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About Us

Selam Children's Village (SCV) is a non-governmental humanitarian organization that has re-registered in accordance with the new Civil Society Organizations Proclamation No. 1113/2019, under the registration number 1043.

SCV was founded in 1986 by Mrs. Tsehay Roeschli, with the assistance of her Swiss adopted parents, Mr. David Roeschli and Mrs. Marie-Luis Roeschli with the aim of tackling the difficulties encountered by vulnerable children and young people, while simultaneously offering them a safe and nurturing environment in which they can flourish, thrive, and realize their full potential.



Our Vision:

to see the most vulnerable children and youth of Ethiopia received care and education to realize their full potential.



Our Mission:

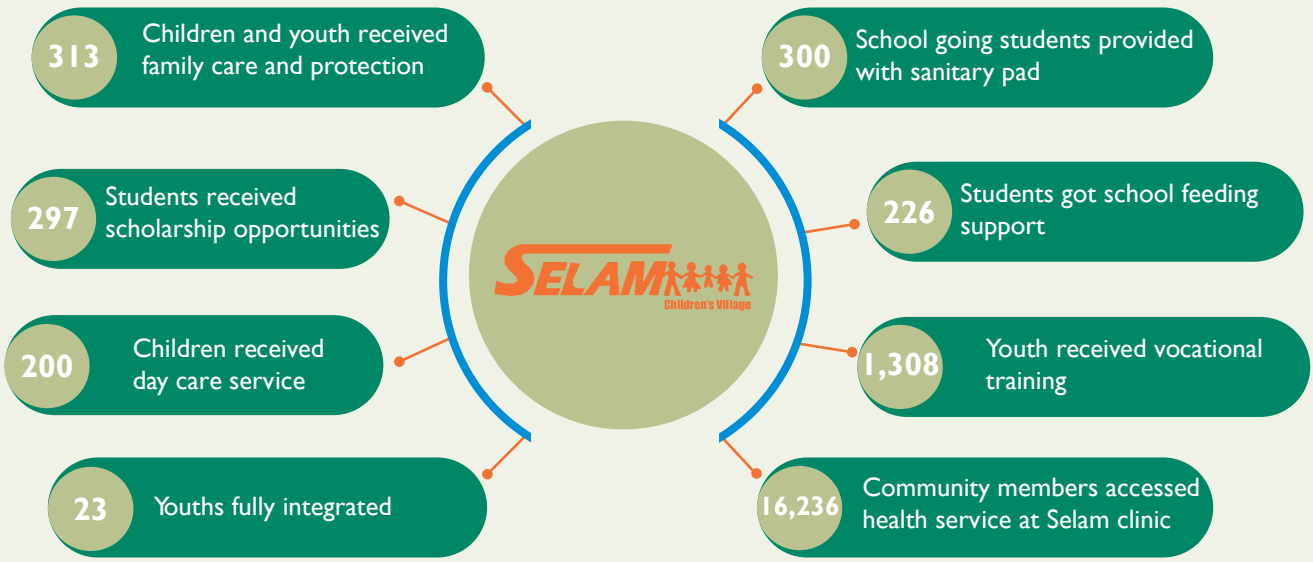
SCV is committed to promote child care and positive youth development through provision of holistic services, and enabling community to care for the most vulnerable children and youth of Ethiopia.

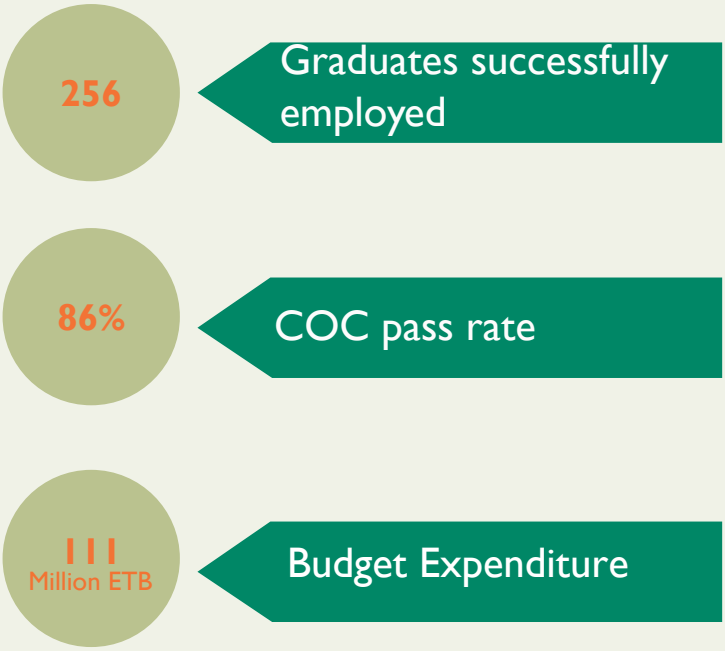
Our Programs:

