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imagine1day set to partner with Educate A Child to bring quality primary education to out of school children in Ethiopia.

Doha, March, 2014—imagine1day signed a grant agreement with Educate A Child (EAC), a global programme based in Qatar, which aims to trigger significant breakthroughs in providing quality primary education to the 57 million children who currently have no access to schooling. Launched and founded in 2012 by Her Highness Sheikha Moza Bint Nasser, the programme promotes and facilitates access to primary education in regions suffering from conditions such as poverty, conflict discrimination or natural disaster.

The partnership is focused on enrolling over 28,000 children in primary school in two districts within Ethiopia's southern Bale Zone; Dello Mena and Meda Welabu. Through the partnership, imagine1day will increase access to early childhood and primary education through the construction of 11 new primary schools. They will also supply teaching materials and training to improve the teaching-learning process, broaden the curriculum, encourage extra-curricular school activities, and enhance the level of students' life skills. Parent Teacher Associations and principals will be trained to support the enrolment of children and their continued school attendance.

Sapna Dayal, imagine1day Executive Director, said, "We're thrilled to join an esteemed group of EAC partners, applying ingenuity and determination to significantly reduce the number of children who are out of school around the world. This partnership will enable imagine1day to tackle some of the most challenging issues Ethiopia is currently facing in equitably providing access to quality primary education. Through a focused strategy and a commitment to building the leadership and technical capacity of key stakeholders, we will create systemic and lasting results in 103 pastoralist communities in Ethiopia's Bale Zone."

Educate A Child's Director, Dr. Mary Joy Pigozzi said, "Educate A Child is very pleased to have imagine1day as a new partner. Their approach to working through the national, regional and district education structures is well aligned with EAC's operating principles. We look forward supporting an organization with a strong record of reaching out of school children and keeping them in school, so that together we can bring quality primary school education to thousands of Ethiopia's children in the coming years."



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About Education Above All

EAA is a global initiative founded and chaired by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser of Qatar. Founded in 2012, EAA is the umbrella for a number of international programmes, including Educate A Child, Al Fakhoora and Protect Education in Insecurity and Conflict (PEIC) that protect, promote and facilitate access to education. EAA programmes work to ensure that all children in the developing world – particularly the 57 million who are currently out of school – will be able to realise their right to education. Through capacity-building, resource mobilisation, and multi-sectoral partnerships and alliances, EAA addresses educational issues with a special commitment to the most underserved populations of the world.

Sheikha Moza bint Nasser is UNESCO Special Envoy on Basic and Higher Education, a United Nations Millennium Development Goal Advocate, and Steering Committee member of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's Education First Initiative.

For more information, please visit www.educateachild.org.qa.

imagine 1day has been building schools and helping transform education in Ethiopia since 2007, with a goal that all Ethiopians have access to quality education funded free of foreign aid by 2030. imagine 1day currently works in partnership with primary schools located in remote, rural communities in the northern Tigray region and the southern Oromiya region of Ethiopia.

imagine 1day operates with the visionary leadership of its founders, Chip and Shannon Wilson, Canadian philanthropists best known for their success in starting and building the global athletic apparel brand, lululemon athletica.

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