

Report - Semain Shoa Biruh Aemiro Scholarship to High Scoring Students on their Higher Education Entrance Examination – First Semester



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Executive Summary

ADHENO has launched a scholarship scheme called 'Semain Shoa Biruh Aemiro Scholarship which accepts seven (7 at least 2F) high scoring students at their higher education entrance exam. The program was launched in February 2023 in the presence of invited guests, scholarship awardee students and their families, ADHENO staff among others. Donors for this unique scholarship scheme are Ato Eyakem Woldehana (Individual sponsor) and Dir Biyabir, a USA based not-for-profit organization.

In his opening speech, Ato Yonathan Fikre, *ADHENO's Executive Director*, stated that the scholarship award includes onetime support (bedding clothes, luggage and sportswear), a laptop and monthly pocket money. The pocket money provision will continue until students complete their studies. He also briefed that the project lifetime will be for 15 years which will be renewed every year. The annual project budget is \$20,000 (twenty thousand USD) which covers both the direct and indirect project costs. Besides, Dir Biyabir contributed \$1,588 (one thousand five hundred eighty eight USD) to cover one-time costs related to bedding, transportation, and sportswear.

Ato Mekasha Alemayehu, guest of honor & Chief Administrator of North Shewa Zone, congratulated students and families. And, he said that it is a symbol of perseverance to be able to achieve this high score while facing many security and other challenges. He further conveyed that if a country wants to have a competent generation, the focus should be on education.

Dr. Yamrot Kinfu ADHENO's *Board Chairperson*, congratulated the students and families for this wonderful achievement. As a professor, she shared her medical school experiences with the students to focus on their studies and to follow their life goals. Haeran Fisseha (*Dir Biyabir's Founder & Chairperson*) and Ato Eyakem Woldehana (*Individual Sponsor for the Scholarship Scheme*) congratulated students and conveyed their messages virtually from the United States of America.

ADHENO has conducted an *Impact Assessment on the Students' Academic Performance* and collected grade reports for the first semester. The assessment result indicates that the scholarship has addressed financial constraints in fulfilling their pressing needs of educational inputs. Also, the onetime support avoided financial burdens on their respective families. Moreover, students confirmed that the scholarship has helped them concentrate on their studies rather than worrying about financial constraints. Likewise, students said that the scholarship scheme has enhanced their academic performance.

Finally, Binyam Mamo has gotten another fully funded scholarship to study in United Arab Emirates (UAE) at the University of Dubai. The scholarship was facilitated by the Ethiopian government to students who achieved excellent results in the 2022 Higher Education Entrance Exam. The fully funded scholarship was given by the government of United Arab Emirates (UAE) for students who scored more than 588 out of 700. Since Binyam scored 594, he has been chosen as one of the 273 Ethiopian students.

Background of the Scholarship Scheme

Ato Eyakem who is based in the United States of America (USA) wanted to establish a scholarship scheme for those high achieving students on their secondary School Leaving Examination in government schools / districts of North Shoa Zone of the Amhara region. According to him, the scholarship program could go on for 15 years via ADHENO as an implementing organization.

<u>Dir Biyabir</u> is a non-profit organization based in the USA also became a matching funder and pledged to cover one time support to beneficiary students. Dir Biyabir has been implementing grassroots projects in Ethiopia in partnership with ADHENO. Areas of project intervention include emergency relief; environmental rehabilitation; sponsorship programs for rural students and school books among other projects in remote rural Ethiopia.

As a result, ADHENO in collaboration with Ato Eyakem Woldehana & Dir Biyabir developed a scholarship scheme called "Semain Shoa Biruh Aemiro Scholarship" which will accept 7(at least 2F) high scoring students at their higher education entrance exam.

The major objective of the scholarship is to help students concentrate on their studies for further academic achievements by covering costs of essential educational inputs such as electronic devices such as computers & software; reference books; bed clothes; and other financial accommodations.

The project lifetime will be for 15 years which will be renewed every year. The annual project budget is \$20,000 which covers both the direct and indirect project costs. Besides, Dir Biyabir will be contributing \$1,588 to cover one-time costs related to bedding (blanket, bed sheet), transportation, and sportswear.

Foundation to the Scholarship Scheme to High Scoring Students

Regarding the financial aspect, Mr. Eyakem has established an account in the U.S for an annual funding of \$20,000.00 and funding will continue for the promised period at same amount annually. Additionally, he recommended that another account for the same identical purpose must be established at the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia to receive the funds and distribute them each year. Besides, he advised that two individuals might be assigned one from ADHENO board member and one from his side who believe in the project to provide oversight by administrating the project including the bank account. These program administrators are responsible to prepare a very short annual report of what happened in the past year and request funding for the following year to continue the program. Dr. Yamrot Kinfu (ADHENO's board chairperson) and Haeran Fisseha (Dir Biyabir's founder & chairperson) were assigned to administrator the scholarship program.