- Family Model Village Child Care
- Community Support
- Clinic Service
- Technical and Vocational College
- Income Generating Activities

A Better Life for Children!

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2023 Achievement at a Glance







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Executive Board Meeting

The Executive Board of Selam Children's Village held its regular meeting, focusing on key agenda items. The board extensively discussed the quarter reports of SCV and TRIAE, examining achievements, challenges, and progress made during that period. This thorough analysis allowed board members to gain a comprehensive understanding of the organizations' current status and identify areas for improvement.







Additionally, the board provided valuable feedback and direction on the internally developed CYC quality assurance and service improvement guideline. Drawing on their expertise, board members offered insights to enhance the effectiveness and impact of the guideline, emphasizing the importance of delivering high-quality services.

Roche Ambassadors Visit at SCV

On October 3, 2023, a delegation of Roche Ambassadors from various countries visited Selam Children's Village (SCV). The group, consisting of 11 members, received a warm welcome from Wro Tsehay Roeschli, the founder of SCV; Mr. Solomon Chali, SCV Executive Director; and Mr. Amanuel Grunder, Program Director of Selam Charity Switzerland.





The visit began with a round-table introduction to familiarize the Roche Ambassadors with the SCV management team. Following this, the delegation explored various programs within SCV. They started at Compound 1, visiting the daycare center and interacting with two family houses in the village. They also toured the Kindergarten, Elementary, and High School facilities.

In the afternoon, the delegation moved to Selam Technical & Vocational College (STVC), focusing on departments such as Manufacturing, Electricity and Electronics, Heavy-Duty Vehicles, Earth Moving Machinery Maintenance, and the Misale Drivers Academy.

Additionally, the Roche Ambassadors spent time with the SCV youths involved in the Semi-Independent Living (SIL) Program, which supports young individuals as they transition to independent living.

At the end of the visit, a feedback session was held, during which the Roche Ambassadors expressed their satisfaction and happiness with what they had experienced at Selam Children's Village. This visit provided them with firsthand insight into the impactful work being done by SCV and left a positive impression on the ambassadors.

Switzerland Ambassador Visit at SCV

Selam Children's Village had the honor of hosting Her Excellency Tamara Mona, the Ambassador of Switzerland to Ethiopia, as part of the #GirlsTakeover campaign organized by Plan International Ethiopia. The visit aimed to promote and advocate for the empowerment of girls. During her visit, SCV girls actively participated in a roundtable discussion focused on enhancing mental health-seeking behavior among girls.





The roundtable provided a platform for the SCV girls to share their perspectives and experiences on the topic. A 22-year-old girl with a background in psychiatric nursing also contributed valuable insights and expertise, enriching the dialogue.



Japan Member of Parliament Visit

Ms. Abe Toshiko, a member of parliament, and Hiroyuki Takahashi, Head of the Economic Division at the Japan Embassy in Ethiopia, visited Selam Children's Village (SCV). Their visit included Garment Training Center Expansion Project, which was completed in two phases with their valuable support. They also explored the Hotel and Hospitality Training Center and the daycare facility at Selam Children's Village.

During their visit, they had the honor of meeting the Founder of SCV, w/ro Tsehay Roeschli. In this meeting, they expressed their sincere appreciation for the work being done at SCV and conveyed warm greetings. They also extended their gratitude for the partnership and collaboration between Selam TVC and the Japan Embassy. This visit is significant as it is expected to strengthen the existing partnership and encourage further collaboration between Selam TVC and the Japan Embassy.





