20th Anniversary of Forum on Street Children Ethiopia

20 years of Promoting and Implementing Child Protection (1989_2009)

Forum on Street Children Ethiopia
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Acknowledgement

It is with great pleasure that we commemorate today, (December 22, 2009) the 20th Anniversary of FSCE, which commenced its operations on December, 1992. During the 2 decades of its effective operations, FSCE has attained remarkable results by reaching the disadvantaged children, mainly those on the streets, sexually abused and exploited, trafficked, physically abused and exploited, orphans and vulnerable children and children in conflict with the law. The achievements so far gained in protecting and rehabilitating thousands of children was possible only as a result of the involvement and backing of many stakeholders. In this respect our heart felt thanks go to:-

- the FSCE Board members, for their distinguished leadership and contributions during their period of services
- Donors. All the operations of FSCE could not have been successful without the invaluable financial and technical support our donors provided us duly. We forward our acknowledgements and express our deepest appreciations to all of them.
- Our heart felt thanks are due to all government partners, and Kebele administrations of all the operational areas of FSCE, who contributed to our successful performances, the police members, specially, the Addis Ababa Police Commission, who demonstrated its strong commitment to the prevention of child trafficking. We thank them all for their effective collaborations.
- Community members in all the operational areas of FSCE deserve our appreciations. The community members and their representatives have played important roles in making the works of FSCE an integral part of their own duties. They have made FSCE activities community centered and sustained some of the programs and services. We thank them all for their unreserved cooperation and contributions.
- We would like to convey our gratitude to CBOs, like iddir, professional associations, etc with other
concerned government representatives who have shown unreserved commitment to stand with us in combating child trafficking. We acknowledge and recognize their contributions with appreciation and respect.

- The staff of FSCE. The pivotal roles have been played by the staff of FSCE. The results attained were mainly due to the diligent efforts exerted by the rank and file of the whole staff members who spearheaded the implementations of all the planned programs and services of FSCE. They all deserve the highest thanks and recognitions for their industrious services.

Finally, would like to express our determination and heartfelt wishes for the future success of FSCE. It is our profound hope that FSCE’s partners and all other stakeholders will continue supporting us in the years ahead. With them all, we will strive to perform better by using opportunities and by facing challenges and make exerted efforts to provide a brighter future for the disadvantaged children.
Message from the Board
Chairman

In its 20 years of life time, FSCE with its partners have been doing a great deal to ensure a better and brighter future for thousands of disadvantaged children it has been committed to serve. By so doing, FSCE has made a huge impact on all its beneficiaries, communities and stakeholders. Never the less, the challenges encountered at various levels in all these years were not that easy.

The excellent efforts it has made and the results procured by FSCE in those 20 years of its services in areas of children exposed to street life, sexually abused and exploited, trafficked, physically abused and exploited, orphans and vulnerable children and children in conflict with the law, etc, is based on the belief that protecting and safeguarding children’s rights is the cornerstone and a guarantee to nurturing responsible future citizens.

In deed, FSCE is commendable for its excellent achievements regarding rehabilitating disadvantaged children, in protecting and prompting children’s rights covering all the target areas it has been operating in. The outstanding achievements have been attained due to the participatory and viable community based programs, well planned activities, refined strategic plans incorporating clearly stated vision, mission, values and workable approaches.

FSCE has been carrying out constructive programs like prevention and support activities, advocacy and child protection, child development programs, capacity building activities, etc. These programs have been developed to serve the disadvantaged children. Great achievements have been scored in all these programs.

As a pioneer child focused humanitarian organization, FSCE has been closely working with the police with the aim of creating and promoting child-friendly environment for street children, children in conflict with the law and abused children by initiating and jointly implementing multifaceted child focused programs.
The Board of FSCE and its staff share mutual interest in the well-being of urban disadvantaged children. Though the Board mainly deals with policy directions and in giving voluntary leadership, support and regularly monitoring the core programs are among the responsibilities accomplished by the board. Such concerted efforts have helped in building the trust of the donors which made them committed to provide perpetual support.

FSCE along with all its supporters celebrates 20 years of dedicated service extended to the disadvantaged children in order to protect and promote their wellbeing. For these children FSCE always meant protection, support, and an opportunity to a better life: at the present and in future.

Finally, FSCE’s two decades commendable work was possible thanks to our donors, implementing partners, the federal and local governments, the entire community involved in our intervention areas, the target children and other beneficiaries as well as all the staff and board of FSCE.

