

Integrated Support to Nurture Quality Education

Hebret primary school is one of the government school found in Addis Ababa, Arada sub city, woreda 1 in a place called 'Serategne sefer'. The school started its operation in 1980 G.C and currently serving around 415 students, out of which 185 males and 230 females.

The primary school was undertaking its teaching learning process for many years without having adequate school facilities, with insufficient infrastructures. The school's playground was very dusty during the dry season and muddy during rainy season and resulted in causing different health problems on children's and school community. The school has no ICT center and students have no computer access to acquire basic computer skills. Absence of sufficient reading room, reference books for library, insufficient apparatus and chemicals for laboratory were another problem for the school to ensure quality education for students. Due to lack of well-equipped laboratory, experimental and practical teaching learning process was unthinkable for students to experience. Children were forced to learn theoretical lessons without having practical education. The other problem of the school was inadequate potable water supply for students, absence of tutorial program and worksheet. Due to all these shortages and challenges, there was high number of school dropout and absenteeism and children's performance was very poor. Based on the assessment made by education office, the school ranked 23rd out of 23 primary schools found in Arada sub-city.



Students in practical work

To alleviate all these problems and to create child friendly school environment, the school principal requested Future Hopes Integrated Development Organization (FHIDO) for support. Based on the school request, an assessment was made by FHIDO and the playground identified as top priority for the school. Hence, FHIDO has undertaken the lablling of sub-base work and the government finalized the coble stone & finishing work.



Before construction



After constructions

Now the school playground is free from dust, mud which improved the health status of students, teachers & the school community in general. The school was also provided 6 computers along with full accessories and established ICT center which improved student's & teacher's basic computer skills .Now teachers are able to prepare test, exams and worksheet for their students.

The reading corners established in each class for grade 1-4 by FHIDO increased access for various books and improved reading skills of students. FHIDO's support to enable the school to have well-furnished library and laboratory improved student's academic performance. Moreover, the support of worksheet created positive outcome in improving the performance of students.



Children on learning at reading corner

The school water supply improved from 5 faucets to 31 faucets and students are now able to have clean water supply and access easily without spending too much time. After the support, let alone ranking last in students' performance, now 98% of students scored more than 50% during this academic year.

Other than educational materials support and construction of water facilities, FHIDO also provided different trainings to teachers on reading assessment, action research and child participation for teachers. The training assisted teachers to improve the overall teaching learning process and contributed a lot in bringing and ensuring quality education.

According to the school director Ato Girum, ***"The material support provided by the government was inadequate compared to the large number of students. Now thanks to FHIDO's support, remarkable change have been registered in the teaching learning process and our school ranked 1st from those schools found in Arada sub-city in recognition of better performance & achievement"***.

W/ro Mekdes Tesfaye, Academic vice principal of the school, has also witnessed that ***"before two years ago the school ranked last among 23 primary schools and the supports of FHIDO were really instrumental in bringing quality education in our school"***