

Supporting local health networks

Tayiba Hussien is a mother, a student and a cluster group leader advocating for women's health in 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 awareness training for local women.

At twenty five, Tayiba Hussien is a married mother of two who attends 10+2 vocational school in Shashmene during the weekends. She is the group leader of one of the one-to-five clusters established to support the health needs of women and children in the area. **"The cluster group leaders follow up with the women, we gather information about the community and existing health issues and then take appropriate decisions to address these issues"**. She knows the women well, having lived in Corbetti village all her life.

Tayiba and the women of her cluster joined others to receive health training covering personal and environmental hygiene, mother and child, pre and post-natal health. She says, **"This was a very good training, we now know more about personal and environmental hygiene which is the cause of most diseases in the community. The women in my village - and myself - have a better understanding of waste management and disposal. Since the training, I have noticed that sanitation and hand washing has improved in the community."**

Tayiba plans to apply her new knowledge to interactions she has with her family, neighbours and members of the wider community she meets as a cluster group leader. **"We are very thankful for this training. It has changed my life and the lives of other women in the community, and we thank Corbetti Geothermal for that."**

