

► **Children Reunification:** As we are in the age of globalization the movement of people becomes larger and larger through time. In this movement of people there is illegal kind which is what we call trafficking in people. In this kind of trafficking the biggest victims are children and women. Therefore, SEM will try its best to re-unify children with their parents in collaboration with Women and Children Affairs bureau and different cities Police

► **Foster care program:** it is one component in a variety of alternative child care services. It refers to short or long term care within the private house of foster families, mainly addressing those children who are unable to live with their biological parents and families. Placing the child in the foster parent's family gives the child a better chance to get stimulating familiar environment.

Considering this SEM facilitated foster care opportunity for the children who lost their biological families because of different reasons. Accordingly, seven (all are girls) children got foster families in Addis Ababa. SEM covered shelter, food and school fee of these fostered children at monthly level and pay school registration fee, school material fee and the fee for their clothing twice a year.

► **Center based service provision:** Children entered to SEMs' children care center for different reasons. Trafficked children who needs reunification, children who needs adoptive families, children who needs foster families, etc. stayed in the care center for certain period of time till they get different alternatives child care services what is proposed for their future sustained life. These children get shelter, food and clothing in the center and besides, they will be provided with psychological and spiritual services. Accordingly till now many Hundred children are stayed in the center for certain period of time by getting different services which is provided by SEM.

► **Inter country and Domestic Adoption**

Far too many children are discarded, abused, and neglected in our country and all around the globe. And, every child has a right to a permanent family — a family where they can be loved, cared for and kept safe. The good news is that more and more people are seriously considering adoption. Considering the problem of these children SEM facilitates legal adoption opportunity for the children with no opportunity of other alternative services care by dealing with different International adoption agencies and Individuals.

These abandoned children get temporary shelter in well-organized SEM children centers which is present in Shashemene, Mettu and Addis Ababa cities. This is made because if the parents of this children change their mind to take care of their child's wellbeing properly. However, as it is too difficult and too costly to make these children to stay longer in the center. SEM will facilitate adoption opportunity for the children with no opportunity of other alternative care by working with different International adoption agencies and individuals. And up to now SEM could get 15 Ethiopia Families to local Adoption

◆ **Health:** Basic health education such as personal and family hygiene, epidemic disease prevention, sanitation and the concepts of balance diet was given for more than a thousand people in our project areas

Besides, HIV/AIDs alleviation activities which includes awareness creation, care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS virus have been given for more than 14,000 people in collaboration with different agencies and Genet Construction PLC. In different part of the country particularly in southern Omo region SNNPR. Along with these activities 50 positive women had been provided seed money in order to engage into business generating activities. Some of this loan is still running as a form of revolving fund in few places even after the projects phased out.

◆ **Future direction:** The primary future direction SEM is to enhance community based child care programs and to reach more disadvantages children in collaboration with different organizations and individuals so that they are able to access for education, health care, clothing; good sanitation and food. Besides, the organization aims to establishing cost recovery income generating projects to strength local fund raising and to involve indifferent development programs such as Integrated Health Care (IHC) and Education.

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Organizational Back Ground

Sele Enat Mahiber is a combination of three Amharic words whose rough rendering is thus: "Sele Enat" means "in place of mother" and "Mahiber" means "Association." Therefore, "Sele Enat Mahiber" defined as the association works as a mother for Orphaned and vulnerable Children whom it tries to take care of them and those single mothers whom it assist to be economically self-sufficient and self-reliant.

Sele Enat Mahiber established in 2002 with the objective of reaching out the poor and disadvantaged children and their families. Since then the association engaged in different Children focused projects such as Child sponsorship program and Institutional Child Care program focusing on rehabilitation and support of Children and their families so that they could be able to break the cycle of extreme poverty and become self-supportive. Accordingly, Children from different regions of the country and children from different religious and ethnic background have been supported. SEM is legally registered charity association under the new charities and society proclamation No 621/2009 and registered in 2013 with Reg. No 0089.

Vision: to see a society wherein Orphaned and Vulnerable Children get their daily necessities, love, and care, and be free from misery and hunger.

Mission:

1. To alleviate the unbearable suffering and heartbreaking life loss of orphaned and vulnerable Children by providing them with their basic needs while keeping them in the community (within their extended family), and by processing for adoption at home and abroad for those who do not have close kin.
2. To build the economic capacity of house headed mothers by providing financial support for income generating schemes (IGS) through counseling on small scale trades so they will be able to keep their children on having a decent life. Revolving fund is made available for this purpose

Strategies

- Provide financial support for few and selected students of higher learning who have the potential to succeed.
- Support and strengthening house headed women through IGS and counseling on small scale trades and making revolving fund available for them.
- Keep orphans in the community with families members and provide basic needs from sponsors.

Programs and Achievements :

Child Sponsorship program: this program aim to improve the life of the needy children and make them active and creative members of the community through the provision of education, counseling, skill training, physical and socio-economic development activities.

The Children who are included in the program will have access for education, health care, clothing; good sanitation and food for the neediest of them. The good socialization of the sponsored children will also bring a significant impact to protect the social norms from any unlawful behavior.

This program has implemented indifferent regional states and administrative region of Ethiopia. These are: Oromia Regional state (Shashemene Woreda and Illu- Ababora Zone – Mettu town), SNNPR – Jinka, Benishangul Gumz Regional state - Assosa and Addis Ababa City Administration (Nifas Silk Lafto and Akaki Kaliti Sub Cities).

Up to now more than 600 children have been sponsored or provided with financial and material support and now 200 children getting their sponsorship in collaboration with different organizations and individuals.

Recently about 20 University students have got different kind of support from SEM through sponsorship program. Moreover, there are other young people who passed through this program and able to run their own living by themselves – till now 10 students, who were in our sponsorship program, have been graduated from higher education.

Income Generating Scheme (IGS): Women headed households are highly affected by the severity of poverty and do not have stable source of income to feed their families and send their children to school. On top of all this most of needy people are illiterate and their children have to engage in economic activities like casual labor, street vending, shepherding so on, to earn money.



SEM therefore believes that addressing the needs of such impeded and marginalized families and children is timely and, to mitigate their economic problem SEM organizes these disadvantages and poor women house headed into groups so that they could be able to generate their income. The main objective of this program is to alleviate the economic problem of the poor family by empowering them economically through different income generating activities. Accordingly, in Addis Ababa City Administration 50 house headed women were organized in bricks production and other 20 women engaged in six months training on Sewing and Embroidery and hoping that these trainees will graduate after six months and start the business at private level and groups. As, the result the life of these house headed women has been improved and able to feed and send their children to school.

Sele Enat is also implementing women empowerment program in Assosa for 100 economically poor women. They are being empowered by this project and will start small businesses in group.