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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 asafe 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

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A Better Life for Children!

Selam Children's Village
2025 Bi-Annual Achievement at a Glance

252 Children and youth received family care and protection

Students received scholarship opportunities **202**

148 Children received day care service

Youths fully integrated **9**

300 School going students provided with sanitary pad

Students received school feeding support **526**

636 Youth received vocational training

Community members accessed health service at Selam clinic **6,843+**

66 Graduates successfully employed

Budget Expenditure **130M ETB**

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Executive Board Reviews 2024 Performance

The annual review meeting of the Selam Children's Village (SCV) Executive Board was held in Bishoftu on February 22-23, 2025. During the meeting, the board thoroughly reviewed the 2024 annual report and the 2025 annual plan for both SCV and its enterprise wing, TRIAE.





Mr. Amanuel Grunder, Program Director of Selam Charity Switzerland (SCS), attended the meeting. The Executive Board expressed its deep gratitude by issuing a formal letter of appreciation to Mr. Grunder on behalf of the SCS board. The letter acknowledged SCS's unwavering support and its recent commitment to increasing SCV employee salaries and living adjustments. This crucial support has had a profound impact, easing the challenges posed by the current market situation in Ethiopia and significantly enhancing employee morale.



Annual General Assembly Meeting

The 17th regular Annual General Assembly (GA) Meeting of Selam Children's Village was successfully held on March 15, 2025. The meeting commenced with the election of new GA leadership, with Professor Daniel Kitaw elected as the new Chairperson, replacing Dr. Wondwossen Tesfaye, who served for two terms. SCV is also thrilled to welcome five new GA members, three of whom are Selam grownups.





The GA thoroughly reviewed and endorsed key organizational documents, including the 2024 annual report and 2025 plan for SCV, RoFam, and TRIAE. Following the meeting, all required documents, including the audit report approved by the Accounting and Audit Board of Ethiopia (AABE), were timely submitted to the Authority for Civil Society Organizations (ACSO).

Annual Internal Review Meeting

Selam Children's Village held its 2024 Annual Internal Review Meeting from February 7-8, 2025. The meeting was attended by senior and extended management members from the Children, Youth, and Community Support (CYC), Selam Technical and Vocational College (STVC), and the Head Office. Management representatives from the two income-generating wings, TRIAE and ROFAM, also participated.

During the two-day session, the comprehensive 2024 annual report was presented and thoroughly discussed. Key focus areas and strategic priorities for the 2025 plan were also reviewed, providing a clear roadmap for the upcoming year. Executive Director Ato Solomon Chali concluded the meeting by expressing gratitude for the team's dedication and providing strategic direction for the 2025 budget year.





German Embassy Delegates Visit

Selam Technical and Vocational College (STVC) welcomed Mrs. Rebecca Alt, First Secretary and Head of the Economic Section at the German Embassy in Addis Ababa, along with her delegation. The visit's purpose was to review the progress of the Bavarian Ethiopian Youth Employment Promotion Project (BEYEPP).



The delegation toured both college campuses, focusing on departments involved in the BEYEPP project, and met with German trainers conducting Train-the-Trainer programs. The delegates expressed their high satisfaction with the project's outcomes, commending the college's implementation efforts and noting that the results surpassed their expectations.



SIDA Delegation Visits SCV to Discuss Future E-Mobility Collaboration

Selam Children's Village (SCV) welcomed a distinguished delegation led by Mr. Johan Romare, the Swedish Head of Development Cooperation. He was accompanied by Mr. Leul Wondemeneh from SIDA and Mr. Assegid Adane from UNIDO Ethiopia.

During the visit, Mr. Mattias Larsen from the UNIDO Regional Office presented an update on two completed projects that had been successfully handed over to SCV. Additionally, he introduced a proposal for a potential third phase of collaboration, focusing on innovative e-mobility and logistics initiatives in Ethiopia, signaling an exciting future for the partnership.





ACSO Director General Commends SCV as a "Model Institution"

On February 20, 2025, Selam Children's Village (SCV) was honored to host a high-level delegation from the Authority for Civil Society Organizations (ACSO).



The delegation was led by Director General Ato Samson Biratu, who was accompanied by two Deputy Director Generals, Ato Fasikaw Molla and Ato Mesfin Hailu.



The delegation toured SCV's key programs, including the Day Care Center, Family Houses, the Hospitality Training Center at STVC, and the RoFam IGA wing. The officials commended SCV's remarkable contributions, particularly highlighting the urban agriculture initiatives as aligned with national priorities. They praised SCV's income-generation and youth employment initiatives as a scalable model for other institutions and reaffirmed their commitment to supporting SCV's work, describing it as a valuable asset for the country.



