Hadiya Development and Rehabilitation Network (HDRN)

National Coordinating Office, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Brief Financial and Activities Report

As in the past, HDRN has awarded scholarships and assisted the Hadiya Zone people in various ways. This is the brief report of the scholarship funds in 2012/13. The detailed report, written in Amharic by the Zone Committee, is sent to Dr. Kassamo Dayemo, the HDRN President in early August, 2013.

1. In 2004 EC (2012/13) HDRN awarded 40 scholarships to the selected best students, with poor background in the secondary schools of the Hadiya Zone—two were the highest scorers in the school leaving (university entrance) Exams.

2. 38 students received birr 200 per month for 10 months, while two higher education students received birr 300 per month— a total of birr 82,000.00 was paid to the students by the Zone Coordinating Committee.

3. The total amount of birr sent to the Zone Committee (Ato Assefa Buntie) was birr 86,903.10 (i.e., 87,000 when the bank commission is added). Birr 82,000 was paid to the students and birr 4,903.10 was paid for the various administrative costs.

4. The list of the scholarship recipients, the original receipts, and the photographs of the winners are sent separately, to the HDRN President.

5. Yearly discussions of the Committee members with the beneficiaries have taken place and we think that this is useful to the students and others.

6. It will be recalled that we were requested to check if there was any irregularity concerning two scholarship recipients in the past year. Hence, the case of Tesfatsion Mamo Ergendo and Hanna Mamo Ergendo was investigated by the Zone Committee and there is no bad practice on the
part of the School committee in Gimbichu in processing the selection of two winners from the same family. The father is a civil servant and the kids were top scorers in their respective schools. They won the scholarship on their own merit. The HDRN guidelines does not prohibit such cases.

7. The amount of money remaining with the HDRN account in Addis (Awash bank) is only birr 12,502.60 (plus bank interest).

8. It is to be noted that as of next academic year (2006 EC, 2013/14) there will be 26 senior secondary schools in the Zone. The screening and selection process will be difficult and most schools will receive only one scholarship if the number of scholarships is the same (40, as in this and last years).

9. We would like to request the release/sending of next year’s money soon. If the scholarships number remains the same, it would be just a little over eighty thousand birr.

10. I would like to thank all HDRN supporters on the behalf of the students, their families and the people for the support provided. Thank you and God bless you all.

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Addis Ababa