



## Short interim report from the follow-up trip concerning cooperative and HIV / AIDS projects

The trip is part of the Afar Friends' two projects in the Horn of Africa.

One project is to inform the Afar people in the remote rural areas in Djibouti on what AIDS is and how to protect themselves against the disease.

The second is about creating new economic supply means for Afars in Ethiopia, by creating conditions for them to start and run cooperatives, and thereby also to learn what money is and how they are used.

Meeting with the remote village of Dorra inhabitants and demonstration of how an information meeting with the UDC's HIV / AIDS informers goes. The village lies in Tadjura district in north-west of Djibouti.



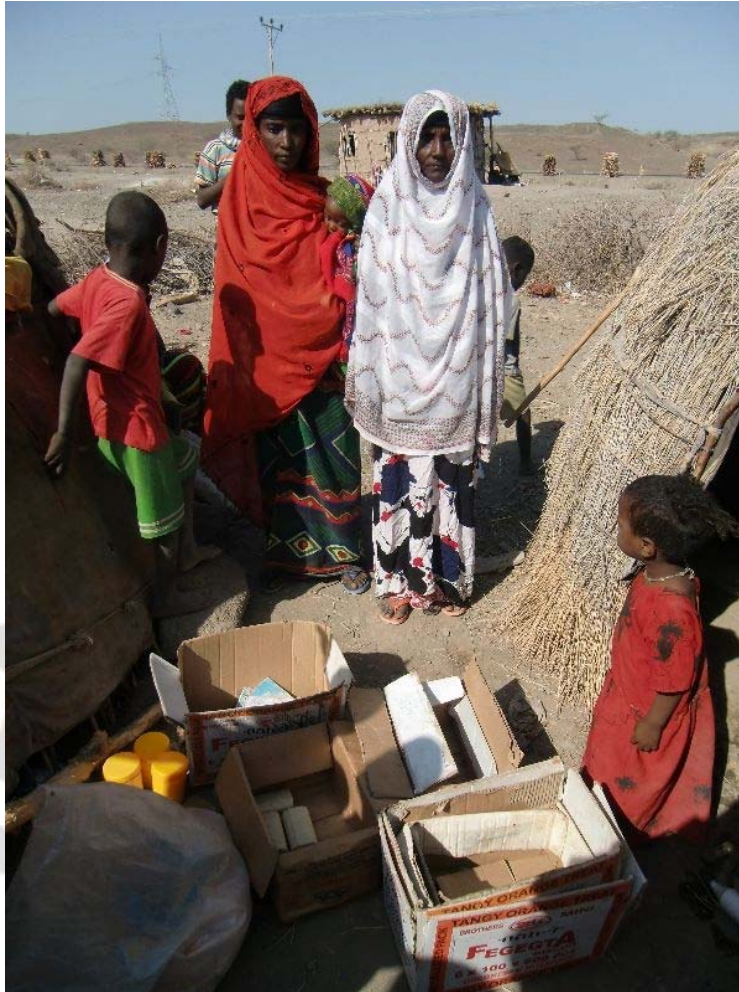
Music Evening in As-Eyla. The texts dealing with HIV / AIDS, how to protect themselves, how it spreads, etc. The whole village of all ages flocked to the event. The musicians played too far into the night. As-Eyla is in the Dikhil district in south-west of Djibouti.



Meeting with a cooperative in Aysäita started by the support of the APDA's and Afar Friends' cooperative project. The cooperative has 30 members and they are growing tomatoes, onion and chilli. This breed is closely Awash River and water supply is not a major problem. They have been saving together a small capital in the bank. The cooperative has also helped women to come out from home and get their own freedom. Aysäita is located 60 km south of Samara, the capital City of Afar Regional state in Ethiopia.



Meeting with cooperatives in Mille, about 30 km west of the Logya village. The cultivation failed. The idea was to grow grass for sale. Unfortunately, the site was a bad choice compared with the aforementioned co-operative, drought and water shortage ruined the harvest. Instead, the cooperative invested in country shops.



Newly started cooperative in Eli Waha, in Hadar region where the palaeontologists found the world-famous lady Australopithecus afarensis, Lucy, intend to invest in small business and maybe a Café. The thirty members are being educated and they hire a joint training venue.



Greetings from a hot Logya,

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