

## Project information

*Abune Ginde Beret – as per: 06-2019*

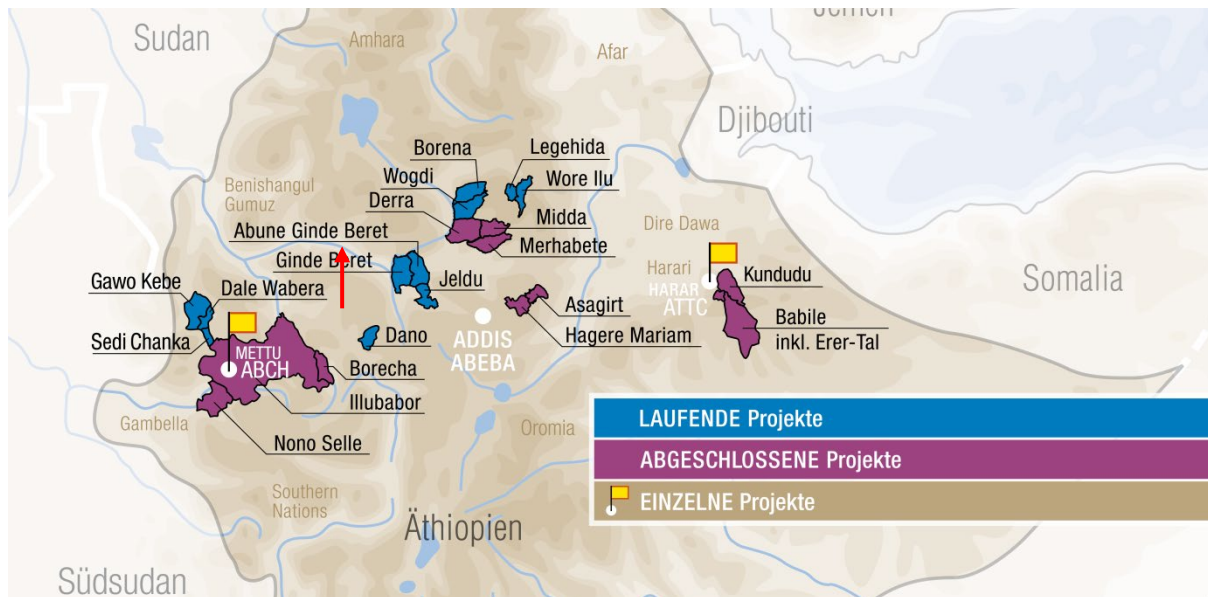
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### Project Area

## ABUNE GINDE BERET

In early 2012 we started work in the Austrian project area of Abune Ginde Beret. 140,000 people live in this remote region west of Addis Ababa, which is about half the size of the Austrian state of Vorarlberg.



**Area:** 1,360 km<sup>2</sup>

**Population:** approx. 140,000

**Regional capital:** Bake Kelate

**Location:** approx. 170 km northwest from Addis Abeba in the West Shewa Zone. Between 1,000 (lowland) and 2,500 metres (highland) above sea level.



Hillsides lined with yellow Meskel flowers such as these are beautiful to look at. But, as in the neighbouring region of Ginde Beret, the valley situated a little lower down the hill is difficult to access. Escarpments and impassable terrain hinder access to medical or educational facilities. Impassability causes many villages to be literally cut-off from development.

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### Challenges in Abune Ginde Beret

The majority of the population in Abune Ginde Beret lives from agriculture. Due to continuing erosion, irregular rains and decreasing soil fertility yields were often too low when we started our work in 2012. The lack of clean drinking water and poor medical care posed a significant problem. As in the neighbouring region of Ginde Beret the eye infection trachoma was also common in Abune Ginde Beret.

### The main challenges in Abune Ginde Beret at the start of our work in 2012 (extract)

- 4 of 5 people had no access to clean drinking water.
- Every second child under the age of ten suffered from the eye infection trachoma.
- With 74% kerosene is the main source of light at night followed by wood (24%) and electricity (2%).
- Erosion and deforestation make wide areas unusable for agricultural production.

