

## **“Strengthening Child Rights Clubs at School Level”**

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### **Summary of the project**

The purpose of the project was to raise awareness of the CRC in various stakeholders and the support and strengthen of CRC clubs in three schools in Bahir Dar. Two of the schools were located in underprivileged areas of town. The team accomplished the following activities during the implementation of the project:

- Approaching the Heads of the regional Education Bureaus, Zone Education Officials and professionals to introduce them the project’s objectives.
- Informing school principals and supervisors.
- Conducting meetings with clubs and NGOs working with the CRC.
- Preparing the annual plan with school club coordinators and NGOs.
- Producing training materials and conducting training for teachers, supervisors, club members, school principals and others professionals.
- Following up and supervising services provided.
- Networking the pilot schools and scaling up the project at Zonal level.

### **Impact on the personal and professional levels**

- The team members increased their awareness of the CRC.
- They have been empowered and gained the capacity to support school clubs, teachers, principals and stakeholders on child rights issues.
- It has helped the participants to build up the confidence needed to discuss the CRC at the Regional level.

### **Impact on the organizational level**

- The Education Bureau received additional support to create a child-friendly School environment.
- Networked the pilot schools and scaled up the project to a zonal level.
- As a result of the CRC awareness promoted on parents, their relationship with the school has been strengthened. Thus, parents are coming to School to be informed of the learning of their children.
- Schools invited parents to observe their children participate in different activities and the change in their attitudes.
- As a result of the CRC awareness promoted on teachers, they developed a

positive attitude to support the vulnerable children.

- School discipline has improved and students are helping each other academically.
- They are protecting and using properly school materials.
- We received the full commitment of school principals, teachers and club members to work with us after school.

### **Impact on the country level**

The participants have contributed to the national network and established contacts with the commissioner for child rights.