Minister of Women and Social Affairs Celebrates Easter with SCV

Selam Children's Village was deeply honored to welcome Her Excellency Dr. Ergogie Tesfaye, Minister of Women and Social Affairs, and other esteemed higher officials. The officials shared a festive Easter meal with the children, creating lasting memories. H.E. Dr. Ergogie called on the community to support one another during festive times.



H.E Dr. Ergogie called on the community to celebrate the Easter Holiday by sharing with low-income community members. "It is important for all of us to support and uplift each other, especially during festive times". The Ministry generously donated 500,000 ETB to support SCV's mission and pledged its continued support.



Addis Ababa Driver and Vehicle Control & Permit Authority Visits MISALE Driving Academy

MISALE Driving Academy, recently reorganized as MISALE Chora Plc, hosted a key delegation from the Addis Ababa Driver and Vehicle Control & Permit Authority. The delegation, led by Ato Bedelu Lelisa, General Manager of the Driver Department, was warmly welcomed by Ato Solomon Chali, Executive Director of Selam Children's Village.





Following a brief presentation, the delegation toured the academy's extensive facilities, including the modern exam center, simulator section, and the heavy-duty vehicle maintenance academy. The authority's representatives expressed strong appreciation for the academy's high standards and operations. They also reaffirmed their commitment to collaborating for efficient resource utilization and providing future support to enhance the academy's impact.

Government Stakeholders Praise SCV as "Model Civil Society Organization"

Selam Children's Village (SCV) held a high-level meeting with higher officials from the Authority for Civil Society Organizations (ACSO), the Bureau of Finance (BoF), and relevant sector bureaus. During the productive discussions, we presented our 2024 Annual Report highlighting key achievements and shared the master plan idea detailing SCV's strategic vision for the coming years.





The government representatives expressed strong support, praising the master plan idea as "comprehensive and visionary" and recognizing SCV as a model civil society organization. They particularly commended SCV's best practices in child and community development. Importantly, the officials pledged their continued support across all areas within their mandate to further our shared objectives.

This engagement successfully strengthened SCV's institutional credibility while deepening our partnership with key government stakeholders. The officials specifically recommended maintaining this collaborative discussion through regular high-level meetings to ensure ongoing alignment and cooperation.

Sheno Satellite Center Monitoring Visit

A delegation including Dr. Ines (Board Member, Selam Charity Switzerland) and Mr. Solomon Chali (SCV Executive Director) conducted a monitoring visit to SCV's Sheno Satellite Center. The team assessed the impact of the school feeding program and the Women's Economic Empowerment project. A productive meeting was also held with the Sheno City Mayor, who pledged ongoing municipal support.



Dr. Ines had the opportunity to interact directly with women participating in the economic empowerment program. She also visited Jobir KG School, where she observed the daily lunch service for vulnerable children. Demonstrating hands-on involvement, she helped serve meals and tasted the food provided to students.

A productive meeting was held with the Sheno City Mayor, focusing on potential future collaborations. He pledged ongoing municipal support for SCV's initiatives and requested additional assistance to reach more vulnerable communities in Sheno town.



SCV Partners with Deborah Foundation to Support Children with Special Needs

Selam Children's Village formalized a strategic partnership with Deborah Foundation through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding at the foundation's premises in Addis Ababa. The agreement establishes a collaborative framework focused on advancing inclusive development and enhancing service delivery for vulnerable children, youth, and communities.



The MoU outlines key areas of cooperation including special-needs intervention programs, exchange of expertise in agriculture and vocational training, and sustainable community development initiatives. The agreement was signed by Ato Solomon Chali, Executive Director of Selam Children's Village, and Wro. Beky Abadula, CEO of Deborah Foundation, in the presence of Mr. Abadula Gemeda, Founder of Deborah Foundation and former Oromia Regional State President.



SCV and LM International Ethiopia Sign MoU for Sustainable Development

On May 23, 2025, Selam Children's Village (SCV) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with LM International Ethiopia. This partnership represents a significant milestone in SCV's ongoing commitment to drive impactful, sustainable change and community empowerment in Ethiopia.

The MoU was officially signed by Ato Solomon Chali, Executive Director of SCV, and Ato Minbale Getachew, Country Director of LM International Ethiopia.

The partnership will focus on:

- WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene)
- Inclusive Education
- Women's Economic Empowerment
- Youth Empowerment (TVET)
- Innovative Technologies and Knowledge Sharing



In addition, the team explored various areas of intervention, such as the day care center and children's home. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to LM International Ethiopia for their partnership and shared dedication to transforming lives. Together, we aim to develop sustainable solutions for communities in need.



Partnership with Rotaract International Volunteer Association

Selam Children's Village continues to implement innovative strategies and has initiated a collaboration with the Rotaract International Volunteer Association, an organization renowned for youth empowerment.



