

**Sida Projects' Coordination Office held inaugural meeting of Sida  
research grant-winners of special needs and female PhD students and  
their supervisors,  
Sarem Hotel, 20 April 2020**



Sida research grant winners of special needs (6) and female PhD students (6) and their supervisors, 20 April 2021, Sarem Hotel, Addis Ababa

With the support of Sida Special Needs Support Center and Women, Children and Youth Affairs Directorate, in 2020/2021 budget year plan, has a budget to give research grant for 6 female and 6 Special Needs PhD students. To accomplish this task announcement posted in AAU website, a selection committee organized and 12 winners were selected. Among 6 special needs PhD students 3 students case is pended because they need to submit documents for the selection committee.

Dr. Yirgashewa Bekele, Director of Special Needs Support Center said in her opening speech that the purpose of this meeting was to congratulate grant winners and their advisors and to discuss about selection process and expected outcomes of this research grant.

Sida Project Coordinator, Special Needs Support Center Director, Women, Children and Youth Affairs Director, Graduate Office Director, selection committees, grant winners and their advisors participated in the meeting.

Professor Brook Lemma, Sida Project Coordinator said that, female and special needs students participation in education is very low, this is the reason why we discuss with Sida and AAU to create this pilot project to support female and special needs PhD students. This meeting will help us to introduce Ourselves and to have clear image about donor expectation. Professor Brook Lemma also said that as this research grant is a pilot project, its success will be an input for our future project activities.



Sida Projects' Coordinator Professor Brook Lemma explaining the Purpose of the meeting to participants

Mr. Matebe Tarekegen, Director of Women, Children and Youth Affairs (AAU), acknowledged the support of Sida and said that the grant winners will sign an agreement and will present progress report. There will be continuous progress follow-up (monitoring).

During the meeting financial and procurement issues were discussed. Mr. Belaynew Mengistu project controller explains what project finance department expects from grant winners and he also said that his office always welcome them if they need any support regarding financial issues. Questions rose from participants about financial laws and regulations. Professor Brook Lemma and Mr. Belaynew Mengistu try to address the questions raised by participants.

PhD student's advisors share their experience, recognized Sida support and promise to follow and support their students to make sure that this pilot project is successful.

Grant winners thanks Sida for the support as it increase women participation in research. One of the grant winners Simret Terefe said that she benefited from Sida women scholarship during her Master degree, and she recognized Sida support because students face different challenges during their study and this support encourage them and solve their financial problems.

Finally Professor Brook Lemma highlighted that as a donor Sida needs to see publications, so we expect publication from this pilot project. Professor Brook Lemma thanks all the meeting participants and said that Sida projects Coordination office door is always open to the grant winners and project staffs are glad to support by giving all the necessary information they needed.



Grant-winners 6 Female students and 1 special needs PhD student presented at inaugural meeting, Left to right: Kidist Asefa, Eleni G/Meskel, Shewaye Mersha, Fanos Mengistu, Simret Terefe, Besalem Shiferaw, and Mr. Jamal Abdulakader.

### Female PhD students' Sida research grant-winners

No	Name	College	Department	Proposal Title	Advisor name	Admission Year
1	Kidist Asefa	Addis Ababa Institute of Technology(AAiT)	Civil and Environmental engineering	Law flow Analysis for Un gagged Regime in Ethiopia	Dr. Belete Berehanu	2011
2	Fanos Mengistu	College of humanity, language studies journalism and communication(CHLJC)	Oromo language, literature and Folklore	Construction and perception of Gender Issues in Arsi Oromo Folklore (Ijaarsaafi Ibsa Dhimmoota Koorniyaa Fokloorii Oromo Arsii)	Dr. Tilahun Telila	2011
3	Shewaye Mersha	Ethiopian institute of Architecture, building construction and city development (EiABC)	Urban and Regional planning	Informal Land Transformation in the peri- Urban area of Addis Ababa	Dr. Ephrem Gebremariam	2010
4	Besalem Shiferaw	College of Natural and Computational Science (CNS)	Zoology Science	Population status, Activity pattern and Ecology of African White-Backed Vultures (Gyps African us) in and around Wolkitie town, Gurage Zone, Ethiopia.	Dr. Bezawork Afewor	2010
5	Eleni G/Meskel	Ethiopian institute of Architecture, building construction and city development (EiABC)	Urban and Regional planning	Transport Vulnerability and coping Strategy in Addis Ababa: A focus on public transit users	Dr. Dipl- Ing Berehanu Woldetensae	2010
6	Simret Terefe	College of Development Study (CDS)	Food Security	Climate Risk Management and the Quest for food Security Resilience in the Central of Valley of Ethiopia	Dr. Ermiyas Teferi	2011

**Special needs students' Sida research grant- winners**

<b>No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>College</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Proposal Title</b>	<b>Advisor name</b>	<b>Admission Year</b>
1	Jamal Abdulakader	Foreign Language and Literature	Foreign language & literature	Investigating the practices of teacher-student Oral interaction in EFL classroom	Nuru Mohammed (Dr)	2010
2	Musema Aman	Foreign Language and Literature	Foreign language & literature	The Effects of perceptual Learning Style Reading Strategy on Reading Proficiency of EFL Learners.	Germew Lemu (Dr)	2010
3	Mohammed Yimam	Environmental Program College of Natural science	Center of Environmental science	Response of soil Quality to land use, Climate change and Heavy metal stressor in Upper Awash River Basin, Ethiopia.	Dr. Eyasu Elias (Associated Prof)	2012

