

Some stories of the supported students

“Harmee is my second mother” says Abdisa

My name is Abdisa Abu. I am 19 years old. I live in Gujicha kebele. I have four sisters. We are full orphans. Our father died in 2013 and Mother died in 2017. For us 2017 year was a dark year

I am grade 8th. My sisters namely Jamila, Edatu, Zamzam and Madina Abu attend grades 8, 6, 4 and 3 respectively. All of us attend education at Kallacha primary school -3 km from our home. We have ½ hectare of land, 1 ox, and 1 sheep. I am the eldest of my sisters. I am acting as head of the family substituting my mother and Father.

Our mother had been feeding and caring for us. We lost our mother. We lived under severe problems for one year – we could not feed ourselves, all of us dropped from school, we had no food I and Edatu are diabetic

In September, 2018 HEfDA social workers and community Animators provided awareness raising to Siinqee Jalala Women saving and credit cooperatives on HEfDA development work. The members of cooperative reported about us to HEfDA. They also told me that HEfDA supports and encourages orphans. In the same year



Last year I participated on The Thanks Giving Day in HEfDA where the founder of HEfDA and Volunteers were talking about how to support orphans and elders. During the program I saw other orphans who have been supported by HEfDA. I am inspired for the initiatives. After, I came back to home, I advised my sisters to apply for the support

At end of September 2018, HEfDA Charity Club committee called us at Harmee College. They advised us on how to continue our education and support each other. Besides this, they provided exercise books, pen, pencil, and uniform as per our request. In addition, the Club supports us Eth.B 1500.00 (300 /person) per/month. We use the support to buy consumables – coffee, salt, and sanitary materials, and pen. I and Edatu use the money for transportation during follow up of medical treatment. With this support, we also bought 100kg of improved barely. Our relatives bought 50 kg of fertilizer. Presently, our barely production on ½ hectare is on good progress. All of us are attending our education in Kallacha primary school. Our Academic performance is improving. For instance I ranked 5th in Grade 8 and Zamzam ranked 2nd in grade 4. In short all of us ranked top ten in respective grades. No leave behind. We always remember HEfDA Charity Club and the back donors as our real Mother and Father

HEfDA saves my sister life – Getenesh told story of her younger sister Didiya

Didiya Hatinafu is 3 year old and living in Qarsa town kebele 01. She has a sister (14 years old). She is half orphan. Her mother died last year during breast feeding age of Didiya. Her Father is patient.

Her mother had been feeding the family by selling Enjera, washing clothes for people, and producing Araki (local alcohol). Her mother had been covering their living cost with the income from petty trading and labor work. Her mother died when Didiya was at age of one year (at breast feeding age). After death of her mother, Didiya faced problems – She could not get milk, consumables, and sanitary materials. Her sister –Getenesh is grade 8 in chike primary school. She left school and started to care for Didiya. Getenesh herself doesn't have any thing to feed her young sister



One day Getenesh contacted Munessa District Women and Children affairs office to give Didiya for adoption. Lack of money to buy milk was the main reason for Getenesh to give her younger sister to other people. Then, the office contacted HEfDA –Charity Club focal person to help Didiya. Following the letter from the office and cases of Didiya, the club has approved her application

Currently, the club supports her Eth.B 300 per/month for purchase of milk, clothes, consumables and sanitary materials as much as possible. Now, Didiya is being supported by her elder sister. She will join kindergarten in 2013 (2020) Ethiopian Academic year. Her elder sister will return to school in this academic year.

Getenesh is grateful for HEfDA charity club and back donors for saving the life of Didiya

The story of Likke Dejene as told by Tiru Tadesse the grandmother

I am Tiru Tadesse, 60 years old. I live in Oda lenca kebele. I have 8 (6 female) children. My 2nd daughter Digafe Asirat died in 2012. Her husband also died in 2010. They have 4 (3 female) children. Some of their children are daily laborers. Out of them, I am guardianship for Likke Dejene – Her current name Likke Asirat. I have given consent. I have legal right and responsibility to care her from violence and discrimination. Likke is 12 years old and she is grade 4 at Oda lenca primary school.

Since, I am poor Likke had not got expected support to continue her education. Likke was unable to purchase education materials, uniform, and bag to join school. In 2018, W/ro Tajitu, HEfDA Local Activist met me during home to home visit program of Girls Education project. Then W/ro Tajitu has referred me to HEfDA Charity Club. Then the club advised me on the objective of charity club, volunteerism, and how to support orphans. Following that, the club provides Eth.B 300 /month to cover cost of Consumables. Likke utilizes the money for purchase of clothes, soap, pen, and cosmetics. Many thanks to HEfDA



The story of Sultan Hedato

My name is Sultan Hedato, 18 years old. I live in Adare Ansha kebele. I have 4 brothers and 3 sisters. We are full orphan. Except me all of them are illiterate and daily labourers. I am youngest from my family. We have no inherited resources from our father or mother. We were living under severe poverty for 8 years

When I was 15, I left school from grade 2 and was out of school and out of work. I do not get any income. I live almost on begging

One day, I participated in youth group training organized by HEfDA. I told my real problems, needs and I told them I want to go back to school. I asked HEfDA to help me so that I can re-join the school and continue education

After that, the committee of HEfDA Charity club approved my application and supported me to continue education. Currently, I am attending grade 5 at Qarsa primary school. I get Eth.B 500 per/month. I utilized this money for house rent fee, cover living cost and other consumables. HEfDA charity club support me exercises books, pen and uniform per year. As a result of support, my academic performance is improving from semester to semester. I ranked 4th out of 78 children in grade 5. I want to be an Engineer. May God bless who supported me



The story of two sisters - Makdes and Ayine s told by their father

I am Dinku Hirpha, 32 years old. I live in Doge jirma kebele. I am daily labourer. I have no farmland, no livestock and other asset. I have 2 daughters. Their names are Makdas Dinku and Ayine Dinku. Makdas is 7 years old. Ayine (on the left side) is 5 years old and she has some physical impairment (disabled). Their mother died 2 years ago and I take care of them alone

Both of the two girls attend grade 2 at Doge jirma primary school.

Since I am poor, I could not feed and cloth and cover educational needs of my children. Ayine is always sick. I had no money to take for treatment. I get very small amount from my daily work. I was depressed and felt totally hopeless about myself and the future of my daughters.

In 2019, I visited HEfDA to tell my problems. I contacted the committee of HEfDA charity club. They interviewed me about my family background, asset and needs of my children.

After that, they sent a local community level social worker to my home to identify whether I am poor or not. Based on the feedback from the social worker, the committee approved my application for support. Following that, the club support me Eth.B 600 per month (300 Birr for each child). Besides this, Charity club support me with exercise books, pen and uniform.

HEfDA –charity club enable me to feed and clothe my children. My children are able to attend education and get medical treatment

