

REPORT FROM ETHIOPIA, by Atnaf Berhanu

1. Overview

During the first quarter of 2025, significant progress was made in the expansion and impact of the International Child Development Program (ICDP) in Ethiopia. This report summarizes the key activities and outcomes, including facilitator trainings and the ongoing application of the ICDP approach with parents and children.

2. Facilitator training conducted New Trainings (January – March)



Two ICDP facilitator trainings were held in the cities of **Harar** and **Jimma**:

- **Total Number of New Facilitators Trained:** 54
- **Total Number of Children Reached by These Facilitators:** Approximately 211



Follow-up from 2024 Training in Adama

In 2024, 34 facilitators were trained and certified in **Adama**. These facilitators have been actively implementing the program:

- **Number of Parents Engaged:** 120
- **Number of Children In directly Reached:** Approximately 251





3. Impact on Parents and Families

Parents who participated in the ICDP sessions expressed deep appreciation for the training. Many shared that they wished they had received this type of guidance earlier in their parenting journey. The following key changes were observed:

- **Improved Parent-Child Relationships:**
Parents reported a positive transformation in their interactions with their children. They started giving more time and attention to their children, leading to more peaceful and loving homes.
- **Expression of Love and Affection:**
Many parents began expressing love openly to their children. One mother said, *“Now we have peace in our home.”* Previously, some believed showing love would spoil children, but through the training, they realized how essential it is to express affection.
- **Encouraging Children’s Initiative:**
A shift was noted in how parents respond to their children’s ideas and activities. Many parents admitted they had not practiced following their child’s initiative before, but now they are actively encouraging it, which strengthens trust and confidence in their children.

4. Conclusion

The ICDP activities in Ethiopia during this period have shown clear and meaningful impact. New facilitators were trained, and previously certified facilitators have reached hundreds of parents and children. Feedback from parents highlights real change in

family dynamics, with increased love, communication, and understanding. The ripple effect of these trainings continues to grow, contributing to healthier child development and stronger family relationships.