Program Launch & Messages from Officials

ADHENO Integrated Rural Development Association has launched a scholarship program in North Shoa administration of the Amhara Region in February 2023. The scholarship program was designed to award seven (at least 2F) high scoring students at their Higher Education Entrance Examination.

At the launching program distinguished guests, school principals, scholarship awardee students and their families, ADHENO staff and board members were in attendance. Ato Yonathan Fikre, *ADHENO's Executive Director*, welcomed the guests and highlighted the scholarship scheme. He congratulated students for scoring the highest in the North Shoa zone. He further said that the major objective of the scholarship is to help students concentrate on their studies for further academic achievements by covering costs of essential educational inputs such as electronic devices such as computers & software; reference books; bed clothes; and other financial accommodations.

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Lists of students who won the award

S/	Student Name	Sex Age Sc		School Name	Score	University	Tel.
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1	Binyam Mamo Sharew	M	19	Mehal Meda	594	Addis Ababa	0901044214
2	Betigistu Goshu Ayalew	M	18	Alem Ketema	585	Debre Birhan	0925908072
3	Betelhem Bekalu Taye	F	17	Mehal Meda	579	Addis Ababa	0983061101
4	Beshah Ashenafe Abebe	M	19	Shewa Robit	577	Addis Ababa	0948100497
5	Addisu Beshah Beyene	M	18	Shewa Robit	570	Addis Ababa	0954166599
6	Gelila Asefa Wube	F	18	Shewa Robit	569	Addis Ababa	0920145035
7	Habtegebrael Girma Terefe	M	18	Ankober	564	Debre Birhan	0970659932

Table 1: Information about the scholarship awardee students

Ato Mekasha Alemayehu, guest of honor & Chief Administrator of North Shewa Zone, said that it is a symbol of perseverance to be able to achieve this high score while facing many security and other challenges. He thanked the talented students for such profound achievements. He

further emphasized that if a country wants to have a competent generation, the focus should be on education.



Figure 1: While Ato Mekasha delivering his message & handing over one time supports to awardee students

Head for the education office of North Shoa Zone, Ato Wossen Legesse, was also present. He conveyed that the recognition and the awards are given not only to students but also to their parents. Also, he appreciated such impactful initiatives to see in North Shoa. Participants of the launching program stressed that attention should be given to education because there is no country that has grown and changed without education.



Figure 2: Ato Wossen Legesse (head for the North Shoa Education Office)

Dr. Yamrot Kinfu ADHENO's *Board Chairperson*, congratulated the students and families for this wonderful achievement. As a professor, she shared her medical school experiences with the students to focus on their studies and to follow their life goals. She further shared experiences of her outstanding students at Black Lion Referral Hospital.

Haeran Fisseha (*Dir Biyabir's Founder & Chairperson*) and Ato Eyakem Woldehana (*Individual Sponsor for the Scholarship Scheme*) congratulated students and conveyed a message virtually from the United States of America.



Figure 3: Haeran Fisseha while conveying a message virtually from the USA



Figure 4: Bethelem Bekalu (one of the scholarship awardee students) forwarding her sincere gratitude to sponsors



Figure 5: Partial views of participants the program launch and Ato Mekasha Alemayehu (pictured 10th from left), Chief Administrator of North Shoa Zone



Figure 6: Ato Yonathan Fikre (ADHEN's ED) with scholarship awardee students



Figure 7: Ato Mekasha Alemayehu (Chief Administrator of North Shewa Zone) with scholarship awardee students

Impact Assessment on Students' Academic Performance and Grade Reports

ADHENO has conducted an assessment on the academic performance and the impact of the scholarship on beneficiary students. Ato Sefinew Demlie (*ADHENO's Program Officer*) has conducted on phone interview with beneficiary students.

A data collected from *Betigistu Goshu and Habte-Gebrael Girma*, both are studying at Debre-Berhan university, indicates that the support is assisting them in covering expenses related to copy and print of educational documents. Additionally, they use the monthly stipend as a food supplementary when needed. They both said that the financial support enhanced their self-esteem. Habtegebrael said that it would have been very difficult to attend classes properly without the support. They both have taken several exams to study Medicine. They are waiting for their results. *Betigistu* has scored 4.0 with five (5) courses A⁺.

