

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Form 990-EZ

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

2015

- Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning JUL 1, 2015 and ending DEC 31, 2015

B Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return, Amended return, Application pending. C Name of organization: ROOTS ETHIOPIA, INC. D Employer identification number: 46-1527090. E Telephone number: 608-839-1150. F Group Exemption Number.

G Accounting Method: [X] Accrual. H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

I Website: WWW.ROOTSETHIOPIA.ORG

J Tax-exempt status (check only one): [X] 501(c)(3). (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Form of organization: [X] Corporation. Other: Association, Other

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. \$ 167,882.

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I [X]

Table with 3 columns: Description, Line Number, Amount. Rows include Revenue (1-9), Expenses (10-17), and Net Assets (18-21). Total revenue: 167,882. Total expenses: 90,769. Net assets at end of year: 168,075.

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Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	90,962.	22	168,075.
23 Land and buildings		23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)		24	
25 Total assets	90,962.	25	168,075.
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0.	26	0.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	90,962.	27	168,075.

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations, optional for others)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? SEE SCHEDULE O

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

28 <u>SEE SCHEDULE O</u>			
(Grants \$ <u>9,750.</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28a		12,328.
29 <u>SEE SCHEDULE O</u>			
(Grants \$ <u>7,500.</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	29a		7,500.
30 <u>SEE SCHEDULE O</u>			
(Grants \$ <u>10,747.</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	30a		10,747.
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) <u>SEE SCHEDULE O</u>			
(Grants \$ <u>26,900.</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	31a		34,471.
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32		65,046.

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated - see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
LYNN STEINBERG BOARD MEMBER	10.00	0.	0.	0.
ANN LAYNE BOARD MEMBER	5.00	0.	0.	0.
JESSICA STEINBERG BOARD MEMBER	5.00	0.	0.	0.
MEGHAN WALSH BOARD CHAIR	10.00	0.	0.	0.
JEANNE M OLSON TREASURER	10.00	0.	0.	0.
LAUREN WERNER VICE CHAIR	10.00	0.	0.	0.
SARAH COLEMAN SECRETARY - THROUGH 11/2015	5.00	0.	0.	0.

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Sch O to respond to any question in this Part V [X]

- 33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)
35 a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?
b If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N

37 a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions 37a 0.
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? 37b X

38 a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return? 38a X
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b N/A

39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a N/A
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b N/A

40 a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 0., section 4912 0., section 4955 0.
b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I 40b X
c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 40c 0.
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization 40d 0.
e All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T 40e X

41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed WI
42 a The organization's books are in care of MEGHAN WALSH Telephone no. 608-839-1150
Located at 14 LONGMEADOW CIRCLE, MADISON, WI ZIP + 4 53717
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country:
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country:

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year 43 N/A

- 44 a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?
d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
45 a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)

Table with columns Yes and No for questions 44a-44d, 45a, and 45b. 44a: No, 44b: No, 44c: No, 44d: No, 45a: No, 45b: No.

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

Table with Yes/No columns and row 46 marked with X in the No column.

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Sch. C, Part II
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?
49b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

Table with Yes/No columns and rows 47, 48, 49a, 49b marked with X in the No column.

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None"

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name and title of each employee, (b) Average hours per week devoted to position, (c) Reportable compensation, (d) Health benefits, (e) Estimated amount of other compensation. Row 1 contains 'NONE'.

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None"

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name and business address of each independent contractor, (b) Type of service, (c) Compensation. Row 1 contains 'NONE'.

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? Note: All section 501(c)(3) organizations completed Schedule A

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has knowledge.

Sign Here: Signature of officer: MEGHAN WALSH, BOARD CHAIR

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name: KIRSTEN HOUGHTON; Firm's name: SVA CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS; Firm's address: 1221 JOHN Q. HAMMONS DRIVE, MADISON, WI 53717

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")		27,854.	117,131.	208,707.	167,823.	521,515.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3		27,854.	117,131.	208,707.	167,823.	521,515.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						16,530.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						504,985.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4		27,854.	117,131.	208,707.	167,823.	521,515.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources				45.	59.	104.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						521,619.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2015. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test - 2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2015. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI)						
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

- 19a **33 1/3% support tests - 2015.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- b **33 1/3% support tests - 2014.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- 20 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 11 on Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No" describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes," and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed, (ii) the reasons for each such action, (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer 10b below.		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

	Yes	No
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
11a		
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
11b		
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI		
11c		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year		
1		
2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.		
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Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).		
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Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
1		
2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).		
2		
3 By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.		
3		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions)			
a <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test Complete line 2 below.			
b <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations Complete line 3 below			
c <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).			
2 Activities Test Answer (a) and (b) below.			
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.			
2a			
b Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement			
2b			
3 Parent of Supported Organizations Answer (a) and (b) below.			
a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in Part VI.			
3a			
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.			
3b			

