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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 adoptive 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
- Youth Support
- Community Support
- Clinic Service
- Technical and Vocational College
- Income Generating Activities

A Better Life for Children!

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Selam Children's Village
2024 Achievement at a Glance

Children and youth received family care and protection — **316**

254 — Students received scholarship opportunities

Children received day care service — **257**

3 — Youths fully integrated

School going students provided with sanitary pad — **300**

150 — Students received school feeding support

Youth received vocational training — **896**

13,656+ — Community members accessed health service at Selam clinic

Graduates successfully employed — **231**

89% — COC pass rate

Budget Expenditure — **151M** ETB

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A Better Life for Children!

Roche Ambassadors Visit SCV to Witness Impact Firsthand



Roche Ambassadors from around the world visited Selam Children's Village (SCV) and were warmly welcomed by SCV founder Wro Tsehay Roeschli, Executive Director Mr. Solomon Chali, and Mr. Amanuel Grunder, Program Director from Selam Charity Switzerland.

The visit began with a roundtable introduction with the SCV management team, followed by a presentation from Mr. Nigussie Eshetie on SCV's mission and the Children, Youth & Community Support (CYC) programs. Ambassadors toured key facilities, including the daycare center, kindergarten, and two family houses, to gain insight into daily life.

A significant part of the visit involved engaging with youths in the Semi-Independent Living (SIL) Program, where they learned directly about the aspirations and challenges of the Roche-supported youths. In the afternoon, the delegation explored the workshops at Selam Technical & Vocational College. The visit concluded with a feedback session, where the ambassadors expressed deep appreciation for the impactful work being carried out at SCV.



SCV Welcomes New General Assembly Members

Selam Children's Village organized an introductory session for its five newly elected General Assembly members. The new members, who bring a wealth of valuable experience and expertise, were introduced to the Executive Board and SCV management. The session included a presentation on SCV's mission, followed by a comprehensive tour of SCV and TRIAE development interventions.

The new members expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to serve and were highly impressed by SCV's work. They affirmed their strong desire to support the organization and contribute their expertise to help achieve its vision.







Executive Board Meeting

Selam Children's Village (SCV) Executive Board convened for its regular meeting to evaluate the 2024 first-half performance of both SCV and TRIAE. Board members conducted a thorough review of key metrics and outcomes achieved during this period.

Following the assessment, the board offered constructive feedback and strategic direction to the management team to guide preparations for upcoming reporting periods, ensuring continued progress and alignment with organizational goals.





SCV and Selam Charity Switzerland Host Joint Board Meeting

Selam Children's Village successfully hosted a productive two-day joint Executive Board meeting in Addis Ababa, bringing together participants from SCV and Selam Charity Switzerland (SCS). The joint board addressed high-level strategic issues, culminating in the discussion and endorsement of a new Code of Cooperation (CoC).

Key strategic documents covering joint board roles (using the RACI framework), strategic priorities, master plan next steps, and localization protocols were presented and discussed in depth.

Key outcomes of the meeting include:

- The official signing of the Code of Cooperation (CoC).
- Approval of strategic and operational roles and responsibilities for both boards.
- Identification of key shared strategic priority areas.
- An agreement to share and review all future partnership initiatives before signing.







The meeting concluded with a heartfelt ceremony, as both boards planted seedlings at the SCV 2 memorial park, honoring the legacy and major supporters of Selam Children's Village.

SCV Launches BEYEPP Project to Boost Youth Employability

Selam Children's Village has signed a project agreement for the Bavarian Ethiopian Youth Employment Promotion Project (BEYEPP). This two-year, €300,000 project, funded by The Bavarian State Chancellery in Germany, aims to improve the employability and income of 450 socio-economically disadvantaged youth. It also seeks to enhance cooperation between the private sector and vocational education institutions.





As part of the launch, the program management team from bbw international visited SCV from December 5-18, 2024, to conduct a detailed planning workshop. The workshop established a strong collaborative foundation, outlining project outcomes, goals, and key performance indicators. This collaborative planning lays a strong foundation for BEYEPP's success, ultimately creating new opportunities for Ethiopian youth.

