



# Solar Energy Foundation

Marginalized Women's Training on Sewing & Tailoring

*Solar Energy Foundation aspires to train marginalized women in tailoring and sewing so as to see them being empowered and created their own source of income and become self-sustained citizens*

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## I. Project Summary:

- ✚ **Project Title:** Empowering Marginalized women in North Showa Zone on Tailoring and Sewing
- ✚ **Project Area:** North Showa Zone, Mida Woremo Woreda, Rema Special Administrative Kebele
- ✚ **Project funding Partners:** SEWING PEACE
- ✚ **Implementing Agency:** Solar Energy Foundation
- **Beneficiaries:** 100 women
- **Project Duration:** One Year (June 2017-May 2018)
- **Project Budget:** 75,938.63/ Seventy Five thousand nine hundred thirty-eight thousand 63/00 USD Cents
- **Collaborative Government Agencies**
  - ❖ **Regional:**
    - ✓ Amhara Region Finance & Economic Development Bureau
    - ✓ Amhara Region Energy & Mines Development & Promotion Center
  - ❖ **Zonal**
    - ✓ North Showa Zone Finance & Economic Development Office
    - ✓ North Showa Zone Education Office
  - ❖ **Woredas**
    - ✓ Beneficiaries are from any woreda in the zone selected in cooperation with the zonal administrative bodies
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## 1. SEF-at a Glance

Solar Energy Foundation is an international charitable organization established in Germany in the year 2005 to alleviate poverty in developing countries using renewable energy preferably solar lighting systems.

It started its operation in Ethiopia by installing solar home systems to 37 households in Mida Woremo Woreda, Meragna village. Continuing its operation, the Foundation has installed 1,200 solar home systems to the households of Rema sub city, North Showa Zone of the Amhara Regional state in 2006. Then it has been legally registered by Ministry of Justice on July 07, 2007 and signed a project agreement with the regional Energy Bureau thereby electrified additionally 1,000 households in Rema- Dire.

Continuing its operation, the Foundation has installed 2000 solar home systems of ten watt power to the people living in Dire and its adjacent kebele initially as a free aid basis.

Up-scaling its operation, Solar Energy Foundation has become the pioneer in establishing energy lending scheme in four major populated regions such as Amhara, Oromiya, Tigray & Southern Nation, and Nationalities Regional State. In these areas the foundation could successfully electrified more than 30,000 households with solar home systems of various sizes ranging from lanterns to a 60watt system.

SEF is the pioneer in establishing a training center in Rema, amhara Regional State in 2007 and had successfully trained 63 solar energy technicians who are working in various sectors.

## **2. Project Profile**

The project is entitled as "Empowering Marginalized Women with Sewing and Tailoring Skills" through providing training program. The sewing and tailoring training will be held in Rema-one of the training center of SEF located in Mida-Woremo woreda of North Showa Zone at about 230km away from Addis Ababa. It will be held for three months per cycle whereby 20-25 trainees will participate in three session starting June 2017.

The trainees-targeted women will be nominated from North Showa zone of any designated woredas in partnership with zonal education and women affaires office. Totally seventy women will be the target beneficiaries of this training and empowering program. For those who successfully completed the training will be supplied with one sewing machine whereby they can begin their own business.

The ultimate objective of this training and empowering program is meant to empower and support marginalized women in all their various categories in to have a skill in tailoring and sewing so they have a way to make an income and become self sustained business owners.

## **3. Project Target Groups**

The marginalized women are targeted from various backgrounds such as from poor family, abandoned by their husbands, HIV/ AIDS Positive, rejected by their families, those born out of rape, orphans, widows, single mothers.

Mostly these women are facing different problems to get access to any skill training such as the Sewing/ Tailoring Training system in Ethiopia because due to their meager financial resources (money) to pay the training fees as consequences they are demoted to low levels, and are just at home /or on the street and other have never been to school.

Therefore, the main target groups of the project are supposed to be marginalized women from poor families residing in the woredas of North Showa Zone who do not have any support and training skills such as:

- Widows,
- Orphans,
- Young girls
- Single mothers
- Any women who will be identified as vulnerable.
- Targeted women who can read and write

#### **4. Goals and Objectives**

SEF adopts the provision of Sewing and tailoring skill training is the very first step to follow and the ability to freely help marginalized women get a job for their problems.

The training program incorporates covering the travel cost of women as well as the daily allowance to cover their basic needs such as food while they are staying in the training program for about three months.

After a successful completion of the training program, each trained women will be supplied with one sewing machine each as a startup support so as they can begin their own business in their own surrounding. Therefore, the proposed project has the following goals:-

- To encourage the marginalized women to have skills by offering the sewing/tailoring training.
- To rehabilitate marginalized women by creating an enabling environment for self-employment, through helping them discover and use their talent in sewing and tailoring skills.
- To help and support women economically, socially and morally.
- To contribute to the development of marginalized women and make them dream for a better future in life.