I strongly believe that the lessons learnt in the two decades so far would enable us to further strengthen expand our efforts in the years to come so as to reach and support as many disadvantaged and vulnerable children as possible.

Board Chairman
Mengste Ayele
Message from the Executive Director

It is now twenty long years since Forum on Street Children was conceived as a medium of meetings and information exchange on child development activities in Ethiopia. In 1989, experts working on children’s development were drawn from the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, Rehabilitation Agency, UNICEF, Save the Children Federation- USA, Norway and Sweden, Christian Children Fund- USA, Hope Enterprises, Irish Goal, and Italian Cooperation came together to establish a forum where they share relevant information and experiences on issues regarding children and to coordinate efforts.

Eventually, in 1992, the subsequent meetings and information exchanges developed into the birth of an association that was legally registered by the Ministry of justice as an indigenous non-governmental organization and took the name Forum on Street Children Ethiopia/FSCE/.

Since then, FSCE has been promoting and implementing child protection programmes. Its child focused activities have been expanded from a single project located in Addis Ababa to other four major towns of the country – Adama, Bahirdar, Dessie and DireDawa. Its programme has also grown from exchange of information and experiences to Advocacy and Child Protection, Sexual Abuse, Exploitation and Trafficking Prevention, Holistic and Integrated Child Development Program and Child Resource Development and Capacity Building program. Through such integrated child right promotion, protection and rehabilitation interventions the developmental needs and rights of many thousands of children, families and community members have been realized.

So, today, after twenty years of inception and development, my personal view is that, FSCE has made great strides in promoting and implementing the child protection works in Ethiopia. I would, therefore, like to take this opportunity to thank the founders, board members and all others who amazingly volunteered and dedicated to the creation and development of FSCE. I would also like to congratulate its committed staff, dedicated
donors, communities and all partners who supported and shared the mission, by contributing towards the growth and development of the organization.

On the other hand, despite all these impressive achievements made by FSCE and its partners as well as other international and national endeavors put in place to protect children, the 2009 UNICEF report on child protection indicators depicts that child abuse, harm and exploitation as revealed in terms of attitude towards domestic violence, child marriage, female genital mutilation/cutting, child labor and the likes still persist in Ethiopia. To respond to this social reality and following the Issuance of the new charities and society’s proclamation, Forum on street children Ethiopia has re-aligned its commitment by re-naming itself as Forum on Sustainable Child Empowerment /FSCE/ and by crafting its core programs towards preventing, protecting and rehabilitating vulnerable children from harm, abuse and exploitation.

As we head in to the 20th anniversary, therefore, FSCE will mark the event by re-committing itself to new name, mission and revitalized energy for sustainable empowerment of vulnerable children in Ethiopia. Solving the problems children living in poverty and helping those vulnerable to various risks of harm, abuse and exploitation will remain the major cause for the existence of Forum on Sustainable Child Empowerment (FSCE).

And as all the past achievements and gains were because of you, our future dreams on this regard will be realized through the continued support and assistance of our strategic partners and stakeholders. We highly count on you in our effort to confront the challenges of tackling the problems of vulnerable children living in poverty.

I Once again thank you very much for joining the effort of easing the lives of vulnerable children in Ethiopia.

With Warmest Regards,
Meseret Tadesse
Executive Director
Founders of FSCE

The following are the pioneering founders of the FSCE who felt the need and to act in order to deliver children from their appalling living conditions in the streets.

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Office bearers of the FSCE over the last twenty years period

It is under the creative and dexterous leadership of these Executive Directors with the support of FSCE Board, management, staff and all other stakeholders that the organization has scored tremendous success.

Fasil W/ Mariam  
Executive Director  
1995 - 2003

Tedral G/ Mariam  
Co - Director  
2003 - 2006

Amakelew Cherkosie  
Co - Director 2003 -2006  
Executive Director 2006 -2007
Emergence, Establishment and Development of FSCE

FSCE was initially established based on the demand that arose and necessitated urgent response to cope with and to curb the increase in the number of orphaned and abandoned children in Addis Ababa caused by the drought and famine of 1984/85.

Apart from this, globally there was also a felt need to solve the problematic situations looming in the different countries of the world. With the inception of industrialization, children were driven into the streets of cities, to lead a destitute life. This led the UN to take the initiative and come up with the historical document, the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) whereby several nations met and formulated a Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of children.