Selam Day Care Celebrates 10 Years of Community Service

Selam Children Village's Day Care celebrated its 10th anniversary, marking a decade of providing a beacon of hope for over 1,200 children from vulnerable families.



The vibrant celebration was attended by SCV Executive Board Chairman Wondwossen Teshome, SCV founder Mrs. Tsehay Roeschli, CYC Director Nigussie Eshetie, government partners, and staff. The event featured powerful testimonies from grateful mothers who shared how the center transformed their children's lives and empowered them to become self-reliant.

Government officials praised the day care's impact and recommended the expansion of its invaluable services. The celebration also honored four nannies with certificates of recognition for their 10 years of dedicated service.



Partnership between SCV/ STVC and Chengdu Industry and Trade College



Facilitated through the China-Africa Vocational Training Alliance, a significant partnership has been established between Selam Children's Village (SCV)/Selam Technical and Vocational College (STVC) and Chengdu Industry and Trade College. This collaboration aims to enhance vocational training through joint programming, focusing on key areas such as: Smart Manufacturing, Electrical Automation, Information Technology, New Energy Vehicles (EV), Modern Services, Chengdu College is well-regarded for its expertise in these fields, making it an ideal partner for advancing technical education.

The President of Chengdu Industry and Trade College and other management members visited SCV and the collge and disucced with SCV management. During the discussions, both institutions agreed to collaborate on various initiatives, including international talent cultivation, faculty and student exchanges, and short-term study tours.



To formalize this partnership, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed with the Executive Director, marking a commitment to work together in developing a skilled workforce and enhancing educational opportunities for students from both institutions. This collaboration is expected to significantly contribute to improving vocational training and expanding opportunities for students, ultimately fostering greater economic development and innovation..

MoU between Selam Children's Village and FANA Ethiopia

On December 12, 2024, Selam Children's Village has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the FANA Association for Individuals with Learning and Communication Difficulties (FANA Ethiopia). FANA Ethiopia is a non-profit and non-governmental organization dedicated to raising awareness of learning and communication difficulties and providing support to children facing these challenges in Ethiopia.



The purpose of the MoU is to collaborate on addressing special needs issues among the children at Selam Children's Village through awareness raising, capacity building, and support in establishing a special needs department.



The MoU was signed by SCV Executive Director Ato Solomon Chali and FANA Ethiopia Managing Director & Founder Dr. Abebayehu Mesele. This partnership aims to enhance the support and resources available for children with special needs, fostering an inclusive environment within SCV..

ITOCHU Corporation and UNFPA Visit Garment Training Program

Representatives from ITOCHU Corporation, accompanied by delegates from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), visited Selam Technical and Vocational College. The visit aimed to evaluate the effectiveness of the garment training program, which focuses on producing female sanitary shorts. To date, this project has successfully trained 52 participants in two rounds.

The visit also paved the way for future collaboration with UNFPA Ethiopia to empower youth across the country. Discussions are underway for a new comprehensive training program set to launch in subseuqent years.







SCV and EKA Kotebe General Hospital Explore New Partnership

A team from SCV, TRIAE, and RoFam, led by Executive Director Ato Solomon Chali, visited EKA Kotebe General Hospital to discuss potential partnerships. Key topics included providing counseling services for youth struggling with addiction, recruiting SCV college graduates, and utilizing SCV's garage for hospital vehicle maintenance.





The hospital administration warmly welcomed the initiative. Following the initial discussion, EKA Kotebe's management team conducted a follow-up visit to SCV, touring TRIAE and RoFam to understand their capabilities. Both organizations agreed to collaborate on these initiatives to enhance community support and improve services.



TVET Leaders Network to Enhance 21st-Century Skills

Selam Technical and Vocational College (STVC), Hope Enterprise, and Dorcas Relief and Development, successfully co-organized a TVET Networking Meeting. The event brought together over 20 TVET leaders to strengthen their collaborative network and enhance leadership and change management skills for the 21st century.





The capacity-building session focused on equipping TVET Deans with skills rooted in systemic thinking to navigate modern educational complexities. Participants engaged in dynamic discussions, assessed the network's current state, and deliberated on future strategic directions to ensure the network remains responsive to the challenges facing TVET institutions.

