



**Atsede Fiseha**

My name is Atsede Fiseha. I was born and raised in South Wollo Zone, Ambassel Woreda 018 Kebele(*Milawi*). I attended my primary education (grade 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>) by living with poor parents who depend on agricultural activities to sustain our living.

When I promoted to grade 9(2012/2013 academic year), I got the opportunity of being selected to join IFSO's Girls' Hostel it established in Wuchale Town. Therefore, attended my secondary and preparatory level education settled at the Girls' Hostel being provided with all the necessities including shelter, food, clothing, school materials, counseling, among others. These supports helped me to focus only to my study which made me to be successful.

I took the 12<sup>th</sup> grade national entrance exam at the end of 2015/2016 academic year and scored an average 363 points which made me eligible to join university education. Accordingly, the Ministry of Education has assigned me at Mekele University (in the Capital City of Tigray Regional State) to study Natural and Computational Science.

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I would like also to have similar support while I am attending my university education, which otherwise would be a challenge for me.