

**Ayal Abera** 

My name is Ayal Abera. I was born and raised in South Wollo Zone, Ambassel Woreda, 06 Kebele (*Minche*). I lost my father when I was 8 months old. I attended my primary level education (from Grade 1 up to Grade 8) by living with my families. Since my parents are very poor, they were not in a position to fulfill my daily needs let alone covering my educational expense.

I was too much worried when I completed my primary education and on the way of continuing my education at high school level. This was because the secondary school is found far away from my parent places and needs extra expenses and difficulties. However, with will of God I got the chance of being recruited for the Girls' Hostel established by IFSO, which resolved my worries.

During my stay in the Girls Hostel I was provided with all my school materials, shelter, sanitary materials and counseling service to mention a few. Since we are leading group life, I learned a lot in the areas of togetherness, team work aspiration for better life.

I took the university entrance exam at the end of 2015/2016 academic year and scored 393 average points which made me eligible to join university education. Accordingly, the Ministry of Education has assigned me at Addis Ababa University to study in the field of Computational Science.

I have no words to praise to good deeds of IFSO and its partner CIFA in supporting and enabling all of us join university education. I thank you so much and hope you will continue supporting me while I am attending my university education as well because I have no one capable to support me.