

“A day has come to my children”



Woinshet G/Hiwot was born in 1970 and currently lives in Addis Ababa arada sub city woreda 5 in Dejach wube village with her mother, young sister and brother. She has two children who are enrolled in Future Hopes Integrated Development Organization (FHIDO). Woinshet has no husband and is the only responsible person to win bread for her family. At one time, she was even forced to immigrate to Sudan in

the hope of getting better income for her family members. Unfortunately she could not fulfill her dreams in Sudan to get adequate income as her health status was greatly affected by HIV/AIDS and came back to her country with frustration and losing hope.

After return to home from Sudan, Woinshet was restless in overcoming her family economic problem. Woinshet began to engage in washing clothes, selling of coffee and tea on street side which only brought little income for supporting her family and even ended with scratching of her hands which resulted from painstaking washing of cloths. At this time Woinshet was subjected to have worsening income which was not enough to fulfill the basic needs of the family and to send her children to school.

It was at this frustration and losing all options to support her children that Woinshet' got opportunity to be one of the candidates to engage in Income Generating Activities (IGA). After thoroughly assessing Woinshet's problem to support her family and her existing potential to engage in IGA, FHIDO facilitated training on business planning and management which significantly initiated and enhanced her understanding on business planning and management as well as saving which she had little knowledge in the past. After completing the training successfully, FHIDO provided Woinshet one washing machine building her

existing potential in business ventures. Now Woinshet is working with the washing machine and attracted many customers to earn promising income. Woinshet reiterated that

“I was wandering here and there and trying every business in futile in the past, in the hope of bringing better future for my children. Thanks for FHIDO’s support, I know have a modern washing machine which saved my labor and keep my health”

Unlike before, today Woinshet is washing clothes with the machine vigorously with no harm to her body and earning an average of 100 birr per day and leading a decent life with her family. Today Woinshet is comfortably sending her daughter, Yeabsira George, in private school covering school expense of 650.00 birr for one term and the younger brother, Annya Kebede, in another private school by covering and paying 500.00 birr for a term.

Parallel to this, Woinshet has understood the importance of saving and has developed saving culture. Since starting her petty business activity, so far Woinshet has saved 1800.00 birr in her own pass book. Other than this, convinced of investing in her children’s basic necessities in the future Woinshet is saving continuously 50.00 birr per month for her daughter, Yeabsira.

In stating her income, Woinshet said

“Thanks to FHIDO, I have enough income for my family and able to fulfill the basic needs of my children like nutritious food, clothing. I will reserve nothing for my children to attend their education and a day has come to my children”.

Currently, Woinshet’s family living status has completely changed and all family members are happy. Woinshet’s children Yabsera and Anya have been also provided uniforms and scholastic materials by FHIDO since they are enrolled beneficiary. Both Yeabsira and Anya have now enjoying and attending their education regularly.