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DAFI-ETHIOPIA: TERTIARY EDUCATION FOR REFUGEES

AT A GLANCE

The Deutsche Akademische Flüchtlings Initiative (DAFI), Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative (DAFI) was established in 1992. It focuses on supporting tertiary education for deserving refugees worldwide. DAFI scholarships are available in 50 countries around the world by 2017. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is administering these funds.

The programme grants scholarship to refugees at universities, colleges and polytechnics in their host countries.

The Programme was in operation for the last 18 years in Ethiopia. The Programme is being implemented by the Association of Ethiopians Educated in Germany (AEEG) after a tripartite agreement with United Nations High

Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and Agency for Refugees and Returnees Affairs (ARRA). AEEG as an implementing partner give counselling, placement facilitation, consultative workshops organization, DAFI club facilitation, allowances transfers, career guidance and entrepreneurship trainings.

CORE OBJECTIVES

1. Achieve self-reliance of refugees by providing them a professional qualification geared towards future gainful employment.
2. Develop qualified human resource among the refugees by providing higher education.
3. Skill development, empowerment and academic achievement for promoting self-reliance and durable solutions for refugees.

ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR

- So far, DAFI-Ethiopia benefited 1427 beneficiaries from 7 countries of which 389 are female.
- 482 already graduated (168 female). In June 2019, a total of 139 additional ones will graduate of which 28% are female.
- Current enrolment in Ethiopia rose to 698 of which 20% are female.
- The current government pledge creates a chance of gainful employment in Ethiopia and hence the possibility of success in this regard is high.
- DAFI club was established in 2012 that serves as a forum which brings together all refugee university students both the current and the former ones from across the country and serving the community as well.
- The refugee community benefited from graduates work as incentive teachers, health officers and community workers.

LESSONS LEARNT

1. Closer cooperation with partners and donors as a key to success.
2. The vital nature of counselling and consultative workshops
3. How effective facilitation brings about cost effectiveness
4. Skill training such as career guidance and entrepreneurship are vital.
5. The necessity of DAFI club for students & IP.
6. Participatory approach makes the program successful.

FURTHER INFO

Association of Ethiopian Educated in Germany (AEEG) - the one who facilitate DAFI program in Ethiopia is founded in 1997. AEEG is a mosaic of professionals with 700 members. As a result, AEEG - with its multidisciplinary

nature and diverse experience, can serve the country and partners as a powerhouse of: Ideas, exchange of views and change agent to development.

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