The Rotaract representatives visited our village to explore potential initiatives. During the visit, they gained valuable insights into SCV's vision and mission, particularly our focus on nurturing young leaders. Meaningful interactions with both youth and staff allowed for a strong connection to form between our organizations.



Following these discussions, Rotaract expressed keen interest in collaborating on initiatives that would:

- Create meaningful engagement opportunities for Selam youth
- Develop essential leadership and professional skills
- Potentially generate job opportunities

Both teams recognized significant potential for synergy in their efforts to empower young people. To formalize this partnership, preparations are underway for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will clearly outline areas of collaboration and sharewwd objectives.

STVC Chairs Addis Ababa TVET Network Meeting to Strengthen Collaboration

Selam Technical and Vocational College (STVC) hosted and chaired the Addis Ababa TVET Network meeting at Adama, bringing together 27 participants including deans, bureau leaders, and TVET stakeholders. As the hosting institution, STVC facilitated critical discussions to reactivate collaborations among Addis Ababa's TVET institutions, review progress on existing Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs), and align members on Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for the network.





The meeting resulted in the formation of four strategic committees: Research & Labor Market Analysis, Legal Affairs & Network Formalization, Public Engagement & Membership Growth, and Partnership Development & Funding.

This gathering strengthened STVC's leadership role in Addis Ababa's TVET ecosystem, demonstrating our commitment to collaborative advancement, practical solutions for sector challenges, and sustainable partnerships.

114 Women Graduate from "Girls Be Ambitious" Project

A graduation ceremony was held at Selam Technical and Vocational College (STVC) to celebrate 114 women from the "Girls Be Ambitious" Project. These women completed short-term training in sewing Female Sanitary Shorts, equipping them with valuable skills for sustainable livelihoods.



This initiative empowers women with Japanese technology to produce safe, reusable sanitary products, helping to reduce menstrual stigma and create economic opportunities. The ceremony was attended by honored guests, including Mr. Netsu Shuntaro, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Japan, as well as representatives from the Ministry of Labor & Skills, UNIDO, and ITOCHU Corporation. The project was supported by the Government of Japan, UNIDO ITPO Tokyo, ITOCHU Corporation, and Be-A Company.



Office of the First Lady Donates Wheelchairs

Selam Children's Village received a generous and invaluable donation of six wheelchairs from the Office of the First Lady of Ethiopia. This contribution will directly improve the lives of women and vulnerable individuals with disabilities in the SCV community by restoring their mobility, dignity, and independence.



During the handover ceremony, beneficiaries shared touching testimonies about how the wheelchairs will transform their daily lives. The event also served as an important platform for discussing future collaborations with the First Lady's Office to advance disability inclusion and community empowerment.



Swiss Civil Servants Provide High-Tech Training for TVET Instructors

In partnership with the Ministry of Labor and Skills (MoLS) and the Federal TVET Institute, STVC hosted a Training of Trainers (ToT) program facilitated by Swiss civil servants in April 2025.

The training focused on modern industrial technologies, including Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC), Computer Numerical Control (CNC), and Arduino programming.

A total of 42 TVET instructors from across Ethiopia (including four from STVC) participated in the sessions. This ToT initiative is a vital step in enhancing the skills of TVET instructors to better prepare students for a technology-driven industrial environment







Knowledge Management Training

As part of a key initiative from its five-year strategic plan, SCV organized a three-day training on Knowledge Management (KM) from March 26-28, 2025. The training, attended by 22 senior and extended management members, was facilitated by Professor Mengesha, former President of Gondar University.



The highly interactive training proved exceptionally effective, achieving its goals of enhancing management capacity and deepening the understanding of KM systems. Post-assessment results Confirmed the program's success. This training represents a crucial step in strengthening SCV's institutional knowledge preservation and sharing capabilities, directly supporting its strategic priorities.



SCV Welcomes 30 New Children to its Residential Care

Selam Children's Village is delighted to announce the admission of 30 new children (17 male and 8 female, plus 5 admitted earlier) to its newly constructed G+2 residential building. The children, whose ages range from one to seven, were admitted from the Kibebe Tsehay Orphanage.





The admission followed thorough assessments by SCV social workers and was arranged in close collaboration with government officials at the Addis Ababa Women, Children, and Social Affairs Bureau. All thirty children were warmly welcomed by their new caregivers and peers. They have since been enrolled in school and are reported to be thriving, demonstrating positive psychological well-being as they settle into their new homes.



Celebrating a New Chapter: SIL Youths Transition to Full Independence

Selam Children's Village held a heartfelt farewell event for nine young adults (two female, seven male) who successfully transitioned from the Semi-Independent Living (SIL) program into independent adulthood.



