

Three hours water collection time reduced to 5 minutes. Strong ownership at the Amesti 4 water point.

FACTS

- Water Point is Hand Dug well equipped with Afridev hand pump
- Depth 17 m
- Construction time 5 months
- Construction Year 2018
- Construction costs:
 - GoE 62,147 Birr (71 %)
 - Users 24,830 Birr (29 %)
- 84 people benefitting (2 are with disability)
- Birr 1,250 paid as upfront cash contribution for O&M



Amesti 4 water committee members demonstrating the water point use for the visitors

Embassy of Finland and COWASH representatives visited Amesti 4 water point in Shinkurta Kebele of Guagusha Shikudad Woreda, Awi Zone of Amhara Regional State. The visit was facilitated by Ato Amsalu (Head of Woreda Water Office from Tilili) and Ato Tsegei (CMP Supervisor). Both of them were born and have lived their lives in Guagusha Shikudad. They enjoy serving their own people.

We are introduced to the Water and Sanitation Committee (WASHCO) members. Ato Ayana Kinfe is the Chair person and Ato Baye Ayalew is the Secretary of WASHCO. There are 5 more WASHCO members. Three of them are women and are holding the following positions: Cashier, Store keeper and Controller.



Embassy of Finland and COWASH visitors interview Amesti 4 water committee members at the household level.

We are told by the community that they used to collect water from the nearby river. The river water was dirty and all were suffering different kind of water borne diseases. Community members tell us that after construction of this scheme the health among community members has improved a lot.

Community is using the water only for household use. Each family is collecting 4 Jerrycans per day. That makes average water consumption 16 l/person/day. Water point is open twice a day (morning

and afternoon) and guarding is done in rotation between the beneficiaries. Households use also rainwater harvesting for cleaning and for their animals.



Grawa plant used for the cleaning of Jerrycan

When asked about the cleaning of the Jerrycan a young woman responds straight away that she washes it every second day using the local leaves called “Grawa” and small stones.

The water collection time has been reduced from three hours to five minutes. Women tell visitors that now they have more time to take care of their families and girls can go on time to school. A young (20 years) and recently married woman tells us that now she can make more business at home (brewing) due to the time saved in water collection.

The water committee members tell us that during the construction they procured construction tools, sand, iron and cement from the nearby Tilili town. In the procurement they used proforma collection method.

The water point was constructed on private land. The land-owner is one of the beneficiaries and made a written agreement

with the community to allow the continued use of the land for this project.

So far there are not yet requests from outsiders to join the scheme. In case such requests are coming the community has decided to give the membership with a Birr 1,000 entrance fee.

WASHCO members confirmed that all households have a latrine and they also use it.



Toilet at house level