

**TIGRAI DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION  
(TDA)**



**BRIEF REPORT FOR THE PROJECT IN QUEEN SHEBA  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL**

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## **I. Introduction**

Tigrai Development Association (TDA) as a community based organization has been implementing a number of successful projects especially educational and health care service projects at the grassroots level in partnership with an active financial support of different donor organizations, community members and individuals. One of these donor organizations is Mr. Mark Gelfan Foundation. This foundation has been implementing different projects in Tigray in collaboration with TDA. With the financial support of Mr. Mark Gelfan Foundation, TDA was able to supply 50 desktop types of computers to Queen Sheba Preparatory School and renovation of an existing but an old building which is serving as a computer center of the school. The school has about 2600 students.

## **II. Background of the School**

Queen Sheba Preparatory School is located in the Town of Adwa in the central zone in Tigray. Adwa is located about 220 Kms away from Mekelle or 25 Kms far from the historical place Axum. Historically the school is one of the oldest schools in Tigray. Currently, there are about 2600 students in the school. Before the supply of computers, there were only 11 computers giving service to 2600 students. These computers were not sufficient for the entire students. To solve this problem, TDA in collaboration with Mr. Mark Gelfan Foundation supplied 50 desktop types of computers and renovated the computer center which was very old and not comfortable for such purpose. Now the problem is solved and students are practically attending and using ICT in a renovated and comfortable building. The main reason for supplying computers is lack of computers in the school and the teaching-learning process was not backed by ICT and students had little access to ICT and IT. Had the foundation not provided them with computers, the problem of lack of computers would have still persisted and students would not have access to IT and/or the students would have been attending classes in congested manner.

## **III. Major Project Accomplishment**

The major accomplishment and their outputs are the following:

- Supply of 50 desktop computers;
- Renovation of the old building and creating conducive environment for ICT center and thus for teaching-learning process.

TDA/Mr. Mark Gelfan Foundation supplied 50 computers and renovated the existing old building in an effort to equip the school with internal facilities, which is one of the major objectives of TDA. As it has been explained earlier, prior to this, there were only eleven (11) computers for the whole 2600 students and to the whole school community. The overall cost/budget allocated for renovating the old building was Birr 432,715.00. TDA also expended additional cost for administrative, vehicle and monitoring costs especially during the monitoring and supervision of the renovation of the computer center. Now the computers are giving proper service for the students and teachers of the school in the renovated building.



Photo: Students attending Computer class at Queen Sheba -Adwa



Photo: Renovated ICT Center at Adwa-Queen Sheba Preparatory School

#### **IV. Major Outcome of the Project**

The problem of access of computers by students has been alleviated through the provision of desktop computers and renovating the existing computer center made possible with the financial assistance obtained from r. Mark Foundation.

It may be easy to see the long term outcomes of the project. The immediate results are difficult but it can be viewed in the following manner.

- The problem of access to computers is partly remedied already and the school community members (students, teachers) are having easy access to ICT and IT in a convenient and somehow comfortable building.

#### **V. Success Stories (Comment /perception of Beneficiaries)**

To assess the perception of the beneficiaries regarding the computer supply and renovation, the school principal and some students were interviewed. Here is their reflections and their expectations too.

1. *Ato Hailu W/gebreal (Vice School Principal)*

We are very happy that TDA and the donor organization supplied these computers and solved our critical problem. Before we got these computers, we had very serious problem. The students were using only few computers and the instructors used to face shortage of computers in their daily undertaking like during the preparation of exams and other academic activities. Now the problem is tackled and we are very grateful to TDA and the donor organization and we hope this kind of support will continue in the future. In fact we have already written a thank you letter to TDA.



*Photo: School Vice Principal together with our staff*

