



# Capability statement 2023

Ayuda en Acción Ethiopia



Ayuda en Acción is an international organization **that fights the causes and consequences of poverty and inequality** around the world. We **generate opportunities** so that young people can build a better future.

We have been working for more than 40 years with long-term programs, accompanying thousands of vulnerable people in 19 countries, mainly women, from childhood and adolescence in key stages of their lives. We place special emphasis on their **training** so that they can acquire the skills and competencies that will enable them to develop their life projects and successfully join the labor market.

We act in areas affected by conflicts, climate change or in humanitarian aid contexts, responding to the most basic needs with a long-term vision, and seeking solutions to prolonged crises. We mobilize to ensure **safe, equitable and prosperous environments** in which communities have the most favorable conditions for their own development and where migration is a choice, not an obligation.



Funds allocated  
€41,946,743



Beneficiaries  
601,767



Funding entities  
25  
(Public and international)



People in our team  
966  
(594 Ayuda en Acción and 372 local partners)



Collaborating companies  
906

## Our programs are based on four programmatic lines

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### Women and youth

Young people and women are at the center of our intervention and they are drivers of development in all the programmatic lines. They are a target group in educational and training processes, and as promoters of the protection of our planet or in their social and economic integration in an environment of human mobility. Their protection against violence is promoted, especially in situations of vulnerability.

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### Socio-economic inclusion

We promote socioeconomic inclusion from the early childhood, so that they have access to quality education, to the adolescence and youth in the search for opportunities in the world of work and entrepreneurship. We work to promote inclusive market systems that favor the integration of young people. In contexts of humanitarian crisis, we protect the livelihoods and the children education.

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### Climate change and sustainability

We promote actions aimed at protecting the environment, especially protected areas that are under threat. Likewise, the energy transition towards greener and more sustainable energy is an important part of our actions. In humanitarian crises caused by the climate change, we provide humanitarian assistance to protect the lives and livelihoods of people.

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### Safe human mobility

We promote the right to safe mobility for refugees, migrants and internally displaced persons by addressing the phenomenon of human mobility from an integral perspective of the migration cycle, placing people at the center of our intervention. We work to ensure that people can have options for a dignified life and decide on their future, whether migrating or remaining in their countries of origin.

## Ayuda en Acción Ethiopia | Who we are

Ayuda en Acción has been present in Ethiopia for 21 years, working through local partners between 2002 and 2017; an independent country office was established in 2018 as Ayuda en Acción Ethiopia. The national office is based in Addis Ababa coordinating four area offices (Asala, Wolaita Sodo, Yabello and Semara) and 16 satellite offices covering 16 districts in three regions. We currently employ 35 full-time staff members and cooperate with public sectors, private sectors, Civil Society Organizations and UN agencies. Ayuda en Acción Ethiopia manages a range of projects within three programme priorities: sustainable livelihoods and resilient food systems; inclusive education; and emergency response and resilience building. Approximately half of the country portfolio is funded by institutional donors. Ayuda en Acción Ethiopia is a member of Alliance 2015.



## Economic Development: Sustainable Livelihoods and Resilient Food Systems

The key component of our programme centres on bolstering the output and efficiency of small-scale agriculture and pastoralist livelihoods by fostering inclusive market systems to tackle structural barriers. We prioritise sectors such as livestock, grains, fruits, vegetables, pulses, and ecotourism. Our interventions aim to ensure fair participation of both women and men in value chains while establishing sustainable market connections that benefit smallholders. We play a facilitating role in establishing and reinforcing cooperatives as vital rural institutions, enabling access to income and services and encouraging private sector involvement. By embracing a transformative approach to women's economic empowerment, we aspire to confront the systemic obstacles that perpetuate gender disparities. We partner with the Ministry of Agriculture to improve extension packages tailored to the value chains. We promote climate-smart agriculture and disseminate knowledge on Good Agricultural Practices, including community-based seed and seedling production, technology transfer, crop and livestock micro-insurance, and the digitalisation of knowledge sharing. Currently, we offer support to 26 primary cooperatives and three farmers' cooperative unions situated in Oromia (Arsi, Borena) and the South Region (Wolaita).

The second facet of our programme aims to improve women's and youth's access to meaningful employment by encouraging entrepreneurship and wage-earning opportunities in rural and peri-urban settings. We have designed a gender and age-inclusive business graduation model that systematically evaluates enterprise maturity and provides recommendations for systematic capacity development. We explore job creation in new technologies, including those promoting green growth. We actively collaborate with 33 Saving and Credit Cooperatives (SACCOs) and 32 women and youth enterprises. Our primary focus for enterprise development is in Arsi, Wolaita and Borena.

Since 2018, the sustainable livelihoods and resilient food systems programme have benefited



## Quality and Inclusive Education

Our second programme area promotes quality and inclusive education that prepares girls and boys for the labour market, especially within the context of migration and pastoralism. The primary focus is on youth in middle and secondary schools (7-12 grade). The programme is built on four components: Rights and School Governance; Value-adding Learning; Labour Market Transition; and Evidence-based Influencing. The interventions promote inclusive rights to education, child protection, reproductive health awareness, science and technology education amongst girls, teachers' professional development, linkages with private sector and vocational education centres, and extra-curriculum courses on employability. The programme is embedded in local communities through community participation in school management and building solidarity links, which connect communities with benefactors in Spain that support programme activities. We currently support 32 middle and secondary schools and 116 Solidarity Link groups located in Arsi, Wolaita and Borena.

Since 2018, the quality and inclusive education programme has reached





# Emergency Response and Resilience Building

Since 2018, we have responded to all major humanitarian crises in Ethiopia, including drought, floods, conflict, desert locust infestation and the covid-19 pandemic. Our programme incorporates a strong humanitarian-development nexus approach linking disaster preparedness, emergency response and resilience building. Our response capacity is two-fold: responding to recurrent humanitarian needs in Afar, Oromia (Borena) and Tigray and addressing emergent humanitarian needs in other regions based on added value. We respond to the needs of the most vulnerable without leaving anyone behind. Our technical competences include education in emergencies mainstreaming child protection and prevention of gender-based violence; food security and restoration of livelihoods; and cash programming. In resilience building, we promote risk financing, such as crop and livestock insurance and financial inclusion backed by digital services and innovations; climate change adaptive capacities; community-based natural resource management; and inclusive systems and institutions transformation.

Since 2018, the emergency response and resilience building programme has addressed the needs of



## Cross-Cutting Focus

The Country Strategy 2023-2025 identifies three cross-cutting areas mainstreamed across all three programme priorities. Gender Equality prioritises interventions that prevent and reduce gender inequalities through systemic change and social transformation. Climate Change Adaptation prioritises interventions that promote adaptation to climate change and reduce the negative impacts of climate change on vulnerable communities. Innovation prioritises interventions, promoting new and green technologies and social innovations adapted to the rural context and which increase efficiency and inclusion of marginalised social groups.

### Networks

### Implementation partners

### Donors



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