

Empowering local women

Ramate Miessa is a housewife and mother from Corbetti, Ethiopia. With support from the **CORBETTI GEOTHERMAL PROJECT**, she received health and hygiene training.

As part of wider efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases in the Corbetti area, InfraCo Africa and Corbetti Geothermal secured funding from PIDG Technical Assistance to support the delivery of health awareness training for local women.

Thirty-five year old Ramate says, “I attended the training which covered how we live and think about sanitation and hygiene – personal hygiene, our children’s hygiene and hygiene in our community and village.” She continued, “I now know how to dispose of household waste properly.”

The training also included healthy eating, maternal and child health. “I am married with seven children and am expecting our eighth child. The training has given me better knowledge of how to eat well and how to take care of my health during the pregnancy, and also how to provide a balanced diet for my children using food we have in the house.”

As she prepares for the birth of her child, Ramate says “The training taught us how to access medical services, pre-natal care, child delivery and childcare. Through the one-to-five women’s clusters we can get easy access to health services and a quick ambulance response in times of emergency – I had no knowledge of that before the training. A lot of awareness was created.”

The PIDG TA funded initiative also includes the rebuilding of Corbetti’s health post, something Ramate is very happy about, “previously we used to give birth either at home or at Awara*, hopefully the new health post can stop this. I wish to extend my unlimited thanks to Corbetti Geothermal.”

*Awara is a small town about 18 kms from Corbetti village.

