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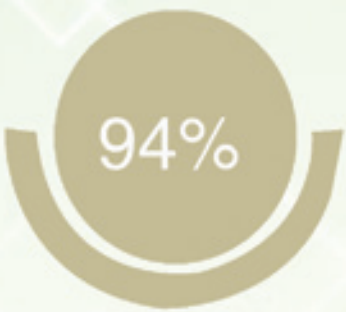
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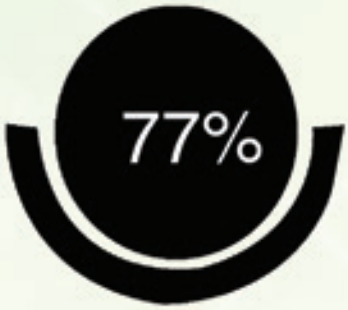
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SCV Half Year Performance At a Glance (Jan-June, 2022)







67.9 Million ETB

Income

61.5 Million ETB

Expenditure

W/ro Tsehay Biography Inauguration

The biography of W/ro Tsehay Roeschli, founder of Selam Children's Village /SCV/ entitled *"የደመና ሥር ፀሐይ"* was colorfully inaugurated on March 26, 2022, at Elilly International Hotel with the presence of distinguished government officials, SCV General Assembly and Executive Board members, Selam Swiss Charity Board members, Senior Management Team, former and present children and youth, staff and invited guests. The guest of honor of the event was Her Excellency Dr. Ergogie Tesfaye, Minister, F.D.R.E Ministry of Women and Children and Social Affairs.



Mr. Solomon Chali, SCV Executive Director, officially opened the inauguration ceremony with a welcoming speech. Ato Wondwossen Teshome, SCV Executive Board Chairman delivered a message to the audience. Different well-known journalists read a few extracted pages from the biography to the audience. W/ro, Tsehay Roeschli also expressed her feeling about the book and the overall event.



Mr. Peter Seeberger, Selam Swiss Charity Director delivered a short message delegating Selam Swiss Charity. Selam grownups provided testimony about w/ro Tsehay. At the event, our talented child named Hana Haile, grade 8 (age 13) presented to the audience an amazing poem about w/ro Tsehay.



The inauguration ceremony was concluded with a closing remark from the event's honorable guest Her Excellency Dr. Ergogie. The inauguration ceremony has got wide coverage of Electronic and Printing media outlets including EBS TV, OBN, YEGNA TUBE, BALAGERU TV, TVE 9, ADDIS ADMAS NEWSPAPER.

Annual Review Meeting



The 2021 Annual Review Meeting of SCV was held from **January 27-30, 2022** at Executive Hotel, Adama. Senior Management and Extended Management team members of SELAM Children's Village (Charity wing), the management of Tsehay Roeschli Industrial and Agricultural Engineering (TRIAE) and representatives of the labor union as well as teacher Association had participated on the meeting. During the meeting, the 2021 physical and financial accomplishments of each work unit and 2022 Plan and Budget was presented and evaluated by participants. At the end of the meeting, a board award was given to SCV staffs that have shown better performance and achievements with the aim of giving recognition for best performers and creates a competitive environment at SCV.

The Executive Board members of SCV together with W/ro. Tsehay Roeschli and Mr. Christoph Zinsstag, have attended the final day of the meeting and gave words of encouragement and direction to the management.





Annual General Assembly Meeting



SELAM Children's Village/SCV/ **Annual General Assembly (GA) Meeting** was held on March 26, 2022 starting from 08:00 a.m. in the mooring. Dr. Womdwossen Tesfaye, Chairman of the GA delivered a welcoming speech to the participants and officially opened the meeting.

Ato Wondwoseen Teshome, Chairperson of SCV Executive Board presented major activities accomplished by the Executive Board in the year 2021 and focus areas of 2022. Ato Solomon Chali, Executive Director of SCV presented the 2021 Annual Performance Report and 2022 Annual Plan of SCV. In addition, he has also briefed the GA about the newly established business entity, RoFam Manufacturing and Service PLC. The 2021 Audit Report was also presented and discussed by the GA members.