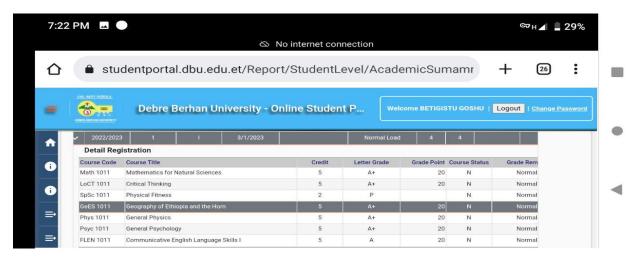


Figure 8: Betigistu's grade report

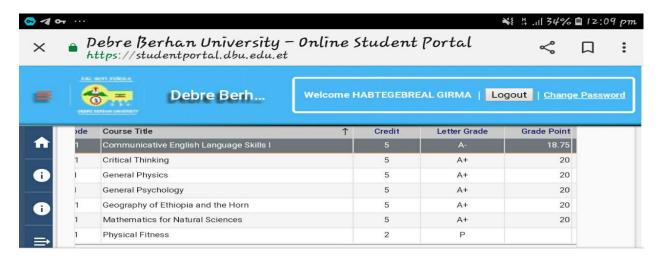


Figure 9: Habtegebrael's grade report with five A⁺

Beshah Ashenafi has taken freshman courses. He has joined the department of information systems at Addis Ababa University. He made sure that the scholarship helped him cover all education related expenses. He further said that he uses the stipend for education purposes only. For other expenses, he is using the money being sent from his parents and relatives.

No.	Course Title	Code	Credit Hour	ECTS	Grade	
A	cademic Year : 2022	2/23, Y	ear I, Semest	er : One		
1	Critical Thinking	LoCT 1011	3.00	5.00	В	Assessmen
2	General Psychology	Psyc 1011	3.00	5.00	Α-	Assessmen
3	Physical Fitness	SpSc 1011	3.00	5.00	PASS	Assessmen
4	General Physics	PHY 1011	3.00	5.00	Α.	Assessmen
5	Mathematics for Natural Sciences	Math 1011	3.00	5.00	B+	Assessmen
6	Communicative English Language Skills I_	FLEn 1011	3.00	5.00	В	Assessmen
7	Geography of Ethiopia and the Horn	GeES 1011	3.00	5.00	Α	Assessmen
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Figure 10: Beshah's grade report

Addisu Beshah on his part told that the scholarship is benefiting him beyond expected. He is still taking freshman courses at Addis Ababa University. And, he planned to study either economics or Law. Addisu has scored 4.0.

Natural Science Freshman Student Course Checklist

		Student Course Checklist								
Student Name: Department: Program:		ADDISU BESHAH BEYE Natural Science Freshn Natural Science Freshn	Y	Student ID: UGR/3120/15 Year: 1 Current Semester Courses						
Major Course Course Code	es	Course Title	Course ECTS	Course Grade	Gr. Point	Remark				
FLEn 1011	Communicative English Language Skills		5.00	А	20					
LoCT 1011	Critical Thinking		5.00	А	20					
PHY 1011	General Physics		5.00	Α	20					
Psyc 1011	General Psychology		5.00	Α	20					
GeES 1011	Geography of Ethiopia and the Horn		5.00	Α	20					
Math 1011	Mathematics for Natural Sciences		5.00	A+	20					
SpSc 1011	Physical Fit	iness	5.00	PASS	0					
	•	Total	35.00		120					

Figure 11: Addisu's grade report

Bethelhem Bekalu is one of the scholarship awardees who joined Addis Ababa University. She joined the department of Medicine. She scored 4.0 in the first semester.

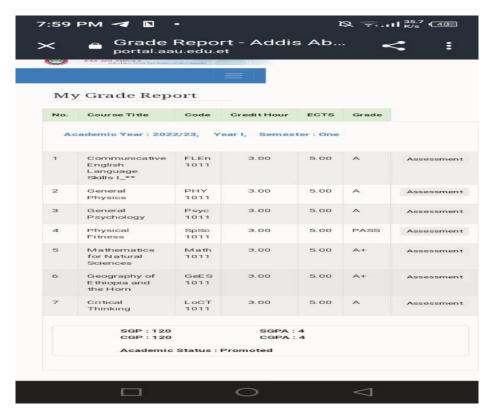


Figure 12: Bethelhem's grade report from the University's portal

Gelila Assefa is taking pre-engineering courses at Addis Ababa University to study Engineering. She scored 3.83 in the first semester.



Figure 13: Gelila's grade report

Binyam Mamo is one of the scholarship beneficiaries. He scored 3.92 in the first semester. He forwarded his sincere thanks for the generosity and believing in his potential. Due to the scholarship, he said that he was able to pursue his dreams of attending his higher education without worrying about financial constraints. According to him, the support has not only relieved his family's financial burden but also inspired him to excel in his studies.