Hence, a group of 11 Ethiopian dedicated social development professionals working in child-focused organizations founded Forum on Street Children - Ethiopia (FSCE) at the end of 1989 in response to the saddening plight of children left orphaned and thrown out into the streets as a result of the unprecedented drought and the resultant famine.

FSCE, although unofficially, had been operating since 1989 with heavy concern on exchange of relevant information and experiences among its then members, that eventually contributed to working out a project proposal action plan, leading to coordination of efforts, and the formation of the association it is now named after.

Members of FSCE were drawn from the Ministry of labor and Social Affairs, Rehabilitation Agency, UNICEF, Save the Children Federation-USA, Norway and Sweden, Christian Children’s Fund-USA, Hope Enterprises, Irish Goal, Italian Cooperation, and other professionals of high level expertise working in the fields of Administration, Finance, law and social work.

As provided by the relevant laws of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, FSCE has been duly registered with the
Ministry of Justice in 1992 as indigenous non-political, non-religious, non-profit making and non-government organization with the registration number 237.

Initially, FSCE started its work by employing one qualified program coordinator and six field workers, who are formerly street children themselves. Its office was within the premise of SCF-USA street children project (Drop in Center).

FSCE began its long journey by installing a pilot project in May 1992 based in Addis Ababa around Kirqoss, Woreda 21, Kebele 25, 31, and 32 targeting 300 high risk street children and their immediate families. Now, it has spread out and is implementing programs focusing on the promotion and protection of the rights of children, particularly street children, sexually abused and exploited children, trafficked children, physically abused children, and children in conflict with the law in five cities: Addis Ababa (Merkato, Addis Ababa CPU and Akaki Kaliti), Nazareth, Bahr Dar, Dessie and Dire Dawa.

Currently FSCE is governed by a General Board and an Executive Committee; whereas an Executive Director heads the Secretariat that looks into the day-to-day activities of the organization. FSCE has now 215 staff members with different professional background.
Vision

FSCE’s vision is to see the rights of disadvantaged children respected by the society.

Mission

As a child-oriented and rights-based organization, FSCE’s mission is to work for the respect of the rights of street children, sexually abused and exploited children, physically abused children, children in conflict with the law, trafficked children and OVC (orphans and other vulnerable children).

FSCE’s Guiding Values

In order to realize its vision and mission with success, FSCE has adopted guiding values and principles strictly adhered to by all members: the board, management and staff alike. In the twenty years of its endeavor to solve the multifaceted problems of disadvantaged children, it has committed itself to these core values and has consequently reaped tremendous positive outcomes. These values include the following:-

- Respect of equal rights for all stakeholders to participate (children etc.)
- Partnership as a two-way process based on mutual trust and benefit.
- Commitment to gender equality both at institutional and programmatic level.
- Transparency (both in operation and utilization of resources).
- Accountability in observance to its legal, ethical and social obligations.
- Empowerment of beneficiaries
- Teamwork with the principle that building teams is a powerful force that binds the organization and its members together.
- Respect for beneficiaries and partners is one of FSCE values enabling it to respect their social, cultural, spiritual, legal and ethical values.
- Non-discrimination
- Working for the best interest of children
- Quality work and dynamism
- Rights-based-ness as the core of all FSCE activities
General Strategies

**Advocacy:** This strategy has facilitated the perpetual endeavor put in place by FSCE in terms of lobbying for the implementation of the CRC

**Public Awareness Raising:** Through this strategy, FSCE was able to target various sectors of the society to raise their awareness regarding problems faced by disadvantaged children, street children, sexually abused and trafficked as well as children in conflict with the law. Workshops, seminars, various publications, meetings and the mass media have been utilized intensively to realize this goal.

**Implementing of Pilot and Model Projects:** This strategy focused on creating opportunities to support and empower children, parents and the community at large who are toiling to make ends meet with low income or no income. FSCE has been able to engage the needy in income raising activities.

**Information Sharing, Networking, Research and Training:** Through this strategy, FSCE has been able to network and build the capacity of governmental organizations working for a better life for children.
Core programs of FSCE and their Positive Outcomes

FSCE embarked upon its long journey of working to improve the life of children who are deprived of their rights and exposed to dangers that hamper their growth and development by arming itself with the following core programs

**Advocacy and Child Protection Program**

The main objective of this program is to advocate for the rights of the child through the creation of awareness among the society at large and to sensitize government policy makers to take positive measures toward this goal.