TVET Think Tank Group Establishment

On December 13, 2023, Ato Solomon Chali, the Executive Director of Selam Children's Village, participated in the establishment of the Ethiopian Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Think Tank. This initiative was organized by the Ministry of Labor and Skills in collaboration with the Federal Technical and Vocational Training Institute. Ato Solomon was honored to be selected as a member of this think tank group.

The primary purpose of the Think Tank is to create a platform for the continuous generation of ideas. It aims to bridge gaps in policy implementation and facilitate the sharing of experiences. By bringing together experts and professionals from various fields, the Think Tank will collectively identify innovative strategies and solutions to enhance the TVET sector in Ethiopia.





Enat Bank Mrs. Tsehay Roeschli Kotebe Branch Inaugurated



On November 26, 2023, Enat Bank inaugurated its Kotebe Branch, named in honor of Mrs. Tsehay Roeschli, the founder of Selam Children's Village (SCV), in recognition of her tireless efforts to empower women and mothers in the community.

The ceremony was attended by distinguished guests, including the management teams of Enat Bank and Selam Children's Village, Executive Board members, the esteemed Ambassador of Selam Children's Village, the renowned artist Ephrem Tadesse, and Mrs. Tsehay Roeschli herself. This gathering of prominent individuals highlighted the significant impact of Mrs. Tsehay Roeschli's work and her unwavering commitment to societal improvement.

Also present were Mr. Iwan, the President, and Prof. Dr. Beat, the Vice President of the Selam Charity Switzerland Board, whose participation underscored the importance of the event and emphasized the strong bond between Selam Children's Village and its supporters.

The inauguration of the Tsehay Roeschli Kotebe Branch serves as a tribute to Mrs. Tsehay Roeschli's remarkable achievements and her dedication to empowering women and mothers. It stands as a testament to the positive and lasting impact she has made on the community and inspires others striving to make a difference.



Collaboration with MOLS

Selam Technical and Vocational College, in collaboration with the Ministry of Labor and Skills (MoLS), recently organized a capacity-building training program for 39 trainers from various public TVET colleges across different regions. This initiative was made possible through the assistance of volunteers who recently arrived from Switzerland.

The training sessions were divided into three groups. The first group, consisting of 12 trainers, participated in Arduino and Python training from October 30 to November 9, 2023. The second group, comprising 11 male participants, underwent training in Hydraulic and Pneumatic systems from November 13 to November 17, 2023. Lastly, the third group received training on Tungsten Inert Gas (TIG) and Metal Active Gas (MAG) Welding from November 20 to November 24.



Upon successful completion of their training, all participants were awarded certificates recognizing their achievements. The contribution of the Swiss volunteers was invaluable in facilitating these productive training sessions.

These programs are essential for equipping trainers with the latest techniques and practices, ultimately benefiting the trainees and enhancing the overall quality of technical and vocational education in Ethiopia. The volunteers will continue delivering training on Arduino and Python in Hawassa.



The CEO of Woord en Daad Visited SCV

On November 17, 2023, a delegation led by Mrs. Rina Molenaar, CEO of Woord en Daad (WD), an international NGO based in the Netherlands, visited Selam Children's Village (SCV). The visit was warmly welcomed by Ato Solomon Chali, the Executive Director of SCV, and Tibebu Leta, the Dean of Selam TVET College. Representatives from government colleges and hotel associations also attended the event, which began with introductory remarks to set the stage for productive discussions.



Ato Tibebu Leta provided a comprehensive overview of SCV's extensive work and interventions, highlighting the successful partnership with WD. He expressed sincere gratitude for WD's ongoing support in designing and funding the EYE project over the past six years, emphasizing the positive impact of their collaboration.

During the visit, the delegation explored the training workshops and other facilities at the college. They expressed deep appreciation for the organization of the partnership visit and were impressed by the dedication and impact of SCV's work.



SCV Signed MoU with ITOCHU Corporation

On November 20, 2023, ITOCHU Corporation and Selam Children's Village signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to implement a project focused on Industrial Vocational Training and Technology Transfer in Ethiopia for producing female sanitary shorts. The signing ceremony took place at Selam Children's Village.



The MoU was signed by Akiko Shinoda, the General Manager of ITOCHU Corporation in Addis Ababa, and Solomon Chali, the Executive Director of Selam Children's Village. The event was attended by H.E. Ito Takako, the Ambassador of Japan to Ethiopia, and Ms. Aurelia Patrizia Calabrò, the Representative and Director of the UNIDO Regional Office Hub in Ethiopia.

