

## Youth on the Move

Fasil Gelana was born in Addis Ababa on April 20, 1998 at Piassa Serategna Sefer. Fasil has one sister and one brother. He is the second child for the family. Fasil lives with his mother and father. His father is the only bread winner for the family who earns income from his engagement in tailoring work. But the income was meager and could not satisfy the basic needs of the family.



Hence, Fasil got the opportunity to be enrolled in FHIDO's project # 1238 in July 5, 2004 at the age of 6 . Starting from his enrolment, FHIDO provided him educational materials, school uniform, shoes, school fee including tutorial classes and medical fee support. Other than this, he has been receiving special money gift from his sponsor in times of birthday and holiday celebration Moreover, he has received letter writing skill, child right, child protection trainings and educational trips out of Addis. The educational material supports and trainings cemented Fasil's confidence and his vision to win poverty through education.

Unfortunately he couldn't succeed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade national exam education. To enable himself self-reliant and productive citizen, FHIDO facilitated him need based skill training on tailoring for 10 months. After completing the training successfully, he got working place from Woreda 10 small scale enterprise and started to work with his friends.

Considering his utmost effort, FHIDO provided him sewing machine worth of 8,625.00 ETB. Moreover, in order to enhance his business management skill, intensive entrepreneurship training provided to Fasil and his colleague's.

Currently, using the startup material and business skill training, Fasil opened tailoring business work with his friends namely **"Fasil & his friends tailoring cooperatives"**.

As a result of the material and training support, now Fasil is generating substantial amount of income from his cooperatives and able to help himself as well his families. Once he said that ***"I am making a breakthrough in my life and FHIDO has been always by my side to make me self-reliant citizen. I will exert all my potential to expand my business and become role model in the future"***

**FHIDO passes its deepest gratitude to all children sponsors in general and Fasil's sponsor Mrs. Michael Kaiman Williams in particular.**