global Provided ETB 162,000 IGA for 30 Self Help Groups in Damot Sore Woreda.
- WODA in collaboration with Geneva Global, provided Sign Language training for facilitators to capacitate Special needs education in Damot Sore woreda.
2. SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD SECURITY

WODA committed to sustainable livelihood security services for the people of Wolaitta in different area of the zone for the last 19 years & still working in focus to assure livelihood security of the community. As the previous strategic years, in 2019 also WODA strategized for different physical and biological conservation activities to be done to achieve post millennium development goals through out the world and second round Ethiopian GTP too for the strategic years. This e-news contains remarkable tending point to achieve major planned activities of WODA in this sector.

The main focus of this theme is the improvement of the livelihood security of farmers through giving them improved vegetables seed & fruit seedlings, agricultural tools, enrolling them in saving, empowering through capacity building training & creating access to market. In the past second quarter:-

- WODA in collaboration with Send a Cow undertook Stakeholders best practice sharing event.

- WODA in collaboration with Send a Cow awarded excelling farmers in their village who are model on the performance of farm productions like vegetable, fruit, compost production, better toilet management, clean feeding utensils...etc. Accordingly, farmers from Sodo Zuria & Humbo were awarded goat & sheep to rear.

- Technical support was provided in the field in all Sustainable Agriculture & Rural Opportunities project sites.

- Community awareness event on climate change was performed at World Environment Day (June 5) celebration at Wolaita Zone level with 25 participants (M-18 F- 7).
3. INTEGRATED HEALTH

Integrated health is the third major thematic areas of WODA. The association serves the community to ensure better health through integrated health service & take part in the development endeavor. In the past quarter the following services were provided:

- To ensure inclusive development & benefiting persons with disability, through Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID) project WODA provided awareness raising for 68,468 ( M- 34,711 & F- 33,757 ) people through home to home , School disability clubs, Community conversation events , child to child program , VSLA session & Community Based Inclusive Development (CBID) committee.
- 21 Child to child clubs with 209 (M- 130, F- 79) members got awareness issues related with disability & disabled children.
- 922 (M- 369 F-553) VSLA groups & 193 (M= 135, F= 58) CBID committee are provided awareness on the issue of disability management, prevention and mainstreaming.
- WODA in collaboration with CBID project provided capacity building training for 43 (M- 39 F-4) school disability, HIV, girl, health clubs.

- WODA in collaboration with CBID Project Provided medical and surgical treatment for 749 (M- 395 F-354) persons with Epilepsy, mental illness, hearing and visual impairments, physical disability & other impairments.

- WODA Provided VSLA material kit such as saving box, register book & pass book for 21 VSLAs in CBID project sites.