



Partners from Church of Sweden visiting Chencha Project. January, 2019

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:
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Welcome to the official newsletter of
Hope for Children in Ethiopia (HCE).

On this edition, we will update you
with the latest happenings at HCE in
the month of January, 2019.

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■ MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR OF HCE



■ Dear Partners

Greetings to you from all of us here at Hope for Children in Ethiopia. As this is our first newsletter in 2019, I want to make some remarks.

In the last 15 years, Hope for Children in Ethiopia managed to reach tens of thousands of people in need, transform many lives and rescued young boys and girls from prostitution, street life and dire poverty. All those interventions with visible results were only possible with God's provision and through our dedicated partners.

We have started 2019 with revised vision statement and bigger goals to achieve. This is not because our annual budget increased. As a matter of fact, it has significantly decreased in recent years. Yet, we believe in the vision we hold. The testimonies we hear each year from those who are changed for the better, through our projects keeps us committed and hopeful.

I want to remind you today to consider our partnership as an opportunity to make a difference for real and put our mark in the fight against poverty, Child abuse and sexual abuse against women and girls.

We are working to expand our influence from the South to North, and from West to East of Ethiopia. In Everything HCE accomplished so far, partners' finger print were in each success. I want to use this opportunity to impart our vision and encourage your active involvement in prayer, advice and donations. I also want to encourage you to send volunteers, whether they are students or professionals. We need all the resources we can get, as the harvest requires it.

With God on our side, the next 15 years will be years of extended commitment and great achievements!

With Regards,

Yonas Tesfaye
Co-Founder, Director
Hope for Children in Ethiopia;
Relief & Development Association

■ PARTNERS VISIT

Church of Sweden, Helsingborg Parish



**Chencha: Woman Empowerment Project
Diary Cow Beneficiary**

It was a great privilege to host the three representatives of our partner organization Church of Sweden', Helsingborg Parish in January, 2019 .

Mr. Tomas Andersson, Kent Kvist and Mrs. Katharina Sparre visited our projects in Chencha and Addis Ababa.



**Chencha: Woman Empowerment Project
Special Potato Seed Beneficiary**

The group visited the women empowerment project in Chencha and the work in the SHG structure. In Addis Ababa they have visited the Self Dependency Project, Vocational skill training centers and the Kindergarten Project.

After visiting the work on the ground, they have expressed their joy to see their donations making a difference.

They have also appreciated the transparency and dedication they observed in the organization.



**Addis Ababa: Kindergarten and Sponsorship
Project**



**Addis Ababa: Self Dependency Project
Weaving Center**

Success Story: 'Hiwot's Story 'Addis Hiwot – New Life'

Hiwot Eyob is among the 'New Life Girls' rescued from the unspeakable life on the streets. When she came to HCE first, one could look at her eyes and tell how broken she was from the inside out. She was a girl who gave herself up to the waves of life. She left her family behind in 2017 and lived on the streets of Piassa, Addis Ababa for more than a year. Hiwot now live in the 'New Life Girls Home'.

She said, she have passed through many troubles on the streets, some she doesn't want to remember or talk about. After joining the New Life Home in 2018 Hiwot has shown great progress in many dimensions of her life. She was enrolled in the food preparation skill training and became one of the best students



Hiwot - NEW LIFE HOME

Hiwot is now working as an assistant chef in a well-known Pizzeria in Addis Ababa as part of her on job training. The once hopeless girl has now become a person of vision, hope. Hiwot wants to open her own restaurant in the future.



Hiwot - food preparation training center

"My past has Passed and I will only look forward from now on."

'Hiwot' is an Amharic word for 'Life'. Just as her name indicate Hiwot got a chance for a New Life (In Amharic: Addis Hiwot) at the New Life Girls Home.

Stories like this are only possible with the support of our partners and dedicated staff working on the ground. Let us all work together to create a brighter



New Life Home Girls 2018/19



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About Project Updates...

For most programs we have at HCE, January marks the end of one project period and the beginning of another one. We are working with the government to recruit the most needy and vulnerable beneficiaries who are willing to work hard to change themselves through the benefits and trainings they will get throughout their project duration at HCE in 2019.

The usual projects update will continue starting from February, 2019.

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