Love for Children and Family Development Charitable Organization has been celebrated World HIV/AIDA Day with a theme “Putting ourselves to the Test: Achieving Equity to End HIV” which emphasizes on accountability and action. The dates have been in collaboration with Kolfe Keraniyo and Nifas Silk Lafto Sub Cities Health Offices HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Team on 06 December 2022 and 08 December 2022 respectively. The intention to celebrate the day is give an opportunity for people to unite in the fight against HIV, to show support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness. Strategies employed to celebrate the day were panel discussion and mass education on main roads. The panel discussion was conducted in Kolfe Keraniyo Sub City with different stakeholders represented concerned from government offices, local NGOs and HIV Aids affected peoples with a total 500 participants. Major points addressed on the panel discussion are how to ending Inequalities and getting on track to end AIDS, aggravating behaviors to the expansion of the epidemic, stakeholders commitment towards prevention and control are major ones.









Closing remark has been delivered by Endale Assefa Executive Director of Love for Children and Family Development Charitable Organization focusing on the way forward and stakeholders' accountability to end the spread of the virus at grass root level. He said that, the world is making good progress towards ending the AIDS epidemic by 2030. Currently, more people have access to HIV testing and treatment. But, all efforts and progresses are uneven and fragile. We need to double our efforts as key populations are at higher risk of infection to be left further and further behind. He finally highlights the better integration is paramount important apart from annual celebration of HIV/AIDS day.

On the other hand, the day was celebrated on main roads and roundabouts from Mekanisa to Jemo Condominium by transferring key messages for the audience both in oral and written pamphlets. The celebration was coordinated by Nifas Silk Lafto Sub City Health Office HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Team. It is estimated that around 20,000 people have been addressed by the mass education delivered in oral messages and leaflets. We used music performing clubs to attract the attention of people around the main roads and delivered key messages when more people gathered around.



