

Pathfinder International Ethiopia and Addis Ababa Women Association

GlobalGiving Girls Scholarship Report

JUNE 2013 REPORT

Background

GlobalGiving donors have generously supported Pathfinder International's project to empower women and girls in Ethiopia by providing scholarships for their continued education and mitigating their risk of drop-out. Since May 2008, Pathfinder recruited 70 female students who received primary and secondary school scholarships. We are delighted to report that six young women from our program have moved to the university level this past quarter (January-March 2013). While one student was unable to stay with the scholarship program, the remaining 63 students were able to remain in school and progress to higher grade levels. The following table indicates the students' grade level and number of students enrolled.

Total number of scholarship beneficiaries as of June 2013

Grade	Number of Girls
6	1
7	7
8	4
9	12
10	16
11	9
12	14
University	6
Left program	1
Total	70

New admission during the reporting period

The funding amount received during this reporting period was not sufficient for the recruitment of new beneficiaries into the scholarship program. While there were no new beneficiaries assisted during the reporting period, the funding amount received was allocated to students already enrolled in school for their continued education.

Progress during this reporting period

As scholarship beneficiaries entered the program, they received an initial scholarship for their schooling and were eligible to receive extension scholarships as resources became available to continue their education. The ongoing support of GlobalGiving donors has allowed many of the project's women and girls to receive extension scholarships. At the end of this reporting period, students who were enrolled in 2008—when this program first began—have been able to stay in

in school for 50 months. Other scholarship beneficiaries hope to continue on this path with the ongoing support they receive.

Students of the GlobalGiving Scholarship program have not only been able to attend school, but also to stay in school. Among the 70 GlobalGiving scholarship beneficiaries, 60 students have successfully used their initial scholarship for schooling. The challenge for these girls now is to acquire funding to finish their high school studies and finalize their secondary school education.

The students gave their testimonials that without assistance from the scholarship program, they would not have achieved much in their educational pursuits. They also stated that they were able to fulfill basic school-related expenses through the scholarship funds. The possibility of the extension of their scholarship will pave the way for them to enroll into university and they are hopeful that their wishes will be granted.