

The Berga Wetland Project, Ethiopia

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Children welcome visitors to the Berga Community Wetland Management Project, which integrates population, health, and environment initiatives.



Livestock feed in the Berga Wetland, home to the endangered White-winged Flufftail. The birds build their nests in the tall grass, and community members patrol the area to prevent people from cutting the grass.



Two girls stand in front of the White-winged Flufftail nesting area in the Berga Wetland.



Horses graze in the Berga Wetland, located in the Oromio region of central Ethiopia, during the dry season.



A sign marks the Berga Wetland Project.



The head of the Berga Wetland Project addresses a group of visitors.



Geremew Selassie, acting executive director of the Ethiopian Wildlife and Natural History Society, explains the results of the Berga Wetland Project.



The Berga Wetland Project provides basic maternal, children's, and reproductive health services to community members, including this woman and her child.



A health extension worker at the Berga Wetland Project displays DepoProvera, one of the three family planning technologies available at this small health facility.

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| Gosa HOJI | | | | Kutmana Kurnana Kurnana Kurnana | | | | 1 st 2 nd 3 rd 4 th | | | |
| 1 HOJI MCH | | | | Adm. Fin. Sa. Mu. An. Gu. B. E. G. Wa. | | | | | | | |
| 1. Family Planning | 18 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| 2. ANC | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| 3. PNC | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| 4. CDD | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| 5. GM <3yrs | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 |
| 6. Delivery | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| 7. H/E/F/naam | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| 8. Home Visit | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| 9. School Visit | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| 10. New Latrine | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| 11. Bona Koro | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| 12. Washing Hand | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| 13. Window | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 14. Sanitary Sheet | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 15. H/C/Hp/d/mat | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| 16. Hor Ho/S/mat | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 17. Sanitation | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 18. Sep. Kitchen | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
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| 19. BCG | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| 20. 1 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| 21. 2 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 |
| 22. 3 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 |

A chart records the services this health station provides. The year 1999 in the Ethiopian calendar is approximately 2006 in the Gregorian calendar.



A poster in the Berga Wetland Project health station urges families not to practice female genital mutilation (FGM). Ethiopia has one of the world's highest FGM rates.



Children are delighted to see pictures of themselves.



A woman churns butter.



A young girl at the Berga Wetland Project.



Children welcome visitors to their school with a choreographed song.



This three-room school at the Berga Wetland Project serves 400 students between the ages of 6 and 11. After children complete fourth grade here, they must travel five kilometers to the closest school for older children.



Students sit in one of the Berga Wetland Project school's three classrooms.



A young girl smiles in front of the Berga Wetland Project site.



Children play in front of the camera.