

COWASH in Abichu gena Woreda and Women Led Debero-Garmojo water supply

Abichu gena woreda is located in North Shoa zone of Oromia Region. COWASH started in Abichu gena woreda in 2005 EFY (2012-2013) and is now implementing the 3rd year in the Woreda. During the period of 2 years Abichu gena woreda has implemented 61 water points and the number of water points planned to be implemented this year (2014-2015) are 41. COWASH has accelerated the water supply access coverage in Abichu gena woreda from its lower percentage to 95 % and the woreda is optimistic that it will achieve the GTP targets due to COWASH assistance. In sanitation all households which have joined the water supply have also constructed toilets and in addition to this 2 school and 2 health facility latrines have been built and 2 kebeles have been declared ODF.

W/ro Zenash Abebe is the chairperson of the Debero-Garmojo water point. She is assisted by W/ro Tatchi Gemeda (Treasurer), Ato Kebede Zeleke (Secretary) and other three WASHCO members. Together they manage the water supply serving 30 households.



Photo from left: Ato Kebede, W/ro Tatchi and W/ro Zenash. Below is CTA in front of the collection tank.

Debero-Garmojo water supply source is a spring. The water from the spring is led by a pipe into the collection tank. The tank has three taps from which the community members are collecting water in the morning and in the evening. W/ro Zenash told that water is adequate for all also during the dry season and is of good quality. (The quality (taste) was also tested by the CTA of COWASH).

Each household is paying 2 Birr/month for the O&M of the water supply. So far the community has saved in MFI 2,237 Birr for the maintenance. One tap is broken and this