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This project aims to improve the accessibility and adoption of sanitary products in Ethiopia. Currently, two trainers from the Garment department are preparing to travel to Japan to participate in a Training of Trainers (ToT) program.



Monitoring & Supervision Visit by ACSO

The Authority for Civil Society Organizations (ACSO) conducted a monitoring and supervision visit at Selam Children's Village (SCV). During the visit, a brief presentation was delivered, providing an overview of SCV's profile and highlighting its major achievements in 2023.



The visit allowed the Authority's team to witness firsthand the interventions implemented by SCV, particularly the TRIAE and RoFam initiatives. They expressed profound appreciation and admiration for SCV's work, noting their impressive observations throughout the visit. The team conveyed their sincere gratitude and assured SCV that written feedback would be provided promptly, acknowledging the positive impact of SCV's efforts.



This monitoring and supervision visit not only recognized SCV's achievements but also validated their commitment to their mission and the well-being of the children they serve. The positive feedback received is expected to encourage SCV to continue their valuable work and further enhance their interventions for the benefit of the children and the community they support.



Experience Sharing Visit by GIZ Nigeria

Selam Technical and Vocational College (STVC) welcomed a delegation of more than 15 participants from GIZ-Nigeria. The group included representatives from GIZ Nigeria, the Commissioner of the Ministry of Education, and other government officials. Their visit aimed to engage in an experience-sharing program.



During their time at the college, the GIZ-Nigeria team explored all departments and the Income-Generating Activities (IGA) units on both compounds. This thorough exploration provided them with a deep understanding of the college's operations. They gained valuable insights that are relevant to their own context in Nigeria. These observations allowed them to identify successful practices that could be adapted and applied to their own programs and initiatives.



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Mrs. Tsehay Roeschli with her children

Launching of Digital Marketing

Ato Solomon Chali, Executive Director of Selam Children's Village (SCV), officially launched the Resource Mobilization through Digital Marketing initiative. The event was attended by esteemed guests, including Her Excellency Etagegn Assefa, a delegate from the F.D.R.E Ministry of Women and Social Affairs, as well as representatives from government and non-government organizations, General Assembly and Board members, invited guests, and SCV staff.



During the ceremony, Mrs. Tsehay Roeschli, the founder of SCV, and Mrs. Genet Roeschli, a board member of Selam Charity Switzerland, delivered brief messages highlighting the importance of resource mobilization efforts and expressing gratitude for the support received.



During the ceremony, artist Ephrem Tadesse was named the "Ambassador" for SCV. In this role, he committed to representing SCV at various events and supporting the organization's resource mobilization efforts. As an ambassador, Ephrem pledged to promote SCV's mission and initiatives, contributing to the realization of the organization's goals.

Ato Wondwossen Teshome, the Executive Board Chairman of SCV, invited individuals, investors, government and private organizations, and financial institutions to support Selam Children's Village. This call aimed to gather resources and assistance for the organization's vital work in improving the lives of children.



"Building Hope: Your Contribution Makes a Difference"

Selam Children's Village (SCV) has been dedicated to providing compassionate and comprehensive support to most vulnerable children, youth, and underprivileged community members since its founding in 1986 by Mrs. Tsehay Roeschli. We welcome all disadvantaged Ethiopians, regardless of religion, gender, or ethnicity.

Over the years, SCV has been fortunate to receive generous financial and in-kind contributions from our principal supporter, Selam Charity in Switzerland. We also engage in various income-generating activities to help supplement our resources and meet our financial needs. However, we currently face challenges that require additional resources to expand and enhance our services.

At SCV, we strive to reach more vulnerable children, youths, single destitute mothers, and other community members through our community development initiatives. To turn this vision into reality, we invite anyone who can support us whether through financial contributions, in-kind donations, or expertise to do so through our bank accounts, Tele birr, GoFundMe, Chapa, PayPal or in-person donations.

Thank you in advance for your generous support and consideration. Together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of those in need.

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Rising from Adversity: Bayush Dagne's Inspiring Journey



"The support I received at Selam Children's Village gave me the strength and resources to build a better future for myself. I am grateful to Selam Children's Village for providing the support I needed to succeed. They helped me turn my dreams into reality."

