Eden Gashaw

My name is Eden Gashaw. I was born from my mother in Ambasel Woreda Kebele 017 *(Tenkorba Kebele)*. I attended my primary school (1st - 8th grade) in my birth place.

However, when I promoted to grade 9, I faced a big problem for there was no secondary school in or near my village. On the other hand, .it was very difficult for me to attend my education in urban areas because my parents couldn't afford my school and other necessary needs in a place far away from our residential areas.

While I was at a cross road not knowing what to decide, I heard that I was selected as one of IFSO's Girls' Hostel beneficiaries established in Wuchale Town. That changed my life for the better and I attended my secondary and preparatory education properly with other 29 fellow girls being provided with all necessities including shelter, food, clothing, educational material, counseling and the like.

At the end of 2015/2016 academic year, I took the university entrance national exam and scored 414 points that enabled me join university education. I am so happy because my dreams are on the way to be fulfilled.

My stay at the Girls' hostel has changed my life in many ways like how to be successful in my education, how to live with and respect other people, and other important skills.

I am so thankful to IFSO and its staff as well as our sponsors for all the support I received in the past years. Hope the same support continues while I am attending my university education.