The atmosphere was filled with pride as everyone celebrated the resilience of the youth, who shared their stories and expressed gratitude for the support received. One youth emphasized the lasting bond, stating, *"Selam is my family. I cannot graduate from my family. I promise to maintain this connection."* As part of their transition, all youths will receive health insurance coverage for three years, promoting their well-being as they begin this new chapter.



Top Students Rewarded with Educational Trip to National Palace



To celebrate exceptional first-semester academic performance, 35 outstanding students (22 male and 13 female) were rewarded with a special educational trip. The students visited the Ethiopian National Palace and the Zoological Museum at Addis Ababa University's 4 Kilo campus, followed by group lunches.

The children were thrilled by the experience, particularly the exposure to historical artifacts and Ethiopia's global connections, which sparked great enthusiasm. The program successfully motivated other students to strive for academic excellence, leaving a lasting positive impact.



Ethiopian Airlines Hires STVC Graduates



Ethiopian Airlines celebrated the graduation of 39 ground technicians, a cohort that included 16 distinguished alumni of Selam Technical and Vocational College (STVC). The airline expressed its high satisfaction with the performance of the STVC graduates, highlighting their technical competence and readiness for the demands of the aviation industry.

In a strong endorsement of the college's training quality, Ethiopian Airlines has subsequently requested an additional 15 graduates from STVC to fill similar roles. This request underscores STVC's success in preparing skilled professionals who meet and exceed rigorous industry standards, contributing to a well-equipped workforce for Ethiopia's vital aviation sector.

SCV Raises 10.8 Million ETB for New Water Well

Selam Children's Village held a successful fundraising dinner with the goal of drilling a new deep borehole at SCV 1 to ensure clean and sustainable water for the next 25 years. Thanks to the remarkable generosity of individuals and institutions, a total of 10.5 million ETB was raised.

SCV was honored to have GA members, board members, and delegates from Switzerland attend. This effort proves that any challenge can be overcome through collaboration.







SCV Children Celebrate Ethiopian Christmas (Gena) and Easter

Children at Selam Children's Village (SCV) celebrated the 2017 Ethiopian Christmas (Gena) and Easter with heartwarming events aimed at fostering community, joy, and a deeper understanding of the holiday's spiritual significance.



The celebration in Village I was uniquely organized by the children themselves, who showcased their talents through a drama depicting the birth of Jesus Christ, spiritual choreographies, and poetry. Mothers and aunts also participated by performing spiritual songs and engaging in fun games, with many wearing traditional outfits that added to the festive mood. Mrs. Tsehay Roeschli, SCV's founder, prepared Christmas gifts that the children received with great joy.

The Village 2 celebration also created a warm and festive atmosphere. Children participated in preparing songs, choreography, and drama, and decorated their houses with Christmas lights. Caregivers prepared special meals, and a lottery gift distribution brought excitement as each child received a gift, culminating in an evening of heartfelt performances.



SCV Honors Staff at Annual Executive Board Award Ceremony



Selam Children's Village held its Annual Executive Board Award Ceremony to celebrate outstanding contributions and recognize exceptional performance across the organization for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. Attended by Executive Board members, management, and all staff, the event honored top-performing staff from various departments based on the 360-degree performance evaluation system.

Additionally, selected mothers, trainers, and administrative staff received special recognition awards for their exemplary contributions. This event not only motivated staff but also reinforced SCV's commitment to appreciating hard work and fostering a culture of excellence.



Discover Excellence at Rofam Academy!

Rofam Academy, formerly Selam Schools, has transformed into a leading educational institution since its reorganization in 2014 E.C. (2022-23 G.C.). Rofam Academy prioritizes educational quality through a dedicated Quality Assurance and Supervision Team. This focus has led to significant improvements in teaching practices and learning environments, making Rofam Academy a preferred choice for families in the community.

With a vision to become Ethiopia's top educational institution by 2025, Rofam Academy is committed to empowering students academically and personally. Our mission emphasizes character development, integrity, and cultivating future leaders equipped to excel on national and global stages. Our impressive pass rates nearly 99% for Grade 8 and 99.5% for Grade 6 demonstrate our effectiveness in achieving academic excellence.

Rofam Academy has received numerous awards for outstanding academic performance, including top honors in Natural Sciences and impressive rankings in citywide competitions. Our dedicated approach to training and capacity building for teachers ensures they are equipped with modern teaching strategies, which directly enhances student outcomes and fosters a culture of continuous improvement.

Join Rofam Academy today and be part of a vibrant community focused on academic success and personal growth! With a holistic approach that combines discipline, community engagement, and data-driven interventions, we are shaping the future of education in Ethiopia. Enroll now and empower your child with the skills they need to thrive!



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