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A Since Beneficiary works at EIFCCOS in Addis Ababa

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## SINCE Beneficiaries Engaging in COVID-19 Disinfecting Business

Turning COVID-19 negative impact into a business positive experience is what SINCE Amhara beneficiaries are doing by opening a disinfecting small enterprise. In collaboration with Woldia City Technical, Vocational and Enterprise Development (TVED) office, SINCE Amhara project established one disinfecting small enterprise to support the government in the effort to curb the spread of COVID 19 pandemic. The established SME, composed of six SINCE project beneficiaries, is providing cleaning and disinfection of environmental surfaces as per the WHO guideline to public and private clients including transport service providers. The SINCE Amhara project procured and delivered all the necessary equipment and initial inputs to the SME and,

following the request of the local government, there is a plan to establish 4 additional disinfecting SMEs in other four woredas.

Similarly, Addis Ababa SINCE project, in collaboration with Yeka PES office, facilitated the employment of 22 SINCE beneficiaries in EZT Information Service PLC which is engaged in disinfecting and cleaning government, non-government and private offices and facilities.



SINCE Amhara beneficiaries disinfection SME training

## Day Care Construction for Decent Work Environment

The construction of two day care centers in Butajira and Worabe polytechnic colleges by the SINCE SNNPR project is on its final stage. Each of the day care center is composed by three rooms including places for playing, sleeping, and breastfeeding. The necessary equipment and furniture to properly run the 2 day care centers are also procured by the SINCE project. The constructions are expected to be handed over to the TVET colleges by the end of August 2020.

One of the major focuses of SINCE Programme is improving decent work practices in enterprises and Technical Vocational Educational and Technology (TVET) colleges.

The two day care centers will provide services for the college employees and students with the aim to lower absenteeism, turnover and improve their morale and working environment.



Butajira TVET college day care center under construction

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# A Survey on the Social and Economic Impact of the COVID 19 Pandemic

As a response to COVID- 19, SINCE ILO project “Addressing the Root Causes of Migration in Ethiopia” is contributing to undertake a rapid labour market survey to monitor the social and economic impact of the COVID 19 pandemic. The survey is carried out in the major cities of the 5 implementing areas of the SINCE Programme, namely Mekele, Bahir Dar, Addis Ababa, Adama and Hawassa and is conducted at different time intervals, through randomised phone calls of the working age population in the course of 2020. The assessment report will be shared with different stakeholders in the upcoming months and will provide policy recommendations, including possible changes to the socio-economic response measures that are planned by the Ethiopian government. As a response to the COVID-19 pandemic, ILO has also produced awareness brochures and purchased facemasks and sanitizers for YES centre and unemployed beneficiaries



A Brochure Prepared by ILO SINCE Project

## Condolences

We are sad to report that one SINCE Oromia project beneficiary passed away on 28 July 2020 in Shashemene by a car accident. The unfortunate mishap occurred while the beneficiaries were on their way to reach work on the company service bus. All SINCE Programme team would like to pass its deepest condolences to the family of Meko Husein Kedir . We also express our deep concern for the 2 other SINCE Oromia beneficiaries who are seriously injured by the same accident.

## Digital Information System in Addis Ababa PES Centers

SINCE Addis Ababa has supported the Public Employment Service (PES) centers of Arada, Addis Ketema, Kirkos and Yeka sub cities. The project has provided different support in terms of office space rehabilitation, equipment and capacity building activities to the named PES centers. One of the most relevant provided support is the digitalization of the job matching process through a new on line database system able to manage electronically both job seekers and employment opportunities. Previously the registration of unemployed was performed only manually with evident inefficiencies and limitations. In addition to the job matching, the new online digital

management system solves many problems of identification because is easily handling large amounts and multiple types of employees and employers data which creates a better and modern organized working environment.



Home page of the Addis PES data base system



SINCE Beneficiaries work at DBL group in Mekelle

# Strengthen Public Employment Service Capacity, Tigray Region

The handover ceremony of the equipment provided for the Public Employment Service in Mekelle has been held at Tigray Regional Bureau of Labor and Social Affairs (BoLSA) Regional Office on 10 August 2020. The ceremony was organized by the project DEAL “Development of Innovative Employment oriented schemes and active Labour market measures to increase livelihood and decent work opportunities for vulnerable youth and women at risk of irregular migration in Tigray” implemented by the SINCE Tigray Consortium.

The project has also developed a digital data management system that will support the daily activities of the PES offices and a capacity building training has been conducted for data experts at Regional level, who took responsibilities

ties to cascade it to woreda level.

Speaking at the handover ceremony, Representatives of the Regional Bureau of Labour and Social Affairs, Mrs. Nigisti Wolderfuel has guaranteed that they would do their best to exploit this opportunity and disseminate the tool at Regional Level. The provided equipment, data management system and training will assist PES to function in its full capacity through modernizing data management and improve the unemployed job matching with potential employers.



*SINCE Tigray staff handing over the purchased equipment to the PES center in Mekelle*

## Shamsiya is Now a Cooperative Accountant

### SINCE ACHEIVEMENTS INDICATOR

| No. of trainees who completed the SINCE supported TVETs trainings and received a certificate |              |
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| Target value   | 7.200        |
| <b>Total value achieved</b>  | <b>7.162</b> |
| <b>% of achievement</b>  | <b>99%</b>   |
| Addis Ababa  | 1.448        |
| Amhara   | 1.641        |
| Oromia   | 1.443        |
| SNNP   | 1.167        |
| Tigray   | 1.463        |

Shamsiya Banto is 20 year old and she lives with her parents in Asole kebele of Adaba woreda, Oromia regional state. She dreamed to be successful in her education, but her poor result in grade 10 national exam darkened her hope. She did not get a chance to continue to go to school as her family is very poor and could not afford to pay for college tuition. As a result, she stayed at home for more than one year with no income or means to support herself and contribute to her family.

Fortunately, in August 2018 she was selected as a beneficiary of the SINCE-Oromia project by the kebele and woreda committees. Through SINCE Programme facilitation Shamsiya then received a short-term training in Cooperative Accounting for three consecutive months at Robe Poly technic college. After she finished her training, she was invited to join Haro Hunte durum Wheat Producer Cooperative in Adaba woreda as a cooperative collector group member and this created a path for her employment in the cooperative. On January 2019, she was employed as an Accountant at Haro Hunte Multipurpose Cooperative with a monthly salary of ETB 1,500. Her current income is motivating her to change her life: she is now able to support her extended family and experience economic freedom.



*Shamsiya at her work place in Haro Unte Coopertaive*