

Hirut Assefa, eighteen years old, is born at Awassa. She has one brother named Zelalem. She attended her Primary and Junior Secondary education at Awassa Ethiopia Tikdem and Tabor schools. While she and her brother were attending their education their father has passed away. Since their father was the only bread winner of the family, the living situation of the family gradually deteriorating and began to face the hurdled way of life. In 1989 E.C her mother engaged in petty trade business to take care of Hirut and Zelalem. Unfortunately the health situation of the mother has been worsened from time to time and a few years latter she passed away. From then on wards, she and her brother lost confidence, felt deep sorrow, grief and anxiety. In addition, her brother separated from her and joined with their uncle that makes her life more desperate. She felt loneliness.

It was in this situation, she has got an opportunity to join Mary Joy OVC program and was being supported in education, livelihood, and psychosocial services, personal development and life skill training since 2004 and finally recovered from trauma and distress and adjust herself to the normal flora. And she continued her education with strong motive and aspiration and in 1998 she sat for ESLCE exam and scored 2.59 point that enable her to join Adama University. Presently she is attending her tertiary level education at Adama University Design and Drafting Technology. She has a wish to be specialist in her field of study. She always remembers the families' love and affection, her mother's advice and highly appreciates Mary Joy's holistic approach.

"I have great thanks for Mary Joy's comprehensive support; I benefited from the support; I can be the live witness for your dedication and commitment and I wish others get this opportunity no to be the residue of the society"

Thanks once again!!!

Hirut Assefa

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