## **5. Project Implementation Plan**

### **5.1 Enrollment**

Targeted marginalized women enrollment will be made in partnership with targeted woredas of North Showa Zone. Here education office, office of women affairs, office of labour and social affairs, kebele administrative staffs will be involved in the enrollment of women that fulfill the selection criteria. Since there will be three training session, 25 women shall be nominated at each session.

### **5.2 Training Personnel**

This training program requires one trainer. The trainer shall be nominated from tailor training center in Addis Ababa who has demonstrated training experience, and keen to support the efforts of the Foundation for the better life of these targeted women as well as willing to travel to and stay in Rema Training Center for the proposed training period of three months per training session.

### **5.3 Training Place and Duration**

The training is taking place at Rema, Mida Woremo Woreda of North Showa Zone in the premises of solar Energy Foundation.

The sewing and tailoring training skills are given for a period of three months per session whereby those trainees who complete are awarded with a certificate and one sewing machine to encourage them put in practice to generate their own source of income.

## Class Time Table

Training Period	Morning	Afternoon
Monday-Friday	8:00-12:00	2:00-4:00

### 6. Training Program Arrangement

This sewing and tailoring training project is coordinated by Rema Project Coordinator in partnership with the head office Country Director.

### 7. Training Procurement Arrangements

No	Item Description	Unit	Qty	Remark
1	Training rooms/25 Trainees Per Room/	No	1	Available in Rema
2	Tables	No	25	Available in Rema
3	Chairs		25	Available in Rema
4	Sewing Machines		100	Sewing Peace
5	Trainer	No	1	To be recruited
6	Clothes materials	Meter		To be procured
7	Niddle and related materials			To be procured
8	Benches	No	5	To be procured
9	Electric iron box	No	5	To be procured
10	Scissors	No	10	To be procured
11	Chalks	Packs	5	To be procured
12	Blackboard/White Board	No	1	Available in Rema

### 8. Expected Outcome

- Create 75 self-employment marginalized women and enable them master of their lives through restoring their dignity and esteem in the society, and equipping them with skills and sewing machine supply to become self-supported.
- Self-sustained beneficiaries who will be in a position to creating human ways of surviving and having a source of income in their lives by exploiting their skills and talents.
- All the targeted women learn a lot in career guidance, counseling and business management.

## 9. Budget Requirement

No	Budget Line Item	Unit	Qty	Unit Cost (USD)	Total Cost (USD)
<b>1</b>	<b>Equipment</b>				
1.1	Sewing Machine	No	100	500.00	50,000.00
1.2	Import related costs (transport, Loading & Others)	No	100	25.00	2,500.00
1.3	Electrical Iron	No	5	227.27	2,045.45
1.4	Benches	No	5	22.73	113.64
1.5	Clothes-	Meter	500	2.00	1,000.00
1.6	Materials/Scissors, needle, and others)	Lump-sum			2,000.00
<b>2</b>	<b>Training Related Cost</b>				
2.1	Trainer (for Nine-months)	Monthly	9	227.27	2,045.45
2.2	Trainers allowance during his/her training period in Rema	Daily	90	4.55	409.09
<b>3</b>	<b>Trainees</b>				
3.1	Trainees travel costs (Average	No	75	13.00	975.00
3.2	Trainees daily allowance (for three months)	No	75	2.20	14,850.00
	<b>Total Budget</b>				<b>75,938.63</b>

### **NB.**

- 100 sewing machines will be donated by SEWING PEACE
- 25 Sewing Machine will be stocked for the training center to give further training to other women
- One sewing machine will be given to each trained women after they successfully completed the training program held by the Foundation

## 10. Challenge

At the moment, SEF do not have source of funding to fully implement this project. Though, SEF will get the sewing machine from SEWING PEACE, yet it requires accessing additional funding assistance from various donors to fill the financing gap required for running the training program such as importing the machines to the country, trainers remuneration and allowance,



trainees travel cost and allowance for food as well as fulfilling some training materials.

Therefore, SEF will present this project proposal to access reinforcement fund that can allow the Foundation run this project for a period of nine months.

## **11. Project Monitoring & Evaluation**

SEF in partnership with the collaborative government partners such as Amhara Region Finance and Economic Development Bureau, North Showa Zone Finance and Economic Development Department, Education and Women Affairs Department shall be involved in the monitoring and evaluation of the project at the end of the implementation period.

However, SEF may not afford the final evaluation costs due to lack of funds. Therefore additional funds are very important to do the evaluation and SEF will look for it.

N.B.

- ZONE,WOREDA,KEBELE (are administrative levels of areas)