

## Case stories

### The story of Workitu Kabo, 14, grade four student



Warkitu Kabo. Is 11 years old. She was I was born in Doba Ashe kebele (10 km from Qarsa town), Munessa woreda, Arssi zone Oromia region.

Workitu is orphan and has a brother and two sisters

Workitu goes to school in Koji Belemeda Primary School

Workitu has faced many mainly economic problems to buy cloth, uniform, educational materials. So, I could not follow my education. I tried to join the school two times but I have to drop the school and sit idle

I live with my uncle. The family I live with has shortage of food and thus they couldn't support me to continue with my education.

In September 2019, HEfDA social workers and community animators provided information to the community on development work of HEfDA and about charity club. My uncle was in the meeting. He decided to enroll me for the charity club for support

I was enrolled for the support to live with a foster family and continue my education. Now I live with the family of my uncle. I receive Birr 11,450 per year (954 Birr per month) from the Charity Club. I was told by HEfDA Charity Club that the money I get is donated by Beletu Foundation which is in abroad

The foster family buys food items, exercise books, pens, pencils, uniforms, clothes, with the money I get from Charity Club

Nowadays, I regularly participate in school and I am in grade four. Last year I was one of the top seven students in grade 3. My plan is to be in the top three this year in June 2023

God willing, I want to join university. I want to be a lawyer to protect the girls from violence and abuse of orphan children

I pray that God bless who support me and other like me

### **Alemayehu Kebede narrates his story as follow**

“My name is Alemeyehu Kabo Kebede. I am 10 years old. I was born in Guri Dengago Kebele. I am a half-orphan. My father died, when I was 5. I have 2 brothers and 3 sisters. I am a fifth-grade student at Guri Dengago Primary School. My father used to be a daily laborer and the entire family depend on the small income he earns. After the death of my father all the family started to live very bad life. No food, no cloth, I could not think of going to school because nobody can support me to cover the costs of food and educational material.

In August 2018, there was a meeting of the Siingee Women Saving and Credit Association in Guri Dengago kebele organized by HEfDA social workers. The main agenda was how to support the neediest people, particularly school age children. The meeting participants informed my mother to contact HEfDA to get support. Following that, I was selected to be supported by HEfDA Charity club. I am enrolled under distant adoption program. I receive Birr 1800 pe with which I buy exercise books, pens, pencils, uniforms, clothes.



Because of this support, I joined grade 1 in September 2018. I continue my education, and now I am in grade five at Guri Dengago Primary School. My school participation and academic performance are improving. I was one of the best five students in grade 4 in 2021

My plan is to jin university and become a doctor ”

**‘Nothing is impossible’**