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## **Grace Impact makes a donation to Amref Health Africa in Ethiopia to fund one of their WASH Projects**

Grace Impact has donated funds to build a community latrine in Akaki Kality sub-city. A WASH committee will also be established to train community members on hygiene and community latrine management; this will contribute to the sustainability of the project. *"Amref Health Africa is proud to partner with Grace Impact on this project; through such projects, Amref Health Africa will continue its engagement with communities to bring lasting health changes in Ethiopia"* - **Misrak Makonnen, Country Director of Amref Health Africa**

According to the Akaki Kality sub-city health office annual report dated July 2019, only 39.6% of the population in slum areas of Akaki Kality has access to improved toilets and 7.5 % practice open defecation. Those defecating in open either go to the bushes for defecation or use plastic bags and throw it on the streets or in to storm run-off ditches.

The community latrine that Grace Impact has chosen to support will not only provide access to sanitation facilities for 150 people, but also provide them with dignity and boost the safety of women and girls. The integrated hygiene promotion will improve the communities' well-being and reduce the spread of diarrheal diseases.

*"Grace Impact strongly believes in access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) since it is a basic human right. We support WASH programs since they save lives, prevent diseases, promote dignity and strengthen communities. We are very happy to work with Amref Health Africa in Ethiopia and look forward to supporting more WASH projects in the future."* - **Dinese Hannewald, CEO/Founder of Grace Impact gGmbH.**