The GA thoroughly discussed on the presentations and approved the report and plan of SCV. At the meeting, Selam Swiss Charity Board members were presented and delivered their gratitude and appreciation to the GA members for their commitment and contribution to SCV.



Annual Staff Meeting

SELAM Children's Village held its Annual Staff Meeting in the presence of all Senior Management Members and employees working on both working premises. Delegates of SCV Labour Union has also attended the meeting. The meeting was held in two session, first at SCV #2 in the morning and then SCV #1 in the afternoon. Ato Solomon Chali, Executive Director of SCV delivered a welcoming speech and opening remark to the audience. Ato Ashenafi Shiberu, Planning Monitoring, Evaluation, and Communication Director presented a summarized achievements of SCV in 2021, major challenges faced, and 2022 focus areas. Brief information was also presented about RoFam Manufacturing and Service Plc, a recently established business entity within SCV.



Following the presentation, a discussion session was held and participants raised different questions and forwarded constructive comments. All SMT members addressed questions raised by staff that require clarity. Finally, Ato Solomon appreciated all staff for the hard work and good achievement in 2021 despite many challenges including Covid 19 and security threats at the national level. He also gave a direction all staff to continue working harder and achieve more in 2022.





Partnership Agreement with Vision Fund Microfinance

SELAM Children's Village –PASEWAY Project has signed a Partnership Agreement with Vision Fund Microfinance so as to provide a loan guarantee fund that helps to access financial services for 31 unemployed and underemployed young entrepreneurs/ beneficiaries of PASEWAY Project.



The purpose of this agreement is to create a sustainable business relationship between young women and men, who will be newly engaged in business activities and Vision Fund MFI through facilitating financial services that will help to participate youth in the self-employment market, aims to lay a foundation for youth access to financial service by establishing a longer-term relationship between the youth beyond the timeframe of the project.

To meet this objective, this agreement creates a working relationship between the partners, where Vision Fund MFI uses group and/or Individual lending methodology, but also applies other youth-friendly working modalities. The partners will work together to maximize access to financial services by developing or revising youth-friendly products and services.

On behalf of Selam Children's Village, Ato Solomon Chali, Executive Director and on behalf of Vision Fund Microfinance, Ato Hailu Leta, Deputy CEO has signed the partnership agreement.



Workplace Networking with Companies

SELAM Children's Village under PASEWAY Project conducted the first Workplace Networking with companies for graduates. Human Resource Managers and Supervisors from 27 companies from fours sectors (Hotel, Garment, Manufacturing and Furniture Making) have participated on the network. The network program was officially opened by Ato Solomon Chali, SCV Executive Director and delivered a short message to delegates of companies participated on the network The main objective of the network was to create a platform for PASEWAY project graduates to meet employers so that they can sell their technical skill and get a chance for employment.

During the event, 128 graduates have got a chance to be interviewed by the companies. All representative of the companies delighted with the overall program and activities of SCV. Accordingly, ten companies promised to hire graduates on the spot.

They have also promised to continue working in collaboration with SCV and hire more graduates in the future when there is open vacant in their respective companies.





Partnership Agreement with First Consult

SELAM Technical & Vocational College has signed a Partnership Agreement with First consult for Bridge Project implementation to provide capacity building training to machine operators of manufacturing companies to enhance their productivity, quality and profitability. Additionally, this training will help the company's (employees) operators to claim benefit and career. The agreement has signed to provide a training to 1,000 operators of 50 manufacturing companies. The partnership agreement is worth of 5.9 million ETB.

Garment Expansion Project Inauguration



The Project for the Expansion of Garment Training Center was colorfully inaugurated on the presence of Her Excellency ITO Takako, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Ethiopia. Staffs from Japan Embassy, SCV Executive Director, Ato Solomon Chali, W/ro Tsehay Roeschli, founder of SCV, SMT Members, and College Department Heads were presented on the inauguration ceremony. The project was signed on January 27, 2021 as an expansion to Garment Training Center constructed with financial support from Embassy of Japan in Ethiopia.

The project agreement includes a construction of two classrooms and furniture including chair and tables. The overall project expenditure is worth of Birr 1,692,536.11. The training center was also equipped with ten sewing machines donated by Yamato Sewing Machine Mfg.Co.Ltd.