Part V. Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

1 Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov 20, 1970. See instructions. All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8	

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year)		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI)		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C - Distributable Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	

7 Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions)

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions		Current Year
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6	Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions	
7	Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
9	Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6	
10	Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)		(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015
1	Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
2	Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required see instructions)			
3	Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015			
a				
b				
c				
d	From 2013			
e	From 2014			
f	Total of lines 3a through e			
g	Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h	Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
i	Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions)			
j	Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4	Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7 \$			
a	Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b	Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
c	Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5	Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
6	Remaining underdistributions for 2015 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
7	Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8	Breakdown of line 7			
a				
b				
c	Excess from 2013			
d	Excess from 2014			
e	Excess from 2015			

Part VI

Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10, Part II, line 17a or 17b, Part III, line 12, Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c, Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2, Part IV, Section C, line 1, Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3, Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b, Part V, line 1, Part V, Section B, line 1e, Part V, Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8, and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6 Also complete this part for any additional information (See instructions)

SCHEDULE A, PART II, COLUMN E

COLUMN E IN PART II OF SCHEDULE A IS FOR 2015 ACTIVITY. THE 2015 ACTIVITY REPORTED IS FOR A SHORT YEAR AND REPRESENTS THE PERIOD FROM 7/1/2015 TO 12/31/2015. THE ORGANIZATION CHANGED YEAR-ENDS IN 2015 FROM 6/30 TO 12/31.

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FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 4, OTHER INVESTMENT INCOME:

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

AMOUNT:

INTEREST INCOME

59.

FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10, GRANTS AND ALLOCATIONS:

FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16, OTHER EXPENSES:

DESCRIPTION OF OTHER EXPENSES:

AMOUNT:

OFFICE EXPENSES

4,729.

TRAVEL EXPENSES

8,546.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

23.

FUNDRAISING EXPENSES

8,744.

TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16

22,042.

FORM 990-EZ, PART III, PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE - ROOTS ETHIOPIA, INC. IS A
NON-PROFIT THAT EXISTS BECAUSE IT BELIEVES ACCESS TO WORK AND EDUCATION
ARE THE FOUNDATIONS FOR BUILDING A POVERTY-FREE WORLD. THE
ORGANIZATION BELIEVES THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO BARRIERS TO ETHIOPIAN
FAMILIES SUCCEEDING IN WORK AND AT SCHOOL. THE ORGANIZATION ASSISTS
FAMILIES TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL, SUPPORTS WOMEN TO CREATE
VALUABLE LOCAL MARKET WORK, AND JOINS WITH COMMUNITIES TO IMPROVE THEIR
SCHOOLS SO EVERYONE HAS A CHANCE TO LEARN.

FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 28, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES, COMBINED WITH SELF-HELP

SAVINGS GROUPS, CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOUSEHOLDS TO

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DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN SUSTAINABLE SMALL BUSINESS AND

SAVINGS PROGRAMS SO FAMILIES CAN BUILD A BETTER FUTURE FOR THEMSELVES.

BETWEEN JULY 1, 2015 AND DECEMBER 31, 2015, ROOTS ETHIOPIA, INC. FUNDED

30 SMALL BUSINESSES VIA INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES AND THE SELF-HELP

SAVINGS GROUPS PROGRAM. OVER 89% OF PARTICIPANTS IN THIS PROGRAM ARE

WOMEN.

FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 29, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

SCHOOL SPONSORSHIPS PROVIDE THE RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS TO

AFFORD ACCESS TO AND EXCEL IN QUALITY EDUCATIONAL

OPPORTUNITIES. BETWEEN JULY 1, 2015 AND DECEMBER 31,

2015, ROOTS ETHIOPIA, INC. FUNDED 30 NEW SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

PARTICIPANTS.

FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 30, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

TEMPORARY NUTRITIONAL RELIEF PROVIDED THE RESOURCES FOR

FAMILIES TO KEEP CHILDREN IN SCHOOL AND PROVIDED A BRIDGE

FOR NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT DURING A PERIOD OF FOOD INSECURITY

DURING THE ETHIOPIAN DROUGHT.

FORM 990-EZ, PART III LINE 31, OTHER PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

LEARNING RESOURCE AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

GRANTS \$ 26,900. EXPENSES \$ 34,471.

FORM 990-EZ, PART V LINE 33, ACTIVITIES NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED:

THE ORGANIZATION BEGAN ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS IN

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2015 FOR THE COMMUNITIES IT WORKS WITHIN TO KEEP STUDENTS IN SCHOOL DURING
THE DROUGHT AND ALSO FOR LATRINE PROJECTS AT LEARNING RESOURCE PROJECT
SITES.

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