



Media Release

Restoring Hope: Health and Education Facilities Rebuilt in Endamohoni Woreda, Tigray

Tigray, Ethiopia, 14 and 15 July 2025 – In a significant move to restore basic social services in conflict-affected areas, Meswaeti Primary School and Gelewsa Primary School in Endamohoni Woreda, Tigray, have been fully rehabilitated and officially handed over to the regional government on 14 and 15 June 2025, respectively.

These rehabilitations were carried out under the Response-Recovery-Resilience for Conflict-Affected Communities in Ethiopia (3R4CACE) Project, funded by the World Bank and managed by UNOPS. The work highlights a strong effort to restore crucial healthcare and education services to the community.

The conflict had heavily damaged both facilities, leaving thousands without proper medical care and schooling. Now, thanks to the Ethiopian Government's reconstruction efforts and its partners, the rebuilt structures are stronger and fully operational, serving the local population's needs.

Education at Meswaeti Primary School - Meswaeti Primary School has been reconstructed to provide a safe and conducive learning environment for students who had previously been left without a functioning school. The recovery efforts included:

- Two new classroom blocks with eight classrooms, each accommodating at least 50 students
- Three hybrid toilet buildings with modern sanitation facilities
- A water supply system to support hygiene and daily school operations
- An electrical system for improved learning conditions
- External works, including fencing, gates, walkways, and landscaping to enhance accessibility and security

As a result, the school now accommodates 1,222 students, many of whom had no access to education due to the conflict. The school has targeted to employ 32 teachers, ensuring that students receive quality instruction. Additionally, blackboards have been procured, and desks are set to be delivered to fully equip the classrooms.

Education at Gelewsa Primary School - Similarly, Gelewsa Primary School has been reconstructed to provide a safe and conducive learning environment for students who had previously been left without a functioning school. The recovery efforts included:

- Two new classroom blocks with six classrooms, each accommodating at least 50 students
- One Admin building
- Two hybrid toilet buildings with modern sanitation facilities
- A water supply system to support hygiene and daily school operations
- An electrical system for improved learning conditions
- External works, including fencing, gates, walkways, and landscaping to enhance accessibility and security

As a result, the school now accommodates 545 students, many of whom had no access to education due to the conflict. Additionally, blackboards have been procured, and desks are set to be delivered to fully equip the classrooms.

The rehabilitation of Meswaeti and Gelewsa Primary School shows the strong commitment of Ethiopia's government, the World Bank, and UNOPS to bring back vital services and strengthen communities recovering from conflict.

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