

# Ethiopia BASELINE EVALUATION



**GROWING NUTRITION FOR MOTHERS AND CHILDREN (GROW)** is a 21.4 million CAD project to address undernutrition in women of reproductive age (15-49) and children under 5 in Ethiopia. GROW is a partnership between CARE, Cuso International, McGill University, and the Government of Ethiopia (Ministries of Health, Agriculture, Women's Affairs, and Mines, Water and Irrigation). The project is funded by the Government of Canada, CARE, and the Canadian public. GROW is a four-year and three-month project, from January 2016 to March 2020.

## GROW TARGETS IN ETHIOPIA

### Communities:

- East Hararghe
- West Hararghe
- Afar

### Beneficiaries:

- 188,958 women, men and children directly
- 825,218 women, men and children indirectly



**Baseline household surveys of 1,261 women (15-49 years) and children (0-59 months) in Oromia and Afar Regions in Ethiopia** took place in December 2016, and provided important information about the situation of malnutrition and the work to be done...



### Children's (under 5) nutrition:

- **22%** are **underweight**
- **44%** are **stunted**
- **84%** do not meet **minimum acceptable diet**
- **15%** had **diarrhea in the past 2 weeks**



### Women's (15-49) nutrition:

- **36%** face **moderate to severe hunger**
- **70%** do not meet **minimum dietary diversity**
- **24%** are acutely **malnourished**
- **69%** walk more than 30 minutes to **collect water**



**40%** of households get drinking water from an **improved water source**



**51%** of children (0-5 months) are **exclusively breastfed**

### Gender-related findings:



In Ethiopia, **only 36% of women work outside the home** for income. They have similar access to land and education as women in other project countries.

For instance, while **21% of women have attended school**, **91% of these women did not complete primary education**, and **93% cannot read a whole sentence**.

Additionally, although **50% of women manage land for crops**, **only 14% have decision-making power about which foods are produced on that land**.

