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World Water Day

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“Water and Food security: The World is Thirsty Because We Are Hungry “.This is coordinated by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. The visual identity and communication campaign is by UN-Water.

This day was first formally proposed in Agenda 21 of the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in Rio de Janeiro,Barzil. Observance began in 1993 and has grown significantly ever since; for the general public to show support. UN Water tasked to prepare mottos and messages regarding world water day since this time.

The world discussed in this year as the issue of water especially in developing countries in celebration of world water day at France, Marseille.

World Water Day at Jijiga Camps - Sheder and Awbare refugee camps



Refugee music band making a song about world water day

World water day celebrated colorfully at Sheder and Awbare through Luthran World Federation as a focal implementation partner in coordination with UNHCR and ARRA staffs.



Partial view of world water day attendees at Awbare cmp

The celebration was very memorial in the aspect of participation and also forwarding surely important messages through dramas, songs, and awards to selected roll model refugees in the water supply

service delivery period. The safe water access delivered to the refugees within UNHCR standards.



LWF team showing commitment for ensuring safe water access to refugees.

Backyard gardening and MSG was taken as a means of integration water supply with food security specifically in the refugee camp.



Wheelbarrows awarded to roll model refugees

The celebration was started at Awbare refugee camp just in the morning session with an opening remark made by ARRA camp coordinator followed by LWF and UNHCR field coordinator in expressing the importance of world water day in the refugee context.



Awbare woreda head during receiving of 1600liters of 10% active liquid chlorine from LWF

Lutheran World federation provided 1600liters of liquid chlorine to Awbare woreda head for its water desk to use for the disinfection of water during the dry season in the remote areas where safe water access become a challenge following the extended driest season in Somali region.

The refugee water management committees who are eight in number was awarded world receiver digital radio following their best performance in fencing and protecting water points in the refugee camps. And five wheel barrows also awarded for those who practiced backyard gardening and MSG in the refugee camp, which can go with the theme of this year's world water day.



A refugee lady/WMC member awarded a radio

In the after noon, following the opening remark from ARRA shedder camp coordinator, with a better participation, the date was celebrated with astonishing messages from the refugee band clubs in addressing safe water management through out the camp.



Partial view of the world water day attendees at Sheder refugee camp