Bayush Dagne's story began with a great loss: she lost her parents. This tragedy could have stopped her future, but instead, she found a new home at Selam Children's Village, a place that cares for vulnerable children. From the start, Bayush showed her strength and kindness. She earned the respect of caregivers and friends, and her hard work in school brought her many awards.

The support she received at Selam Children's Village was more than just shelter; it helped build a strong future for her. The village provided not only basic care but also educational resources, mentorship, and emotional support.

The Semi-Independent Living (SIL) Program offered ongoing help and encouragement, giving Bayush and her peers the tools they needed to succeed.

With determination, Bayush studied hard and graduated with honors in nutritional science from Hawassa University. Her achievements reflect her dedication and the strong support she received during her upbringing.

Now, Bayush is a role model for young people in her community. She represents values like discipline, good communication, and leadership. She shares these qualities with others, inspiring them to pursue their own dreams.

SCV's support has profoundly changed the lives of many young people like Bayush. It shows that with consistent help, young people can overcome challenges and achieve their goals.

Ethio Telecom Support

Her Excellency Frehiwot Tamru, CEO of Ethio Telecom, visited Selam Children's Village and donated 3,600 exercise books, benefiting 300 children. The children were grateful for the support and excited to meet a high-ranking government official.

Additionally, Ethio Telecom invited 51 children to Friendship Park, where they enjoyed fun activities, meals, and positive experiences. These acts of kindness greatly contribute to the children's education, well-being, and involvement in the community.







Recognition for Mrs. Tsehay Roeschli

Mrs. Tsehay Roeschli, the founder of Selam Children's Village, was honored by the Government of Ethiopia for her outstanding humanitarian work and the kindness she has shown to others. This recognition reflects her dedication and the positive impimpact she has had on many lives.



Mrs. Tsehay Roeschli received a recognition certificate and a glass award in the presence of distingushed higher government officials.

This recognition not only honors Mrs. Tsehay's remarkable achievements but also acknowledges the significant contributions of Selam Children's Village to the betterment of society. It highlights the importance of kindness and compassion in creating positive change and inspiring others to make a difference in the lives of those in need.



SCV Participated on Exhibition



Selam Children's Village (SCV) participated in a two-day exhibition held on October 27-28, 2023, at the Elili Hotel organized by the Addis Ababa Women, Children, and Social Affairs Bureau in collaboration with the Hope for Justice International Organization, the exhibition brought together over 200 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and government organizations (GOs). One GO and five NGOs presented six papers focusing on current initiatives and identifying areas for scaling up to improve service quality.



SCV was honored to be selected as one of eight organizations to share its experiences during the event. The exhibition attracted a diverse audience, including government officials and representatives from various NGOs, who provided encouraging feedback on the displays.

Capacity Building Training on Autism

Melu'e Foundation, in partnership with Selam Children's Village, conducted a capacity-building training program focused on Autism. The training was specifically designed for 18 staff members of CYC who work closely with children with special needs.



The primary objective of the training was to enhance the understanding of special needs children, particularly those with Autism. The program aimed to foster a positive attitude among the participants and empower them with foundational knowledge on how to effectively support and assist special needs children in a holistic manner.



Through the training, the staff members were equipped with essential skills and insights to better comprehend the unique needs and challenges faced by children with Autism. The program emphasized the importance of developing a supportive and inclusive environment that promotes the overall well-being and development of these children.

Women Economic Empowerment Program (WEEP)

Selam Children's Village received a special donation from Selam Charity Switzerland, and with the support 45 women from three sub-cities were selected to participate in a comprehensive training program aimed at empowering them economically.





Before receiving the startup capital, the women recieved a three-day "Start Your Business" (SYB) training. This training equipped them with the knowledge and skills needed to develop their business plans effectively.



Launch of the Continental Study on Children without Parental Care in Africa



Kibron Tamiru, one of our children, had the honor of participating in the launch event for the groundbreaking Continental Study on Children Without Parental Care in Africa. Her exceptional skills in public speaking and writing earned her this prestigious opportunity.

The Continental Study on Children Without Parental Care (CWPC) in Africa is an ambitious initiative that spans 43 countries across the continent. Over the course of two decades, from 2000 to 2022, this study thoroughly examined the circumstances and challenges faced by children without parental care. Its findings have great potential to bring about positive changes in child care services throughout Africa.

