

Steady progress in Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA

In Addis Ababa, I gave the first part of ICDP Facilitator level training to 29 participants, over three days, 8-10th of November 2019.

The participants came from one of the largest congregations in the city. Half of the participants were young men and women currently studying at the University.

When they were asked to express their expectation from the training, a few of them said that reflecting on their experience of having had a difficult childhood, they wanted to learn how to help children and how to teach other parents as well. They explained that they did not want other children to experience the way they were brought up.

There was a lot of enthusiasm throughout the training. All received their assignment for next training, which we agreed will take place in February 2020.





HAWASSA

In Hawassa, the previously trained facilitators have been working with their groups of caregivers and five finished their practical assignments by completing the training of 30 caregivers. Each caregiver that was trained has the responsibility for about 20 children. The trained caregivers reported that the tools of the ICDP programme were helpful to their work of taking care of children but also to guide the children's' parents.

The second level training for ICDP Facilitators was attended by 27 participants and it was conducted over three days, from the 15th to the 17th of November 2019. Most of the participants were parents and they talked about their personal experiences of how they were helped by the ICDP training and how they developed good interaction with their children. Corporal punishment was one of the main issues that was discussed. Many participants shared their painful experiences linked to corporal punishment. After the training all agreed that instead of using corporal punishment, parents should take time to talk and explain to their children what they did wrong. The training will continue in February 2020.

BAHR DAR

On 21 and 22nd of October 2019, I was in Bahr Dar for one day and a half, and during that time I conducted an awareness raising workshop for 19 church leaders, who came from different and distant areas in the Amhara Region.

Afterwards, the church leaders expressed their agreement about the need to implement the ICDP programme, saying that the training is timely for their region and that they wanted their members to be trained as facilitators in February 2020. It was agreed to hold the training in Bahr Dar and the participants will come from different areas of the region.





The demand and the requests for ICDP training is increasing in Ethiopia. My challenge is to find a sponsor to cover expenses for travel, ICDP materials, hotel and other expenses.

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