

## **OVERVIEW OF GOFA GROWTH AND PROSPRITY ASSOCIATION**

### **1.1 GENERAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Gofa Growth and Prosperity Association (GGPA) is an indigenous, not-for-profit, and local non-governmental membership-based organization, established in 2012. It has been more actively functional in integrated development activities in Gofa zone. GGPA is re-registered with the Charities and Societies Agency of the Ministry of Justice of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia on December 14, 2012 under registration license number 4650. It will renewable every three years. The head office of the organization is located in Gofa Sawula town and branch offices are functional in all the 7 Woredas and 2 towns Administration within Gofa; and in five other areas: Addis Ababa, Arbaminch, Hawassa, Wolaitta and Diredawa.

### **1.2. GGPA MANDATE ANALYSIS:**

Mandates of GGPA derive from FDRE constitution article 31 and 43 (sub article 1 & 4). Article 31 of the Constitution provides for freedom of association which reads as "Every person has the right to freedom of association for any cause or purpose". Sub article 1&4 article 43, on the other hand, provides for the right to development and reads as: 1. The peoples of Ethiopia as a whole and each Nation, Nationality and People in particular, have the right to improved living standards and to sustainable development; and 4. The basic aim of development activity shall be to enhance the capacity of citizens' for development and to meet their basic needs.

Meanwhile proclamation No 621/2009 to provide for the registration and regulation of charities and societies Article 14 sub-article 2 a - i is another major source of GGPA mandates pursuant to the above mentioned article 31 of the FDRE constitution. The provisions in article 14, sub article 2 a - i read as follows:

Charitable purpose shall include: a) the prevention or alleviation or relief of poverty or disaster; b) the advancement of the economy and social development and environmental protection or improvement; c) the advancement of animal welfare; d) the advancement of education; e) the advancement of health or the saving of lives; f) the advancement of the arts, culture heritage or science; g), the advancement of amateur sport and the welfare of the youth; h) the relief of those in need by reason of age, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage; i) the advancement of capacity building on the basis of the country's long term development directions.

### **1.3 GGPA's STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES AND AREAS OF INTERVENTION:**

In accordance with the aforementioned mandates, GGPA has set the following strategic objectives:

1. To continuously monitor, study and identify the causes of poverty of Zone and its people, recommend solutions and play supportive roles;
2. To raise awareness on environmental protection and biodiversity conservation, mobilize the community for practical interventions, and play supportive roles;

3. To promote modern agricultural practices and raise public awareness to improve productivity and ensure food sovereignty based security;
4. To promote micro financing activities and services;
5. To mobilize and build the capacity of youth to promote inter-generational learning, entrepreneurship, respect for work and contribute to zonal socio-economic development efforts;
6. To promote and work towards improved supply of clean water and sanitation services;
7. To promote and work towards improved family planning and reproductive health services;
8. To raise awareness and work towards improved protection from HIV/AIDS and other communicable diseases in the Zone;
9. To build the capacity of primary and secondary schools and improve access and quality of modern education in the Zone;
10. To enhance and support economic empowerment and female education and gender mainstreaming to improve socio-economic development role of women;
11. To document the history, culture and heritage of the Zone along with developing and promoting Gofa and Oyda language and Eco Tourism Opportunities;
12. To raise awareness and work on unnecessary and extravagant traditional practices like: wasteful consumption habits, traditional and cultural ceremonies and feasts related with mourning, dowry, marriage ceremony, graduations, birth, etc... that at a time consumes the yearly produce of households on the one hand and prevalence of religious programs which in turn make people busy and competes with production time, labour and skills of the society on the other;
13. To mobilize and support the community to actively participate in economic infrastructure development;
14. To establish and strengthen resource mobilization schemes enabling GGPA perform its developmental activities; and
15. To identify, and support needy people with disability, elders and orphans to become self-supporting citizens.

Accordingly, the following activities are formally approved by the Charities and Societies Agency:

1. Environmental protection and biodiversity conservation;
2. Ecological agricultural and livelihood activities to ensure food security;
3. Providing microfinance based saving and credit service;
4. Skill development training;
5. Clean water supply;
6. Mobilizing the community for basic health service promotion, health facility capacity development, enhanced family planning, reproductive health, HIV/AIDs and other communicable disease prevention;
7. Enhance modern education centres', promote access and quality education, capacity building interventions;
8. Documentation and development of history, culture, language, heritage; and promotion of ecotourism;

9. Organize awareness raising events and training sessions to combat unnecessary and extravagant traditional practices and mobilize community to practically make a difference;
10. Promote and develop different socio-economic infrastructures;
11. Establish and practically make use of income generating schemes; and
12. Provide humanitarian assistance to those needy citizens.

#### **1.4 GGPA MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE**

GGPA is a membership organization, with members drawn both from within the zone and other parts of the country, where natives of the Zone reside and /or work. Moreover, GGPA has members from abroad comprising natives of the Zone and supporters of its objectives.

GGPA has five levels of governance structure: general assembly, board, head office, branch offices and Kebele development associations.

**The General Assembly** is established by selecting the representatives from each Woreda and town administrative. With additional one representative from some Zonal bureaus and they act as supreme power of GGPA is responsible for: formulation of the general guide lines and policies, approval of annual programs and budget, reports and does other activities which help to accomplish the set out goals.

The **Management Board** has the following duties and responsibilities:

- Follows and reports accomplishment of general assembly decisions;
- Follows and reports achievement of organizational goals;
- Formulates policies and guide lines;
- Examines that the grant and cooperation agreements are made in accordance with the pertinent law of the country and decisions of General Assembly;
- Checks contacts and relationships with donors and other bodies are in line with the aim of GGPA;
- Checks weather the donations and grants are utilized properly;
- Hires and fires when necessary the General Manger & external Auditor;
- Directs branch offices at different levels; and
- Collaborates with GOs & NGO's working in the zone.

The Board is accountable to the General Assembly.

**The head office:** which is accountable to the board of directors coordinates branch offices, plans the activities and budget and implements planned activities, follows up and evaluates projects and programs, and compiles reports to concerned bodies.

**Branch (woreda) and Keble offices** are mainly entrusted with community and resource mobilization activities.

In an effort to fill the gaps and tackle multifaceted socio-economic problems and play supportive role to government plans, GGPA has been implementing integrated development program. It has five years strategic plan for the period 2012-2016, exclusion of one year preparation period.

For your Information Organizational Address	
<b>Name of the Organization</b>	Gofa Growth and Prosperity Association (GGPA)
<b>Organisation type<sup>1</sup></b>	An indigenous, not-for-profit, and local non-governmental membership-based organization
<b>Year of establishment</b>	2012 /2020
<b>Registration number</b>	4650
<b>Registering/Licencing government body</b>	F.D.R.E. Authority of Civil Society Organizations
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<sup>1</sup> As indicated on your registration certificate, specify the type of your organization. e.g. CSO, network, association, government entity, private sector etc



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### CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

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This is to certify that **GOFA DEVELOPMENT AND  
PROSPERITY ASSOCIATION** has been registered  
and accorded legal personality with Registry Number **4650**  
on **December 24, 2019** as **Local Organization** in  
accordance with the Civil Society Organizations  
Proclamation No. 1113/2019.



Jinna Dilbo Denbel  
Director General

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Notice: If the organization fails to discharge its responsibility to submit  
Activity and Audit reports, as per Proclamation No. 1113/2019,  
Article 70 of the proclamation "verification of existence" shall be  
applicable.

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