
I. Introduction
HDRN has been awarding scholarships to needy, but outstanding students in the Hadiya Zone secondary schools (9th-12th grades) for the past several years. In 2010 E.C. (2017/18) it awarded scholarships (funds) to 60 students (30 girls and 30 boys), from 44 schools. The funds were given in two installments, in the First and Second semesters of the academic year. This is the brief report concerning the scholarships, focusing on the activities and the expenses (for the 2010 E.C./2017/18 academic year).

II. Major Activities and the Expenses
1. The Zone Committee, Chaired by Ato Assefa Buntie, instructed 44 secondary and preparatory schools in the Zone, to establish a committee and select one, or two, or three best, but poor students and send their names to the Zone Committee. The numbers of scholarships offered were based on the total number of students in the school (though the most recent schools were not included, as there are 57 schools in the zone). Those with larger number of students received more scholarships (maximum of three).

2. The National Coordinating Committee, Chaired by Prof. Habtamu Wondimu sent Birr 130,000 (one hundred thirty thousand birr) to the Hadiya Zone Committee Chaired by Ato Assefa Buntie in October, 2017. The money was paid to the selected students in February, 2018 and in April, 2018 as First and Second installment respectively.

3. The beneficiaries were 60 students (30M & 30F) from 44 schools (secondary and preparatory schools) from all woredas and Hossana town.

4. The total amount of money paid to the students was birr 130,000.00 and the administrative cost (for photographs, mobile phone cards, refreshment during the payment of the award money, etc.) was birr 8,000. The First installment/payment was birr 66,800.00, while the Second was birr 63,200.00.

5. All the beneficiaries stood within the top 10 rank at least in the First semester of 2010 E.C. in their respective classes.

6. It is reported that the students have used the money to purchase educational materials, assisted others and their own family with the money received from the HDRN.

7. The Zonal Committee has reported that there are 57 high schools (grades 9-12) in the
Hadiya Zone in 2010 E.C. It is good news, but does create some difficulties for the allocation of the limited scholarships (Hence the new schools did not receive this and last years’ scholarships).

8. The total remaining money with the Addis Ababa Committee and Hadiya Zone Committee is birr 16,822.25 (Birr 12,167.93 with AA Committee and Birr 4,654.32 with Hossana Committee). Both committees have HDRN accounts at the Awash International Bank. If needed, it is possible to send the money from the USA directly to the Zonal Committee, Awash International Bank, Hossana, Account number:2301.

9. The list of the scholarship recipients, the receipts signed by the students and the relevant Zonal Committee members, and the photographs of the winners of the scholarships will be brought by hand to the States and handed to the Cashier or President of the HDRN. Also a copy of the detailed report sent to us/me by the Zone Committee will be sent to the same officers of the HDRN in July, 2018.

III. Concluding Remarks
   a. We think that a very good work has been done at the National, Zonal, and schools’ levels. The amount of HDRN money left with us is only birr 16,822.25. We trust that you will send us next year’s (for 2011 E.C.) scholarship funds by October, 2018.

   b. We are planning to conduct a small tracer study concerning whereabouts of the recipients of the HDRN Scholarships in the past years. The study will include the recipients of the scholarship, school directors, Zone education bureau experts, and the zonal committee members. We already have started discussions. In addition to the money we have in the accounts, we plan to fetch some funds from the local sources that would assist for this purpose.

   b. On the behalf of the beneficiaries, and the Committees here in Addis, I would like to express our gratitude to all the HDRN supporters and its leadership for the support rendered.

   Thank you and God bless you all!!

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