Fortunately, Binyam Mamo has gotten another scholarship to study in United Arab Emirates (UAE) at Dubai University. He had written a thank you letter to ADHENO, Ato Eyakem & Haeran.

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Assessment	PASS	5.00	3.00	SpSc 1011	Physical Fitness	-1
Assessment	^	5.00	3.00	FLEn 1011	Communicative English Language Skills	2
Assessment	^	5.00	3.00	Math 1011	Mathematics for Natural Sciences	3
Assessment	^	5.00	3.00	GeES 1011	Geography of Ethiopia and the Horn	4
Assessment	A+	5.00	3.00	PHY 1011	General Physics	5
Assessment	Α-	5.00	3.00	Psyc 1011	General Psychology	6
Assessment	^-	5.00	3.00	LOCT 1011	Critical Thinking	7

Figure 14: Binyam's grade report

To sum up, the results of the data collection indicates that the scholarship has addressed financial constraints in fulfilling their pressing needs of educational materials, clothing, and other accommodations. Moreover, the onetime support avoided financial burdens on their respective families. Also, students confirmed that the scholarship has helped them concentrate on their studies rather than worrying about costs of essential educational inputs. Finally, they said that the scholarship scheme has enhanced their academic performance.

Binyam Mamo Has Won another Scholarship!

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The fully funded scholarship was given by the government of United Arab Emirates (UAE) for students who scored more than 588 out of 700. Since Binyam scored 594, he has been chosen as one of the 273 Ethiopian students. He is assigned at the University of Dubai. He planned to major in computer science. He will be traveling to UAE very soon.

At the launching program of the scholarship, ADHENO promised to students to buy each one of them to buy a laptop computer when they become second year students. However, Binyam requested a laptop before his departure to UAE. Hence, ADHENO expedited the purchasing process of the laptop. Finally, Binyam received a Dell laptop computer and the remaining balance at a lump sum which was supposed to be given for five years.







Figure 14: While Selomie handing over the laptop to Binyam

Appendixes

Appendix 1: Financial Report

	Financial Report on Semain Sh	oa Biruh A	Aemiro Sch	olarship		
S/N	Activities	Unit	Amount	Single Cost	Total Cost(ETB)	Remark
	One time support					
	Blanket	Number	7	2000	14,000	
	Bed sheet	Number	7	900	6,300	
	Luggage	Number	7	2000	14,000	
	Transportation	Number	7	1986	13,902	
	Sportswear	Number	7	2997	20,979	
	Sub Total	Birr		9,883	69,181	
	Monthly Stipend to students for the last five months (864 *5=4320)	Number	7	4320	30,240	
	Binyam's expenses					
	Dell laptop computer	Number	1	80500	80,500	
	Remaining balance for five years	Number	1	35,360	35,360	
	Sub-total				115,860	
	Administration Costs					
	Program launch costs related to refreshment, allowance and documentation		1	67,835	67,835	
	Costs for project appraisal and signing workshop	People	6	1500	9,000	
	Sub total	•		69335	76,835	
	Grand Total				292,116	

Appendix 2: Confirmation letter that indicates Binaym had received his award

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Semain Shoa Biruh Aemiro Scholarship Award

Laptop and Cash Receipt Format

I the underlined Binyam Mamo Sharew, Semain Shoa Biruh Aemiro Scholarship Awardee student have gotten another scholarship to study at Dubai University in United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Therefore, as per the MOU signed between ADHENO: Integrated Rural Development Association and Semain Shoa Biruh Aemiro Project I was awarded one Laptop and monthly pocket money (864 Birr) for five academic years.

I learnt that the budget allocated for a laptop was 68,340 (Sixty Eight Thousand Three Hundred Forty). However, based the proforma collected, the price for a good laptop was found to be 80,500 (Eighty Thousands Five Hundred) ETB. The remaining balance of pocket money allocated to me for five years was 47,520 (Forty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Twenty).

In this regard, I agreed to use 12,160 ETB to top up for the purchase of the laptop from the 47,520 ETB. Therefore, the laptop was bought for 80,500 ETB.

Hence, this is to confirm that I received one Laptop and the remaining amount of pocket money which is 35,360 (*Thirty-Five Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Five*) by Check **No: 41362821** from ADHENO: Integrated Rural Development Association before my travel to the United Arab Emirates (Dubai University).

On behave of ADHENO

Name: Selomite Hulia

Date: 16 8 12023

Received by

Name: Binyam Mamo

Signature:

Date: 16/08 2023



Appendix 3: Thank you Letters from Binyam to ADHENO, Ato Eyakem & Haeran

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