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COWASH invests 1.5 Million Birr to support COVID-19 Responses

Water, Sanitations and Hygiene (WASH) is critical entry point to fight against the spread of Corona Virus (COVID-19) in Ethiopia. In response to supporting the government of Ethiopia, today, COWASH Ethiopia along with other 2 WASH Partners and Stakeholders made hand over of 34 water pumps to the regions. The support enables the regions to tap ground water from deep well and increase their capacity to provide water for their community.



In his key note, His Excellency, Dr.

Negash Wagesho, State Minister of the Ministry of Water, Irrigation and Energy said that “this is part of the bigger contribution in fight against COVID-19.” He promised the support will continue until we beat COVID-19 and also an opportunity to strengthen our Water and Sanitation works in all the regions. He also noted the general support given to quarantine and treatment centers.



His Excellency Dr. Beshah Mogesie, Commissioner of the Water Development Commission, stated that his commission is dedicated to provide access to clean water and strengthen its support to fight against COVID-19. He appreciated the support of WASH sectors with mention of COWASH and UNICEF Ethiopia. Dr. Beshah mentioned that the total amount of today's support was estimated to be more than 13 Million Birr.

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Mr. Arto, Chief Technical Advisor for COWASH made exciting remarks. In his remark he reaffirmed the long standing commitment of the Government of Finland in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Projects and assured COWASH's commitment in the fight against COVID-19. He mentioned that COWASH has bought 4 submersible pumps that is estimated to be about 1.5 Million

Birr. He also highlighted COWASH's Community-Led COVID Emergency and Resilience Building project planned to be executed from July-December 2020.



Solomon Kinfe, representative of Somali Water and Energy Bureau said, today's support has enormous contribution to their region and to fight against the COVID-19 challenges. He thanked the Ministry, Water Development Commission and WASH Stakeholders.