STVC Engages Industry Leaders for EYE Partnership

Selam Technical & Vocational College (STVC) hosted the 'Employable Youth in Ethiopia (EYE) Business Case Presentation,' attracting over 25 industry representatives. The meeting's purpose was to engage companies in developing tailored training programs through the Center of Excellence, with industries co-financing the training.

This collaborative model aims to deepen industry involvement in TVET and foster greater ownership over training outcomes. The meeting was highly successful, with many industry participants expressing strong interest. The STVC team is now developing this concept into a comprehensive business partnership framework to better align educational programs with industry needs.





Call to Action – Join Hands with Selam Children's Village



For four decades, Selam Children's Village has been a place of hope, care, and transformation for vulnerable children and communities in Ethiopia. Our journey has been made possible through the generosity of partners, families, and supporters who believe in the power of collective action. As we look ahead, the needs of children continue to grow, and so does our responsibility to respond with compassion and commitment.

This is where you come in. We invite you to stand with us and become part of a movement that changes lives. Your support whether through financial contributions, in kind donations, or partnership opportunities directly impacts the children we serve. Every gift helps us provide education, healthcare, shelter, and vocational training that empower children to break cycles of poverty and build brighter futures.

By joining hands with Selam Children's Village, you are not only supporting an organization; you are investing in the dreams of children who deserve a chance to thrive. Together, we can expand our reach, strengthen our programs, and ensure that no child is left behind.

We call on individuals, organizations, and communities to take action today. Partner with us, sponsor a program, or contribute to our anniversary initiatives. Your involvement will be recognized and celebrated as part of our shared mission to uplift lives.

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Ethio Telecom Donates 3,000 Exercise Books to SCV Children

Ethio Telecom generously donated over 3,000 exercise books to Selam Children's Village. The management team personally delivered the donation to the children in a heartfelt moment of connection.



The children expressed their immense appreciation with joyful smiles and sincere gratitude, highlighting the positive impact this contribution will have on their education.





SCV Participates in 4th Annual CSO Week

Selam Children's Village proudly participated in the 4th CSO Week, held at the Ghion Hotel from December 6-8, 2024. The event opened with esteemed government officials and distinguished guests. During the exhibition, TRIAE and ROFAM showcased their products, highlighting their community contributions.

The week also featured panel discussions on key civil society initiatives. SCV was honored to host high-ranking officials, including ACSO Director General Ato Samson Biratu, providing an opportunity to present the organization's impact. The event concluded with SCV receiving a Certificate of Participation from the Ethiopian Civil Society Organizations Council and the Authority for Civil Society Organizations, underscoring our commitment to Ethiopia's civil society landscape.







SCV Management Undertakes "System Change" Training



Selam Technical and Vocational College (STVC) organized a transformative training session on the 'System Change Approach,' facilitated by Efrem Shiferw, Country Representative of Woord en Daad. A total of 45 senior and extended management members from SCV, STVC, ROFAM, and TRIAE participated.

The training objective was to identify systemic aspirations at an organizational level. Participants evaluated current operational systems and determined necessary changes to enhance outcomes. Using the 'System Change Canvas' tool (developed by Woord en Daad), teams from each directorate defined their goals and analyzed pathways for future implementation.



Celebrating Our Graduates: SIL Youths Achieve Academic Milestones



SCV is proud to celebrate the graduation of three youths from our Semi-Independent Living (SIL) program. They successfully earned degrees in Nutrition, Law, and Hotel Management from government universities, marking a huge milestone. Staff from the Youth Support department joined them for their joyous graduation ceremony.

In a separate event, SCV organized a ceremony to honor a total of 14 graduates from the SIL program. Esteemed guests, including SCV's founder and executive director, shared encouraging messages. The event also recognized three students who achieved academic excellence with a GPA above 3.0. All graduates received gifts to celebrate their hard work, dedication, and bright futures.



"Living Our Decision" Workshop Empowers SIL Girls

The Youth Support Department conducted an interactive empowerment workshop titled 'Living Our Decision' for 22 girls in the Semi-Independent Living (SIL) program. The session encouraged participants to delve into decision-making processes and the obstacles young girls often face, with a strong focus on overcoming community pressures that can impede autonomy.



