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Italian Agency For Development Cooperation
Addis Ababa,
Formal Request for Funds and Technical Assistance

Dear Sirs,
I write on behalf of Wonchi Eco- Tourism Association (WETA), which is a local organization providing community - tourist service in wonchi town and around the Crater Lake. WETA has been operating in the area since 2002 and its major objective is to encourage the participation of local communities in ecotourism activities, in order to sustain and enhance the use of natural resources by generating income activities for their livelihoods. Wonchi is one of the most magnificent tourist destinations in Oromia Regional State and is surrounded by sites of extraordinary beauty : hot spring , water falls, an ancient monastery , diverse types of trees and vegetables.

Despite its enormous potential the area is not yet developed to its optimum level . WETA association (made of eight sub- associations) provides a wide array of service namely honey local production , service development reforestation language and translation , bio-agriculture, horse riding, fishing and women's handicraft sales , cultural visits to the monastery and boat service. Nevertheless , WETA's activities are not well organized and structured due to lack of funds, infrastructure and basic service provision. Scarcity of sanitation facilities and water supply services endangers people's health and discourages tourists from vesting and spending time onsite.

Italy has been active in Wonchi area, especially in the sector of basic service, since the half of twentieth century, when the first water well was dug not far from the Crater lake. More recently , the Italian slow food presidium has been carrying out activities with beekeepers and local honey production.
However, lack of proper facilities prevents related economic activities to grow bigger .

Due to traditional and historical Italian interest in the area and our mutual understanding , we invite you to Wonchi to meet and discuss about the Italian contribution to protect natural resources, realize sanitation facilities and eco-tourism interventions .

On our side , WETA will be fully supportive by providing your organization with its grassroots structure, professional expertise and existing infrastructure facilities, to guarantee the sustainability of our common efforts.

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With Regards.

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