On the inauguration ceremony, Ato Solomon Chali, SCV Executive Director a welcoming speech to the audience. Similarly, Her Excellency ITO Takako, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Ethiopia also delivered a short message. Ato Tibebu Leta, Selam TVET College Dean delivered brief speech and report about the project and its contribution to the overall capacity of Selam TVET College especially on the garment center.

Video message was also part of the inauguration ceremony delivered by His Excellency Kobayashi Honorary Consul of Ethiopia in Osaka and Yamato Sewing Mfg. Co. Ltd, President & CEO, Shogo



WOMEN BEHIND THE HEAVY DUTY TRUCK INDUSTRY

Historically, women have not turned to truck drivers and instructors as a career due to social and cultural reasons. The trucking industry has historically been highly gender biased of over as road truck drivers and driver instructors. However, times are changing and trucking jobs for women are on the rise. As a woman considering a job as a trucker now is the prime time for you to get behind the wheel. The industry needs more qualified truck drivers and instructors; and women drivers offer a huge advantage in expanding the job pool.

Yet, the numbers of trucking jobs for women are steadily on the rise in Ethiopia; especially female city bus is commonly noticeable scenario in the capital city Addis Ababa. Women that were given the chance to contribute in what were deemed "men only" jobs could hold their own.

MEKDES TESFAYE, 24, has defied that odd. She had chosen to pursue a profession shunned by most women. She's a heavy commercial vehicle driver's instructor. Being born in one of Ethiopia's rural city of Jinka, 585 km away from the capital city Addis Ababa, had never stop her from achieving her dream career to become a heavy commercial vehicles instructor. She received her Level 1 &2 diploma in Automotive Electrical Service from Jinka Technical & vocational School. She then moved to Shashemene town, located 255 km from Addis Ababa, to continue her study of Level 3 & 4 diploma in Automotive Electrical Service. She didn't stop there and she took a driver trainer license from Adama, located 100km from Addis Ababa.

Mekdes has Public Bus I, Taxi and Automotive driver license. After completing her study, she then starts to work as automotive driver license instructor in Gelan town, a city located at the peripheral of Addis Ababa. She heard about Misale Driver training Academy while working as a class room trainer in one of the privately owned driver school.

A journey for the love of heavy duty truck profession that started in Jinka had finally brought her to Addis Ababa. At a young age, 24, being determined to become one of the best female professional driver instructors, she decided to take a 45 days ToT training at Misale Academy to upgrade her expertise to the next level. At first, she took a one week leave from her job to pursue the training. As the training was given continuously for three weeks, she further requested additional leave days. Her boss gives her a choice either to stay at her job or to resign if she wants to complete her training. If she completed the Misale Academy training, it will enable her to become certified trainer of Public Bus I and Taxi I drivers.

She made a wise decision to complete her training at the expense of her former job and salary by looking at her big dream of becoming the best professional driver trainer. Within less than 30 days after she resigned from her former job and before she receives her 45 days ToT training certificate, she got a new job offer with a better salary and work condition. Her new job opportunity is facilitated by Misale Academy instructors.

Misale
Driver Training Academy

WE DON'T JUST TRAIN FEMALE DRIVER INSTRUCTORS,
WE EMPOWER THEM FOR BETTER OPPORTUNITIES

Kondo. On the event, SELAM Children's Village has prepared and presented a certificate of appreciation both to the Embassy of Japan and Yamto Sewing Machines Mfg. Co.Ltd. The inauguration ceremony was concluded with visit program and coffee tea ceremony served inside the national restaurant of SCV. The inauguration ceremony was transmitted on different electronic and printing media outlets.



Plan International Regional Office Visit

Plan International Regional Program Quality Lead Mr. Samael Musyoka, and Mr. Mads H Almaas, Plan International Norway Program and Advocacy Director paid a visit at SELAM Children's Village. They had a fruitful discussion with the Executive Director and PASEWAY Project team. They have also visited PASEWAY Project activities and the TVET College and were impressed with what they saw. The visit is expected to strengthen SCV partnership with Plan International and create a fertile ground for future funding opportunity. The Regional Office Director visit has got a coverage on Plan International Middle East, Eastern and Southern Africa (MESSA) Quarterly Newsletter.





