



## ■ Country Strategy Ethiopia

Kindernothilfe's main objective in Ethiopia is the facilitation of healthy and sustainable child development.

Children at risk – such as disabled children, street children, working children, orphans etc. are a focus of KNH's work in Ethiopia. These marginalized children should be able to live in their family and social environments as persons with equal rights. At least four new projects are planned in this area.

Girls and young women are particularly underprivileged in Ethiopia; they often become victims of abuse and harmful traditional practices as FGM (Female Genital Mutilation), making them a special target group in all of Kindernothilfe's Ethiopian projects. In new projects young women are to receive special support with regard to their education and health. KNH and her partners are fighting against FGM in order to protect and save girls and women from the serious physical and psychological consequences which often end up in death.

Education, health care, food security, supply of drinking water and sustainable agriculture are central topics which should be approached by community development projects and self help groups (SHGs) involving the local population. The SHG work will, therefore, be extended and three new community development projects as well as three new watershed management projects will be supported in addition.

The multiple partner setup in Ethiopia allows different types of programs to be implemented in association with those specialized partners most capable of achieving the goals. Innovative ideas and approaches can be exchanged at partner meetings and trainings which are organized by the National Country Coordinator for Ethiopia and her Delegate, who are constantly in touch with the partners, thus acting as the link between Kindernothilfe and our local partners.