



# Ho! ManaBU Project Newslettr

Project on Improving Access to Quality Primary Education by Community Participation

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## Project Purpose

School management is improved in the target area through collaboration between educational administration (WEOs, CRCs, schools) and community

## Project Period

September 2008 ~ September 2012

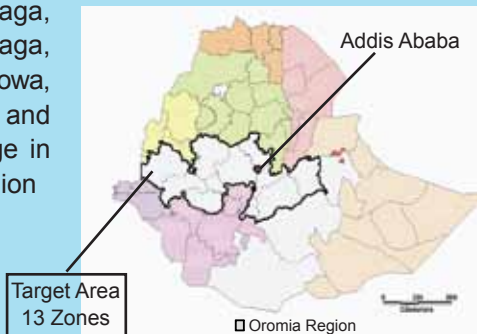
## Project Outputs

1. The capacity in monitoring and reporting of school management is strengthened at the woreda and cluster levels
2. Community members, head teachers, teachers and CRC supervisors have a deeper understanding about "Making our school better" through cluster-based activities
3. The knowledge and experiences acquired from the activities and outputs 1 and 2 are widely shared and utilised among education administrators at the various levels

## Target Area

West Showa, North Showa, South West Showa, Jimmma, Illbabor, Horo Guduru Wellaga, East Wellaga, West Wellaga, Kellem Wellaga, Arsi, East Showa, West Arsi and West Hararge in Oromia Region

- 43 WEOs
- 11 STEOs
- 104 CRCs



**Ho! ManaBU is a technical cooperation project between Oromia Education Bureau (OEB) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The project aims to improve school management through collaboration among school, community members, Cluster Resource Centre (CRC) and local educational administrations.**

"Ho!" is nicknamed after Hoggansa (an Oromo expression of "management"), while "ManaBU" stands for Mana Barnoota Ummataa (an Oromo expression of "community-based school"). "Manabu" also means "to learn" in Japanese.

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## ITPs for the First Year

### "Raise Awareness of Drop-out"

What's the problem with drop-out?  
How can we solve it?

Dropout Reduction



### "Raise Awareness of Girls' education"

The lack of girls' toilets is one of many obstacles preventing girls from coming to school... Correct or not?

Girl's education



### "Let's make our school better" (part-1&2)

What can we do for our school?  
What should we do next? – from analysis to planning

School Improvement Programme



**Akkam Jirtu!** Hello, everyone! We are pleased to bring you Ho! ManaBU newsletter No2. The Project has entered its second year in September 2009 and the activities in the second year have been successfully carried out as planned up until now. This edition provides you for the main developments for the last five months from November 2009 to March 2010.

**Workshop for Ho! ManaBU Training**  
(November - December 2009)

OEB/JICA conducted four day 'Workshop for Ho! ManaBU Training (the WS)' in 10 places in Oromia region from November to December 2009 with support of 13 zonal education offices (ZEO). The target groups were officials of the target woreda and special town education offices (WEO/STEOs), the supervisors, school directors and key teachers of the pilot Cluster Resource Centres (CRCs), and a total of 463 participants attended the WS.



The WS consisted of three day training of trainers (TOT) for all the target groups and one day monitoring and reporting (M&R) training for WEO/STEO officials and CRC supervisors. Through the TOT, the participants acquired how to utilise our main training materials, Interactive Training Package (ITP) as a facilitator so that they provide Ho! ManaBU Training (the Training) effectively at school level. M&R training on the fourth day facilitated the participants to reflect their M&R routine, and to develop their ideas on the key issues on M&R.

The attendance rate was extremely high (almost 95%) and the participants were enthusiastic and very active everywhere. The feedback from the participants indicates that they enjoyed learning the game-style ITP in a relaxing atmosphere and developed their ideas on how to promote school-community collaboration. Needless to say, these positive results would never have been achieved without commitment of all the participants and coordination on OEB, ZEO, WEO/STEO and school levels. The Project team would like to take this opportunity to thank all the concerned bodies and individuals for their efforts and collaboration (the 'Report on Workshop for Ho! ManaBU Training' is available).

**Monitoring of Ho! ManaBU Training**  
(January - March 2010)

Soon after the WS was completed, the Project started monitoring the Training conducted at school level and the Training outputs. This activity also aimed to get feedback on ITPs from WEO/STEO, CRC, schools and community members. The consultant team collected data in the all 13 target zones and data is now processed. The monitoring report will be finalised by the end of April and it will be used as useful information for revising the ITPs of Year 1 as well as designing the second year training framework and ITP of Year 2. The Project team is deeply grateful for all of you who cooperated with monitoring activities. *Galatooma!*



**Field visit by Ho! ManaBU**  
(January - March 2010)

Along with the comprehensive monitoring by the consultant team, the Project has also had several visits to our pilot CRCs and learned various initiatives at school level.

Aleltu CRC in Aleltu woreda, North Showa zone, for example, trained a numbers of teachers as a facilitator on their own with support of Aleltu WEO.



The school also opened the Training for pupils who could act as a catalyst for their parent's participation. Another example was Abosa CRC in Adami Tulu woreda in East Showa zone. For this school visit, Obo Dereje Asfaw, head of OEB joined us and we observed a CRC supervisor facilitating the Training at Edo Kontole primary school, one of the satellite schools under Abosa CRC. The Training was held at a newly built classroom and more than 80 community members came all the way to participate!

Despite extremely busy schedule, Obo Dereje changed his initial plan and observed the whole Training. After the Training, he continued to stay and had a brief discussion with participants. Referring to his own childhood, Obo Dereje voiced the importance of education, and stressed that parents have responsibility for supporting their children to learn at school. Obo Dereje praised the community members of Edo Kontole for active participation and assured the support for school development.

**The upcoming activities from April 2010 onwards:**

The Project team is now geared to the two major activities for the coming months. First, we will continue to visit schools and to monitor the outputs of the Training. Second, the Project is going to start preparing the Training in the second year, and for this critical task, an expert of visual material development has joined us in the end of March. We will bring you more news in the next newsletter. So keep up with our developments!