**Child Protection Program**

FSCE is pleased to acknowledge the positive outcomes registered in this regard in cooperation with the Addis Ababa Police Commission as well as regional and zonal police at the various levels. The following are some of the major achievements of FSCE under this program.

- It has established ten Child Protection Units (CPUs) in Addis Ababa police stations (in most of the sub-cities) and in other cities where FSCE is operating.
- In collaboration with other partners and the full commitment of the courts “child friendly benches” have been established in Adama/Nazareth city and at the federal first instance courts in Addis Ababa. The establishment of such juvenile benches has opened a way to legally handle cases in a child friendly manner.
- The program in collaboration with the police has enabled the handling of 26,047 reported cases of child abuses, and 11,496 cases of children in conflict with the law.
- FSCE has also trained key members of the police force in child rights issues and basic criminal investigation to create a friendly environment for children.
- It was also possible to prepare a training manual to be used
for training the police on issues of child rights and in the handling of children.

- Along with this, public awareness raising practice is in full swing.

- There is an apparent change of attitude among the community and the police in the way children are being treated both in the police stations and on the streets.

- Thus, as a result of FSCE efforts doubled with the collaboration of all other stakeholders, the incorporation of the child protection program in the formal structure of the police was possible. This has paved the way for the protection, promotion and recognition of the children’s rights.

- There is an apparent show of increased concern and interest in issues of the rights of children as the result of advocacy and awareness creation.

- The successive advocacy and awareness creation program at various levels have spurred municipalities, regional states and relevant government organizations to work hand-in-hand to prevent child trafficking, Street-ism, sexual abuse and exploitation.

- Other regional police commissions have begun requesting FSCE to initiate similar programs in their respective regions.

**Community Based Correction Programs**

Correction programs were laid with the help of the community and other stakeholders to rehabilitate children who get involved in petty offences going against the law. This program was first piloted in Addis Ababa and now has been replicated in three cities namely: Dessie, Bahr Dar and Dire Dawa. This program, which is implemented with full participation of the community, children, the school, community elders, government officials, child right promoters and the kebele leaders, has scored tremendous success proving its effectiveness and benefiting numerous children.
• It has established eleven community-based correction centers in Addis Ababa.

• The number of detained children in the police detention centers has dropped sharply, mainly due to the establishment of the Community-Based Correction Program.

• The program so far has handled around 11,496 cases of children in conflict with the law.

**Database Center**

The database center has been established with the objective of compiling relevant data concerning children with problems and providing such to interested researchers and other stakeholders. The service has already proved successful by providing data about children around the five branches; Addis Ababa, Nazareth, Dire Dawa, Bahr Dar and Dessie. This well equipped child resource center is situated at the premise of FSCE’s head office.

• The database center evolved with the objective of providing appropriate intervention tools to improve the quality of services given by child-oriented GO’s and NGO’s.

• FSCE has established a database system for the Juvenile Bench of the Federal First Instance Court (FFIC) and furnished it appropriately including the provision of computers and printers.

**Media Monitoring and Capacity Building Project**

With a full understanding of the role of media in advocating, promoting, and protecting the rights of children, FSCE has established a Media Monitoring and Capacity Building and as a result has procured effective result with the following vivid influence.

• The quality and quantity of news pieces and articles concerning children’s rights being reported is improving from time to time.

• The media and its practitioners are able to integrate child right issues into their activities more than ever before.
Owing to the smooth relationship and capacity built by FSCE some media outlets are seeking support and advice whenever cases of children are reported to them.

**Sexual Abuse, Exploitation and Trafficking Prevention Program**

It is to combat several different types of child abuse practices in general, and to protect children from sexual abuse in particular that FSCE has placed the issue as one of its core programs.

**Preventive and support Program for Sexually Abused and Exploited Children**

FSCE’s preventive and support program against sexual abuse and exploitation, being the first of its kind, has served as an eye opener in spearheading the attention of other GOs, NGOs and the community towards an area that was previously neglected.

FSCE being a pioneer organization in this respect, has time and again availed itself to share its first hand experience with all other NGOs interested in making interventions towards the protection and rehabilitation of sexually abused and exploited children.

This program mainly focused on the rehabilitation and/or reintegration of sexually abused and exploited children. With the active participation of the local community, the police and other GOs as well as NGOs, FSCE has made it possible to successfully give proper support to a large number of such victims.