Ethio-Swiss Forum 2022





Ethio-Swiss Forum 2022 organized by the Embassy of Switzerland was held at SELAM Children's Village. More than Sixty Swiss based organizations operating in Ethiopia and invited guests from SCV participated on the forum.

Her Excellency Tamara Mona, Ambassador of Switzerland to Ethiopia were also presented on the forum. The forum gave SCV an opportunity to share its experience regarding the social enterprise currently established under the umbrella of SCV. Ato Goitom T/Michael, Deputy General Manager of RoFam Manufacturing and Service Plc presented how RoFam established and its current status. All participants were happy and were served lunch by RoFam International Restaurant

Pan African Youth Summit-2022



PASEWAY Project staff and three trainees have participated on the 2022 Pan-African Youth Summit. The summit was held for three days from May 25-27 2022 under the theme *"Building on Pan-African ties and Promoting indigenous knowledge in Africa"*. His Excellency Ato Demeke Mekonen, F.D.R.E. Deputy Prime Minister & Foreign Minister, and Her Excellency Dr. Ergogie Tesfaye, Minister of Women & Social Affairs have presented during the opening day and delivered key notes to the audience. The event created SCV to share experience with participants who attended the event.

CSO's Week-2022



SELAM Children's Village has participated at the Second "CSOs week 2022," from June 30-July 2, 2022 organized by the Ethiopian Civil Society and Organizations Council, in collaboration with the Authority for Civil Society Organizations. The theme for this year is *"Proactive CSOs for Peace, Democracy & development"*. The objective of the event was to create a platform for Civil Societies & Organizations /CSOs to share experience and strengthen partnerships, networking, and collaboration with development partners.

The event was officially opened by His Excellency Dr. Gedion Timotios, F.D.R.E Minister of Justice. Different distinguished government officials including Dr. Liya Tadesse, Minister of Health; Dr. Ergogie Tesfaye, Minister of Women and Social Affairs and Jima Dilbo, Director General of ACSO have also been in attendance and provided opening remarks.

SELAM Children's Village Executive Director Mr. Solomon Chali, W/ro Tsehay Roeschli founder of SCV, and other management members and staff attended the opening ceremony of the CSOs week. On the event, SCV has got the opportunity to display SCV history and overall activities including RoFam and TRIAE. All displays and presentations were visited by honorable guests and other participants of the event.



Garden Tower Technology

SELAM Technical and Vocational College has got a virtual experience sharing about a Garden Tower Technology by USANA-Foundation. Garden Tower is a simple, powerful solution that provides sustainable, nutritious food for people all over the world. Each tower can hold up to 120 plants and be harvested for many years.





Moreover, the idea is part of food sufficiency strategy of His Excellency Abiy Ahmed (PhD), Prime Minister of Ethiopia.

The Urban Agriculture department of the Selam College has started implementing the technology by preparing the first 11 garden towers and planted up to 150 different types of vegetables in each garden tower. Six weeks after transplanting, we have started harvesting vegetables from the garden tower. As a SELAM, this technology is very important to short term graduates interested to start their own business.





Swiss Higher Officials Visit at SCV

His Excellency Ambassador Pietro Mona, Permanent Representative to the African Union and Permanent Representative designate to IGAD and UNECA as well as Ambassador designate to Djibouti and Swiss Federal Office for Buildings and Logistics Director General visited at Selam Children's Village. The guests visited TRIAE Bricks Production (Hydrophone) site, the College workshops, Family House and the Agricultural production. They were very impressed with what they have seen appreciated the integrated development interventions.





Borehole Drilling at SCV

One of the major challenge SCV faced for the past couple of months was shortage of water at village 2. To alleviate this challenges, our donors from SELAM Swiss Charity gave us a special support for borehole drilling. Currently the drilling works completed including cleaning and development works.



