

## CCRDA/CGPP ETHIOPIA AWARDS USAID'S GLOBAL POLIO COORDINATOR



***Ellyn Ogden receiving her certificate of recognition from the CCRDA/CGPP. Photo Credit: CGPP Ethiopia Secretariat***

On March 28, 2023, Ms. Ellyn W. Ogden, the Worldwide Polio Eradication Coordinator was awarded the certificate of recognition by the Christian Relief and Development Associations (CCRDA)/CORE Group Partners Project (CGPP) during her official visit to Ethiopia for her extraordinary support towards the polio eradication efforts in Ethiopia.

Ms. Ogden was given a certificate and recognition award during the CCRDA members' General Assembly Meeting and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary held at the CCRDA meeting hall. During the same event, the technical director for the US Agency for International Development (USAID) mission in Ethiopia, the senior technical advisor for health and child survival at CCRDA, USAID CGPP program implementing partners, the Ministry of Health Ethiopia, UNICEF, WHO, and Rotary International were also awarded certificates for their outstanding support and coordination towards the CGPP program implementation. This event attracted more than 300 participants.

In attendance were Dr. Hibret Tilahun, CGPP Global Director, and Mr. Ahmed Arale, Deputy Director of CGPP Global. During the event, Dr. Hibret moderated the award ceremony session of the General Assembly with Dr. Birkety Mengistu, Child Health Advisor for the USAID Mission in Ethiopia.

At the side meetings, Ms. Ogden met with the CGPP secretariat staff members, and program implementing partners and discussed issues related to project progress towards vaccinating children against polio.

Ms. Ogden together with Dr. Tilahun and Mr. Arale also met Dr. Negussu Legesse, the CCRDA's Executive Director to discuss collaboration between CCRDA and USAID.



***A child receiving vaccine against polio. Photo Credit: CGPP Ethiopia***