

Hiwot Self Help Group colourfully celebrates its Annual Anniversary

Hiwot Self Help Group (SHG) celebrated its annual anniversary on August 25th 2007, in kebele (neighbourhood) 08 in the kebele administration office.

Kebele officials, the regional Women Affairs representative and the Debre Berhan Community Development Programs Manager and staff members were invited to the ceremony. Five members from different SHGs in the kebele were also invited to share experiences. The group annual report was read and discussed.

Different handmade products made by group members like "Gabbii", clothes, and bread were sold in an auction and the group generated income from it.

After the ceremony was conducted Birtukan G/medhin one of the members said

"I have never thought of being a member of SHG I simply thought it would be a waste of time. But my friends encouraged me to get involved and I found my self in this group. Initially I was confused, but gradually it benefited me a lot .Now I have got many sisters here, I also took a loan from my group and engaged in different income generating activities".

Ato Gulilat Dessalegn the chair person of kebele 08 in his opening speech said,

"JeCCDO is benefiting the community a lot by empowering poor women, organizing them in to self help groups and this effort should be continued further"



Participants in the celebration

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