

Growing Unity and Peace in Ambo: A Recap of EIFDDA's #WIHW2025 Celebration

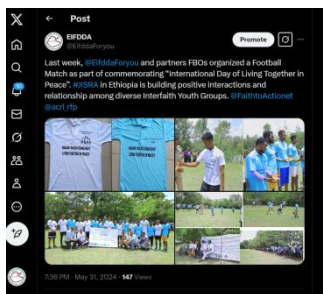


PHOTO: Celebration of #wiHW2025: Community Gathering - Tree Planting and promoting inclusion initiative, Ambo, Feb 2025

Local leaders reflected, “Planting these trees is a lasting memory, reminding us of our responsibility to care for the earth and each other.”

On **February 5, 2025**, Ambo Town came alive with the **Community Action for Peace** event, a key highlight of EIFDDA's #WIHW2025 celebrations. This event, centered on unity, environmental sustainability, and social inclusion, was a powerful demonstration of how collective efforts can create lasting change.

A central feature of the day was a **tree planting initiative**, where community leaders, local residents, and youth came together to plant over 25 trees. This act symbolized more than environmental stewardship—it represented a shared commitment to unity and peace.



In addition to the tree planting, **youth participation** was a core element. Notably, youth from **Lazarith Cathedral School**, including those with hearing impairments, actively took part in both the tree planting and the **Supporting Sports for Peace** initiative. Through football games (picture from previous event), youth from diverse backgrounds bonded over shared experiences, embodying the power of sports in fostering unity. One youth participant shared, “Sports bring us together as one team, and that’s how we should be in life—united.”

The event also focused on **sustainability**, with JISRA's local structures—such as the **Advocacy Network Group, Women of Faith, and Interfaith Chapters**—committing to the ongoing care of the trees. These trees will not only serve as environmental assets but also as enduring symbols of peace and unity. Local leaders pledged to maintain engagement through workshops and community gatherings, empowering youth-led groups to lead both environmental care and peacebuilding efforts.

Ambo's **Community Action for Peace** stands as a testament to the power of **community-driven change**. It highlights how shared goals can bridge divides, bringing together diverse community segments and paving the way for future initiatives. @EifdaForyou continues to champion grassroots action, we encourage other communities and organizations to take inspiration from Ambo's example. By joining hands, we can create a future that thrives on sustainability, inclusion, and peaceful coexistence. Stay connected with EIFDDA for more updates and inspiring initiatives!



Photo: JISRA presents sports materials to enhance efforts in peacebuilding, teamwork, and inspiring future generations. Ambo Town, April 2024

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