Children Visited Muday Charity Association and Mekedonia

Children are actively participating in club activities designed to enhance their social skills. The charitable club, in particular, is a valuable initiative that allows children to offer assistance, affection, and care to those in need while encouraging voluntary participation in various projects.



The visits to the Muday Charity Association and Mekedonia had a profound effect on the children. These experiences provided them with new perspectives and helped them appreciate their own circumstances. Witnessing the support and love received by those in need can be a powerful experience, allowing the children to recognize the blessings in their own lives.



As part of our commitment to fostering compassion, love, and kindness, we organized a visit to the Mekedonia Center. This visit aimed to instill a sense of social responsibility in the children, encouraging them to contribute to society and develop their character as good citizens. A group of 39 high school students, consisting of 18 males and 21 females, participated in this meaningful experience.

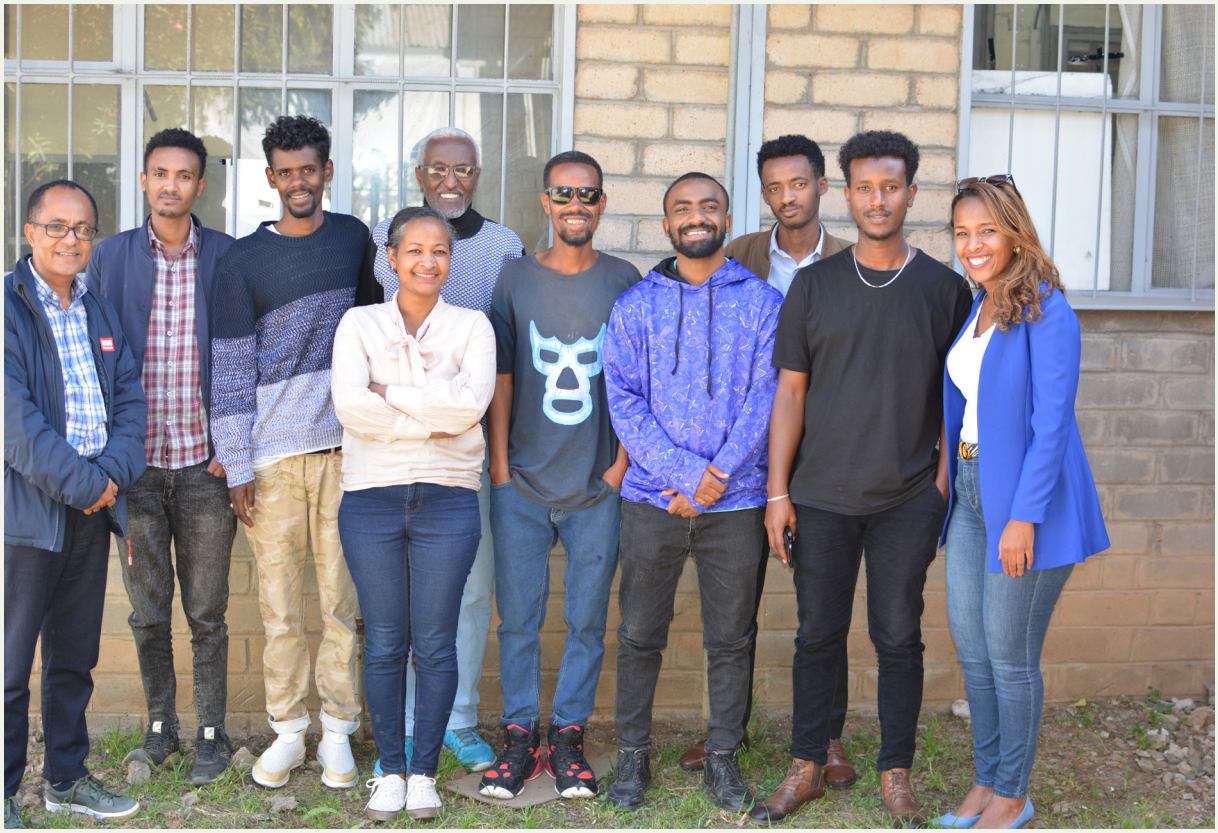


SIL Youths Full Integration

Selam Children's Village aimed to support the most vulnerable children and youths, helping them reach their full potential and become self-reliant citizen. As part of this effort, eight youths (all male) fully integrated into the community and started their independent lives. Each youth had at least one profession that would help them support financially. Among them, two completed vocational training programs (TVET) and earned their certifications. Two others received engineering degrees from a public university, while the remaining four graduated from a private college.