The youths shared their personal experiences in an open dialogue, fostering a supportive environment. This initiative aims to equip the girls with valuable insights, self-advocacy skills, and the resilience needed to navigate their futures with confidence.



SIL Youth Receive Job Search Preparation Training

Ten youths (8 male, 2 female) in the SIL Job Search Program completed a comprehensive training delivered by Kefeta, in collaboration with the USAID Integrated Youth Activity. The program equipped participants with essential skills for navigating the job market, covering key topics including:

- CV Writing
- Professionalism & Professional Ethics
- Legal Rights



The training also introduced **Entrepreneurship** as a viable career path and addressed common challenges like **Time Management and Personal Development.** The three-day program provided significant insights into the working world, and participants expressed deep gratitude for the opportunity.



A Summer of Skills: Children Engage in Diverse Activities

Throughout the summer, children across all age groups at SCV participated in a wide range of activities designed to foster personal development and enhance new skills. Dedicated volunteers contributed their time and expertise to programs in basketball, football, keyboard, painting, IT, food preparation, art therapy, string art, educational support, paper crafts, and spiritual camps.

These diverse activities provided children with a joyful and enriching experience, allowing them to make the most of their summer while developing valuable new talents.







Art Therapy Program Helps Children Express and Heal

Art therapy, which integrates creative expression with psychological counseling, offers a powerful way to promote emotional well-being. It allows individuals to explore feelings that may be difficult to verbalize, making it highly beneficial for those facing trauma or anxiety.







This summer, Mrs. Salome Hättenschweiler, an Art and Painting Therapist from Germany, facilitated a three-day art therapy program for 30 of our children. Participants showed commendable engagement, reflecting on their creative and emotional journeys. On the final day, the children proudly showcased their artwork in an exhibition for SCV staff.

SIL Youths Summer Camp

Selam Children's Village organized a successful summer camp at the Child Development Training and Research Center (CDTRC) for 62 youths (41 male, 21 female) in the Semi-Independent Living (SIL) program. The diverse curriculum equipped participants with essential life skills and insights.





Key topics included:

- Life Skills Training
- Trauma Debriefing Sessions
- Youth and Community Engagement
- Spirituality & Resilience Development
- Vision and Stewardship
- Addiction Awareness

The interactive environment allowed youths to share personal experiences, fostering a strong sense of community. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with one youth noting the debriefing sessions helped them confront hidden emotional scars. Many described the camp as transformative, filled with love and acceptance. The camp's success underscores the importance of youth-centered initiatives in fostering positive development.



SIL youths Transition Training

Eight youths (7 male, 1 female) successfully transitioned from family-model care into the Semi-Independent Living (SIL) program. To prepare them for this new chapter, the Youth Department organized targeted training sessions designed to equip them with essential knowledge and skills.



These sessions provided an enhanced understanding of the SIL program and improved social, cultural, and spiritual intelligence. The prospective SIL participants also received first aid training from the Selam Clinic and fundamental cooking skills from Selam Technical and Vocational College. The training concluded with an invaluable peer-to-peer session where senior SIL participants shared their personal experiences, instilling confidence in the newcomers for the journey ahead.



Summer Activity Closing Ceremony and Recognizing Volunteers

On August 30, 2024, a closing ceremony for the CYC Summer Activity Plan took place, attended by invited guests and the Chairperson of Selam Children's Village (SCV) Executive Board. During the ceremony, over 60 summer activity volunteers were recognized and awarded certificates of appreciation.



The event featured heartfelt speeches from representatives of the children and youth, who expressed gratitude for the support they received from volunteers. Volunteer representatives praised the cheerful and welcoming spirit of both the children and the staff at SCV. They committed to becoming goodwill ambassadors for Selam, eager to share the organization's mission with others.



The CYC Director expressed his gratitude to the team and encouraged more volunteers to apply in the upcoming school year to support the children academically.

In his closing remarks, Ato Wondewossen, the Board Chairperson, emphasized the importance of giving back to the community, reinforcing the event's spirit of collaboration and commitment to service.

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