- Provided them with psychological support which would enable them come out of their exploitative lifestyle.
- Facilitated a situation of smooth reunification with their families and the community.
- Established an effective Drop in Centers (DIC) and provided them with washing and laundry services, health and sex education, non formal education, medical service, basic skill training as well as individual and group guidance and counseling.
Quite a large number of disadvantaged children secured protection and support in terms of getting: employment, reintegration with the community, family reunification, training in BBS, starting income generating activities, provision of various services and admission to adoption centers. This support program culminates through the implementation of the Safe Home Program. Children who are ready to change their style of life are transferred to the safe home and aided to take skill training leading them to self sufficiency.

So far FSCE has been able to facilitate the rehabilitation of more than 1,315 children who used to lead a deplorable life.

Another achievement of FSCE in this regard is the production of the National Plan of Action which has already been put into implementation.

**Preventive and Support Program against Child Trafficking**

Human trafficking has been one of the major social ills all over the world. It has become the fastest-growing criminal industry in the world.

The Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children (also referred to as the Palermo Protocol) is a protocol to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and defines human trafficking as the “recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of persons, by means of threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation.

In recognition of the devastating effects of child trafficking which is becoming one of the problems in Ethiopia, FSCE has formulated a program of prevention and support against it.

This program was aimed at protecting child victims of trafficking by giving them support and care they need. Presently it operates in collaboration with all stakeholders in Addis Ababa, Bahr Dar, Dire Dawa, Shashemene and Nazaret.
Four transit shelters that serve as a reunification center have been established in the four project sites.

- So far 10,000 trafficked children have benefited from this program.
- A continuous and comprehensive advocacy and awareness raising program is being implemented with tremendous success.

**Holistic and Integrated Child development Program**

The objective of this program is that of contributing to protect, prevent and rehabilitate disadvantaged children through community based child focused empowering activities that include education, community health and livelihood promotion.

**Education Program**

The education program addresses and ensures the developmental needs of disadvantaged children by promoting quality basic education for out-of-school children paying due attention to girl’s education in particular. The program contains non-formal basic education, tutorial and study support which is meant for children who could not be enrolled in formal primary schools, and school dropouts.

- As a result of the introduction of this education program, opportunities have been created for nearly 9,000 school aged out-of-school children.
- FSCE provided support to enable them pursue their education by way fulfilling their needs.
- Through such endeavors quite a number of children who had previously led a street life have changed to the extent of acquiring jobs with positions.
- The academic performance of a significant number of out-of-school children has drastically improved.
Community Health Promotion Program

Through its Community health program, awareness creation of a wide magnitude has been accomplished with success.

- Children, youth, students, mothers etc. now have easy access to health information.
- School mini media and education and communication materials were made available to all stakeholders.
- Primary health education was provided for over 14,640 school children, Anti-AIDS youth clubs and CBOs

Livelihood Promotion Program

This is a program for disadvantaged children and parents with poor households to help them start income generating activities to sustain life.

Saving and credit

Intervention in the area of saving and credit has brought a lot of impact on the target poor mothers in the four project operational areas. Its success can be observed in the following accomplishments.

- Access to micro finance services was created for a large number of poor mothers and youth.
- Basic business skill training has also been organized and delivered. They were also provided with exposure visits and apprenticeship exercises.
- Significant numbers of poor female-headed households engaged in diversified family based livelihoods has showed significant family income improvement.
- Because of this intervention program, over 2,066 poor female-headed households benefited which in turn enabled children of these families to benefit.
- FSC-E will redouble its effort in livelihood promotion and entrepreneurship development with the view to empower more target groups.
• The living situation of a significant number of target households improved. Some were able to build their own houses, furnishing houses, and to send their children to better equipped schools. Some were engaged in diverse small scale businesses such as cattle fattening, food processing, etc.

Orphan support

FSCE has been implementing orphan support programs in collaboration with community based organizations. So far more than 5,616 children have been supported by FSCE. The provision included financial support, provision of school materials for the orphans under support and for their siblings, payment of school fees, purchase of school uniforms etc..

Child Resource Development and Capacity Building Program

This program was put in place for the benefit of all interested and concerned development actors who aspire and work to make a difference in the life of disadvantaged children. It was meant to provide the necessary information in order to build the capacity of child focused GOs and NGOs. The program has been able to score quite a commendable output as stipulated by FSCE.

• Abundant relevant information related to children has been collected and made accessible to policy makers, program developers and development workers. As a result, several GOs, NGOs, researchers and students are making use of the data as intended by FSCE.