Over the past six months, they actively looked for jobs, and six of them secured employment.

On December 23, 2023, Selam Children's Village held a farewell program for the young men who had fully integrated. During the event, they shared their heartfelt gratitude for their time at Selam. They credited their achievements to the nurturing environment provided by Selam Children's Village, emphasizing how it played a vital role in their success.



Summer Vocational Training

Selam Children's Village recognized the importance of vocational training in helping children gain practical skills for their future career. In this regard, SCV organized a summer vocational training program at Selam TVET College. Fifty-two children from grade seven and above participated in this program, using their summer break to learn new skills.

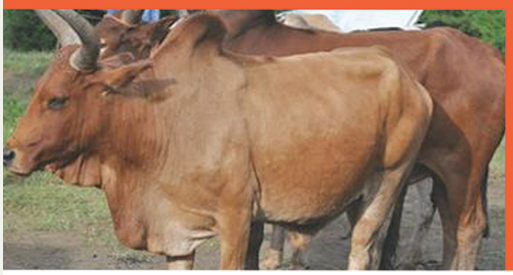




The program offered training in seven areas: auto mechanics, electricity, metalwork, woodworking, information technology, garment design, and food preparation. Before starting their training, the children attended an orientation session to learn about their options and make choices based on their interests. They also visited different workshops at the college to see each field up close.







ROFAM MANUFACTURING AND SERVICE PLC.

ROFAM Manufacturing and Service Plc, its principal place, Addis Ababa Lemi Kura Sub city Wereda 13 House Number 1039 around Civil Service University at the compound of Selam children's' village. Rofam was established by SELAM CHILDREN'S VILLAGE in 2022 G.C in Ethiopia with a total startup capital of Birr 19.5 million to support the charity to achieve its objective.

The agricultural farm includes:-

- Dairy farm,
- Poultry farm,
- Fattening lot,
- Flower & Vegetable farm.

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The Restaurant Service includes provision of international and national dishes as well as catering and outdoors services. There are also Bakery and pastry product sales at the restaurant sales outlets.

Our catering & restaurant service includes but not limited to are:

- Restaurant Service
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SCV_TRIAE: Empowering Futures through Innovation

SCV TRIAE, also known as Selam Children's Village – Tsehay Roeschli Industrial & Agricultural Engineering, is a profit-making company established in August 2012. Operating in compliance with the Charities and Societies Agency regulation No. 621/2001, Article 103, and Directive 07/2004, the primary mission of this initiative is to generate alternative financial resources to support Selam Children's Village.







Diverse Product Offerings

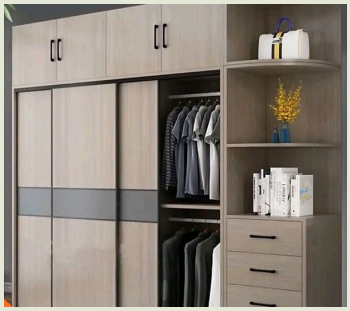
SCV_TRIAE specializes in a variety of high-quality products across several sectors:

- **Agricultural Equipment:** Essential tools include water pumps, threshers, butter churns, milk cans, honey processors, modern beehives, , and pest control solutions.

- **Construction Materials:** Production capabilities encompass roof tiles, block production, composite bricks (Hydraform), concrete pipes, and formwork.

- **Millstone Production:** Millstones are crucial for the milling process, serving as the primary tool for grinding grains into flour. SCV_TRIAE focuses on producing high-quality millstones that meet the demands of both traditional and modern milling techniques.





- **Playground Equipment:** Innovative designs for children's playgrounds, solar structures, roof niche works, and air and smoke removal ducts are manufactured and installed.
- **Furniture Solutions:** Offerings include wooden school seats, desks, and a range of home and office furniture, all crafted with care and expertise.

SCV_TRIAE operates with a team of experienced professionals and state-of-the-art machinery, ensuring exceptional quality in products, along with maintenance services, powder coating, and custom solutions tailered to specific customer needs.

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