

CURRICULUM VITAE

1. Personal Details

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3- Educational Background

University/ College	Country	Area of study	Degree/Diploma	Date
Oslo University	Norway	Special Needs Education	G. Diploma	Aug/05
Addis Ababa University	Ethiopia	Special Needs Education	M.A	Aug/04
Joensuu University	Finland	Special Needs Education	B.A	Aug/98
Kotebe Teachers College	Ethiopia	Chemistry	Diploma	Aug/96
Robe Teachers Training Institute	Ethiopia	Teaching	Certificate	Aug/85
Management Institute	Ethiopia	Rural based dev't	Certificate	Sep/2000
Addis Ababa Education Bureau	Ethiopia	Result oriented Performance manage.	Certificate	Jan/04
Ethio-Computer Center	Ethiopia	PC Computer Skill	PC Diploma	Jan/02
Adult None Formal Education Association	Ethiopia	Adult & none formal education management	Certificate	Feb./06

4- Work Experience

Primary school teacher	1985-1992
Junior School Teacher	1993-1995
Junior School Special Needs Education Teacher	1996
High school teacher	2001-2002
Special Needs Education Expert at Addis Ababa Education Bureau	2004- Feb.2006
In-country project coordinator: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Disability Screening Pilot Ethiopia Project, Addis Ababa	Since Apr.2006
Lecturer at Addis Ababa University	Since December, 2006
PhD candidate	Since December, 2008

5- Current Responsibilities

- Up grading capacity of teachers in relation to diversity in educational needs and possible supports, through provision of training, reference books, appropriate teaching learning materials.
- Upgrading education leadership role at Sub-city, Kebele and school level.
- Developing project proposals, fund raising,
- Implementing projects, follow up and evaluation
- Professional and technical assistance at school level.
- Developing partnership between the Education Bureau, Non-governmental organizations, Associations and others
- Supervision and assistance at school level.

- Need Assessment and reporting.
- Managing OECD Disability Screening Pilot Project
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6- Experience as a Trainer

- Community based rehabilitation social workers training
- Primary school teachers training in relation to education of children with special needs.

7. Research, Paper, Report

- **Undergraduate essay:** Teacher Attitude towards Behaviorally Disordered Students.
- **Graduate thesis:** Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) and its Effect on Children with *Mental Retardation [a case of four CBR organizations]*
- Situation of Special Needs Education in Addis Ababa: unpublished article
- Situation analysis on special needs education at Hararie region. (Report)

8. Training Material.

Title: Community Based Rehabilitation: A Training Manual for Community workers and School Teachers (2005)

9. Presentation

- Action towards inclusive education in Addis Ababa. (Presented for special education teachers from colleges and regional education bureau representatives in Jun. 2004).
- Action towards inclusion in Addis Ababa, Presented for Tigray region education leaders, Mekele

10. Member ship

- Ethiopian Special Needs Education Professional Association member and executive committee, as of Jan/2004
- Disability forum member, May/ 2005
- Ethiopian Psychologist Association member, Oct /2005

11. Awards/Fellowship

Fellow ship, undergraduate study, Joensuu University, 1996-1998

Fellow ship, Graduate study, Addis Ababa University, 2003-2004

Fellow ship, Summer school, Oslo University, Aug 2005

12. References

Professor Tirussew Teffera, Addis Ababa University, Tel.251-911242546

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