

# ICDP in Ethiopia during 2023

ICDP is continuing to develop in Ethiopia thanks to the efforts of ICDP trainer, Atnaf Berhanu. Atnaf spent six weeks in Addis Ababa during the autumn of 2023.

During this time, she conducted ICDP facilitator level training for a new group and she also held a workshop aimed at raising awareness about the programme.

She has also been working on producing a new and better translation of the ICDP material for use in Ethiopia, as the previous translation of the handbook proved not to be good enough. As soon as funding is secured, she hopes to have the new ICDP material printed.

Below follows a short report by Atnaf

## ICDP in Addis Ababa:

ICDP facilitator level training is continuing in Addis Ababa where I have been cooperating with different religious organizations.

During the six weeks in Addis Ababa, I have been working with a new trainee group of facilitators who came from 13 congregations. These congregations altogether have about 6500 adult members and 5000 children.

These trainee facilitators completed part one of their training and have then embarked on their assignment on self-reflection and filming their own interaction with children. All the participants have been working with families in their respective congregations for a long time, and it became clear that they have gained a lot of experience, however they said that ICDP was unique and found it helpful. They emphasised how ICDP made them realize the importance of following children's lead, being sensitive and listening to children.

The second part of the ICDP training for this group will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of January, 2024.



Photo: new group of trainee facilitators

Another important activity in Addis Ababa was the workshop I conducted for 12 church leaders. This group of leaders coordinates activities for families linked to 90 churches. My

aim was to introduce them to ICDP and to raise their awareness about the content of the ICDP programme and the need for it. It was successful, and they seem to show keen interest and were very receptive to ICDP ideas. As a result, they asked to attend training, which will take place in February, next year.



Photos above: workshop for religious leaders

### **ICDP in Wolayta Sodo**

During the first months of this year, I spent some time in Wolayta Sodo, 263 km from Addis Ababa. There I trained a group of 25 new facilitators and they all implemented ICDP with at

least one group of parents. Two of the facilitators, who belong to a local church, had continued with ICDP, and conducted a course for a second group of parents. It was rewarding to hear most facilitators report that parents had engaged very well with each ICDP topic and attended the course every week. Facilitators said that the attending parents found the ICDP topics relevant to their own situations. The plan is to continue to roll out ICDP to many new groups of parents, as facilitators said they wanted to reach as many as possible of their 2500 members.