### Implementation of integrated rural development projects

Based on the principle of “help for self-help”, *Menschen für Menschen* implements measures together with the local population, which participates in all projects. In Abune Ginde Beret, we profit from the experiences already had in the neighboring region of Ginde Beret. The population was already familiar with our work and we were able to get started right away.

### Bundle of measures from all areas of life

In each of the following areas combined in the “integrated approach to rural development”, *Menschen für Menschen* carries out in-depth evaluations, on the basis of which its sets targets within the framework of 3 or 5-year plans:



Agriculture



Water



Education



Health



Income

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### Track Record of Projects: What has been implemented in Abune Ginde Beret since 2012 (extract)

Evaluation as of 31/12/2018

Additionally to the measures listed below *Menschen für Menschen* implemented further measures within the “integrated approach to rural development” as the objective is to develop entire project regions in a sustainable way. For instance building up infrastructure is essential for being able to carry out these measures and for developing remote regions. Therefore **263 km of access roads** have been built in Abune Ginde Beret since 2012.

#### Agriculture

- 67 nurseries established
- 12 million distributed tree seedlings
- 2,428 km laying out of terraces and stone or earth walls
- 562 ha large-scale reforestation areas
- 12,261 wood-saving „green“ stoves distributed
- 586 modern beehives distributed

#### Water

- 109 water points (pump wells and tapped springs)
- 10 water reservoirs for irrigation

#### Education

- 13 new schools
- 25,369 participants in literacy campaign

#### Health

- 2,503 eye surgeries (Trichiasis and cataract)
- 802 members of anti-AIDS-clubs
- 35 health stations equipped with solar refrigerator (*up to 31.12.2017*)
- 75,285 women who received contraceptives (contraceptive pill, injectable depot contraceptive, contraceptive implants)

#### Income and human development

- 1,964 women participated in a commercial course and received a microcredit
- 5,589 participants in housekeeping training measures (hygiene, health, vegetable farming)
- 80 participants in handicraft training courses (pottery, weaving, embroidery)

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### Combating the eye infection Trachoma

Trachoma is a bacterial eye inflammation which can result untreated in blindness. Chief causes are bad hygienic conditions in poor regional areas, particularly the lack of access to clean drinking water and the lack of knowledge about hygiene. At the beginning of the project work in 2012 50% of children under ten years of age were affected by trachoma in Abune Ginde Beret.

In order to finally root out trachoma and its serious consequences, *Menschen für Menschen* implemented and implements the so called S.A.F.E method recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO): Surgery (operations), Antibiotics (antibiotic drugs), Facial Cleanliness (hygiene measures) and Environmental Improvement (clean water and latrines). The major campaign for the treatment and prevention of trachoma was carried out from 2012 to 2016 and included a comprehensive distribution of antibiotic drugs:

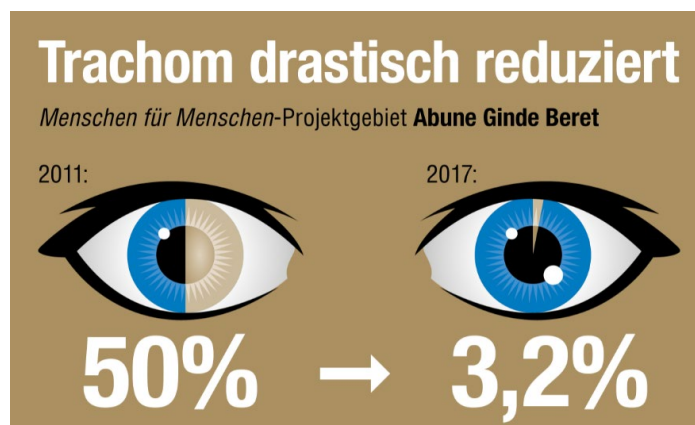
#### General trachoma campaign (2012-2016)

Annual treatment and prophylaxis of the eye infection trachoma for at least 80% of the registered population by the end of 2016

<b>2012:</b> 94% achieved 114.565 people registered 107.660 people treated	<b>2013:</b> 97% achieved 119,310 people registered 115,731 people treated
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### Evaluation of the major campaign for the treatment and prevention of trachoma

At the beginning of 2017 a research team evaluated the major campaign for the treatment and prevention of trachoma. The evaluation has shown that the number of children under ten years affected by trachoma has fallen dramatically: In Abune Ginde Beret from 50% originally to 3.2%.



