



Figure 1 Birtukan Meles

My name is Birtukan Meles. I was born in north Wollo Ambasel Woreda in a place called “Yeber”. I was raised by mother because my parents were divorced when I was a child. I attended my primary education in “Yeber” primary school. After completing my primary education, it was very hard to continue my secondary education because my mother could not afford all my school expenses which for the school is situated far from our village.

Fortunately, I got a chance to be selected as one of the hostel service beneficiaries, which was established in Wuchale town in collaboration with IFSO and CIFA. The selection was made by IFSO and the Woreda administration based on the criteria, which was focusing on the selection of outstanding girl students and those who could not continue education because of economy problem.

Accordingly, I spent the last four years by attending my Secondary and Preparatory education without any problem in Wuchale 17 Secondary and Preparatory School which is 5 minutes walking distance from our hostel. IFSO covers all my needs such as, food, sanitary materials, school material, etc. Now I got university entrance result (an average of 448 points) after taking the 12th grade national exam at the end of 2015/2016 academic year.

Now, I am assigned at Addis Ababa University, Science and Technology College in the field of Applied Science which was my long year dream. I would like to express my gratefulness for the support I received in my high school life and I am very much hopeful that the same support will continue so that I will be successful in my university education

In general, I have no words to express my heartfelt gratitude to the organization for IFSO and its staff for I was prevented from different problems and learned a lot how to be successful in my future life. I am also grateful for the sponsors who made our dream possible!