Similarly, the contactor has conducted a pump test and found discharge of 18 Liter/sec. at 156 mt. pump level. Within the 24 hours pump test drawdown was 60cm.That means from the water level93.50mt - the level drawdown to level 92.90mt after 24 hours continuous pumping. Technically the result found was very impressi



Family Houses Renovation

Among the 2022 key focus areas of SCV, admission of 30 new children is the major one.. To achieve this, with a special support from SELAM Swiss Charity, SCV has renovation of five children homes and construction of one building. Accordingly, renovation works of two family homes completed and children moved in to the renovated house. Similarly, former W/ro Tsehay's residence construction has also completed and children moved in. As per the plan, renovation works of three family homes has started.



Before



After



Joint Monitoring Visit with Government Project Signatories

SELAM Clinic was jointly monitored by Government Project Signatories from Addis Ababa Bureau of Finance, Bureau if Health and Yeka Sub cities Finance Office. Major accomplishment of the clinic was presented to the monitoring team. Following the presentation, a visit program also facilitated at the clinic. They were impressed with what they saw on the ground beside the report they received quarterly. They have also appreciated the clinic for its humanitarian works in addressing health issue of the most poor and vulnerable community.





In his own words-*the story of Ephrem Dagnachew*

"Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story-those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, those he gathered from the lands, from east and west, from north and south." Psalm 107:2-3

I was born in February 1998, in Hosanna, Ethiopia family, made up of my mother and sister moved to Addis Ababa when I was just three months old. My mother with no sufficient life skills or help from anyone manages to provide everything that was necessary for us; by working odd jobs that depend mainly on manual labor, which leads to serious injuries and later to her death. I was five years old when I and my sister woke up to find out our mother had died in an empty house with no one but her two unfortunate Childers by her side. This particular fact and not knowing where her body lies breaks my heart even after all these Years.

In August 2003 after my mother's death, I and my sister were trusted by a friend of my mother who manage to get my sister to enroll in Selam Children's Village (SCV). I remember as I stand by the gate and my sister walks away from me to get into the compound, I cried so loud my voice enters the ears of Mr. Negash who was the managing director at the time and he was saddened to learn that I was not allowed to be with my sister. The LORD works his miracle by using Mr. Negash by reuniting me with my sister.

My childhood was very splendid, there were up and downs, happy and sad memories. Despite all of the bad, that happened in my life dedicated and caring mothers and thoughtful and invested teachers helped me to focus on good things. But once I grow out of childhood into my teenage years' traumatic past events including my mother's death, not knowing where I belong in society, and worrying about the future starts to have a negative impact on me. The social workers at the time, especially Mr. Workineh helps me a lot to look at the world in a different way and provide tools to work on myself by staging a variety of training workshops and providing books from SCV's library.

I feel like GOD has favored me a lot by giving me this chance, to play plenty of games with my brothers and sisters and fulfillment of my needs including food, shelter, clothing, and most importantly education. SCV is more than my home; it's where I witness GOD'S mercy and goodness in people. It would take more than a page to name that plays a good role in my life. I'm grateful to the **Röschli family, Eteye Tsehay, Selam Family, foster mothers, teachers, social workers, and others** who were good and always try their best to show me, love. Still, now I maintain a good relationship with **my foster mothers, social workers, and management staff.**

Currently I'm fresh graduate from Hawassa University in Electromechanical Engineering, for the past five years as I study engineering there were lots of challenges. Having the necessary learning materials was a problem, thanks to Swiss Board in general & Dr. Ines in particular, for helping me get

laptop which is very important for Engineering students. But GOD helps me through all of this. There were times, when I thought my life could possibly be ruined, in the last five years even if the government tried their best, it was difficult provide secure environment for higher education students and Covid-19 also caused huge impact on my education. Many worries have passed and I'm still standing to say "The LORD is good... Nahum 1:7".

For the future I planned to start a foundation that works to prevent the cause of being orphan by providing life skill trainings that could help economically lower families; once that occur helping orphaned kids by provide guidance (training workshop) for brighter future of young orphans and therapy (counselling) for kids who were traumatized by their past. I hope to further my education by studying psychology to actively participate in the foundation I planned to start. I believe GOD will provide the means and pave the way.



Ephrem Dagnachew with his foster mohther Asegedech



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