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### Significant Success of the first project phase in Abune Ginde Beret:

Status of the evaluation unless noted: Dec. 31, 2014

Planned until end 2014	Implemented by Dec. 31, 2014
36 wells and spring tapplings for increasing access to clean water	41 wells and spring tapplings installed
Construction of 8 new schools	6 schools completed, 2 under construction
Literacy courses for 8,500 participants	9,071 women and men took part in literacy courses
Agricultural training courses for 1,500 farmers	3,080 participants in agricultural training courses
Increase in the use of energy-saving ovens through the distribution of 3,800 ovens	4,300 wood-saving ovens (incl. "daily cook") distributed
600 women are being given the opportunity participate in the microcredit loan program	632 women have passed a commercial course and are in receipt of a microcredit loan
600 km of rock and earth walls for soil conservation and combating erosion	829 km of terraces, stone and earth walls constructed
270 hectares of reforestation areas	230 hectares of eroded land were turned into reforestation areas
Construction of 45 km of access roads	140 km of access roads created
The number of people who pursue active family planning through contraception is being increased; Plan: 15,700 users of contraception	40,257 women who use contraception, such as the pill, 3-month injections or Implanon (3 years)
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Over and above these specific measures, all activities are implemented within the scope of the "integrated approach to rural development" in order to secure nutrition throughout the region for the long term.



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### Exemplary progress for the region after the first project phase (2012-2014):

The construction of 41 wells and spring tapplings in Abune Ginde Beret in the first project phase **increased access to clean water from 16% to 28%**:

#### Dagamu watering hole in Abune Ginde Beret



##### Fall 2013

330 households, i.e. almost 2,000 people, get their water here; the seasonal spring is heavily polluted, cattle wade through the rivulet.



##### Fall 2014

In the vicinity of the seasonal spring, Menschen für Menschen built two hand-pump wells together with the population. The water is clean and protected.

### Effect of our measures: Beyond the numbers

#### Example of the water supply

The work done in our project regions focuses not only on purely quantitative success but also on how the measures further impact on the region's population. Taking the water supply as an example, this means that the construction of wells near the villages in the first phase increases access to clean drinking water in the region. Among other things, this has a positive impact on the everyday lives of women, who no longer have to spend so much time fetching water from far-off springs. They can use this time productively by attending a course on home economics, which in turn has a positive effect on the living conditions of the entire family.

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### Impact: Evaluation of the first project phase

The project work in Abune Ginde Beret was evaluated after the first project phase for its relevance, effectiveness, efficiency and impact. The evaluation was carried out in October 2014 by the consultancy organization FAKT on behalf of *Menschen für Menschen*.

The goal was to analyze the project work as a whole against the background of regional circumstances on the one hand and analyze it against international standards on the other. For this purpose, the evaluation team inspected infrastructure measures, conducted interviews with project leaders and with representatives of the rural district. In addition, a workshop was held with the beneficiaries of the measures in order to verify their efficiency and relevance for the population.

Observations of the following criteria also flowed into the evaluation:

- **Relevance** of the activities for the population
- **Effectiveness** in terms of the achievements (output) and direct impacts (outcome)
- Higher-lever **impact** in terms of development policy (impact)
- **Efficiency** in terms of relationship between financial input and output
- **Sustainability** of the activities

➔ In summary, all criteria were rated as high and the organization confirmed as doing good work. The evaluation identified the positive impact of the measures on a large number of areas of life and the good interaction of the development measures in favor of improving the living conditions of the people.

**Further information about our work in Abune Ginde Beret:**

<https://www.menschenfuermenschen.at/en/>