• Child-focused agencies were made to benefit from the provision of up-to-date information through training, research and information sharing to boost their capacity.

• A culture of accessing information and experience sharing has been successfully promoted and improved through the workings of this program.

• In line with CRC article, 17 sub article. C, in order to bridge the gap in shortage of reading materials for the young, FSCE has been able to publish 16 titles of different children’s story
books that made up a total of 127,000 copies all in all. These books have been published from 1992 up to 2008. Definitely, they have encouraged children’s story book writers on the one hand, and are also believed to contribute to readership development among children.

- FSCE also published magazines entitled “Sounds of the Street” and “CHILD Internet” that has reached 16 volumes so far. Both of them came out in not less than 1000 copies each and were distributed free of charge.
Future Prospects and the Way Forward

Now is the time to look back over the last twenty years and celebrate achievements as well as look forward and aspire for more. Such celebrations infuse a sense of achievement and the yearning to do even more along the road to other celebrations in the future. FSCE has every reason to have a sense of fulfillment after what it has been doing and achieving over the last twenty years.

FSCE plans to scale up its best practices and rich experiences obtained over the years in line with the new National Plan of Action and Charities and Societies Proclamation. It also plans to push forward the Plan for Accelerated and Sustained Development to End Poverty (PASDEP). This brings to the fore the need to adjust and find ways of effectively playing its roles in the country’s economy.

To this end, FSCE has revised its Vision and Mission harbingering its future direction:

**FSCE’s Current Vision and Mission**

**Vision Statement**
FSCE’s vision is to see the well being and protection needs of children fulfilled

**Mission Statement**
Striving for sustainable protection, growth and development of vulnerable children

Through dedication to attain its mission FSCE, as an Ethiopian Residents Charitable Organization, desires to bring hope to urban disadvantaged children and ensure that they get adequate access to basic services that change their life for the better. FSCE will continue to partner with relevant, committed and reliable individual organizations, networks and coalitions that have common vision and could contribute to the realization of its mission.
With more vitality and perseverance in pursuing its vision and mission, FSCE has braced itself to face future challenges to score more and more. With such vigor FSCE plans to push forward in order to materialize the following objectives:

- Continue reviewing and redesigning existing programs and adding new spheres of service to benefit disadvantaged children in accordance with and in response to the new CSO legislation.

- Continue identifying pertinent child focused problems seeking solutions. Recovering and reintegrating such children into the family and the society at large.

- Undertake developmental programs that safe guard children from street life, child labor, trafficking, sexual abuse and exploitation.

- Reunify children who are victims of trafficking and abuse by providing psychological counseling, shelter and medical services in collaboration with schools mass transport, community, family etc.

- Expand its collaboration with a wide variety of like minded stakeholders both GOs and NGOs and involve them in child-focused activities.

- Provide more and more services and support to needy children in general and street children in particular.

- Undertake researches, document information and share experiences for scientific knowledge based child interventions.

- Provide awareness raising education to parents and community members on the protection of children.

- Provide non formal alternative basic education for children deprived of such due to poverty in the family.

- Undertake livelihood promotional programs targeting families with low income as well as facilitating health education.
FCSE Core programs envisaged to facilitate its way forward include:

I. Child Protection Program

This program has a goal of contributing to safe growth and development of children through Promotional, Preventive and protective Sub Programs

II. Recovery and Reintegration Program

The Goal of this program is that of enabling children in difficult circumstances who live under grave exploitation to live positive life and become productive citizen

III. Child Resource Development and Capacity Building Program

The main Goal of this program is to promote excellence in the process of making appropriate interventions and replication of model projects towards addressing the causes of children’s problems

These core programs are selected based on the visions and mission of FSCE, its rich experiences and lessons drawn from attaining results in its 20 years of services to the children of Ethiopia. These programs have direct relevance and validity according to the program interventions targeting the needs of disadvantaged children and in enhancing the contribution of the identified program interventions for the attainment of national policies, programs and targets set by the government in PASDEP and NPA of Ethiopian Children as stated earlier.

**Partners**

In order to provide assistance and change the impoverished life of the urban disadvantaged children in general and street children in particular, (the sexually abused, exploited, physically abused, trafficked and children in conflict with law) FSCE has been relying on the generous assistance of its partners and other stake-holders both internal and external. All its multifaceted programs have been successful thanks to our donors, local and abroad as well as the commitments reflected by our stake holders. We hope our partners will stand by our side in our perpetual endeavor within the bounds of the new CSO legislation.
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