

*Congratulations
to our
Entrepreneurs!*



STEMpower-VISA

*3 Years of
Partnership*

2021-2023

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Dr. Simenew Keskes

Country Director of STEMpower Inc. Ethiopia

Message from the Country Director

The STEMpower-VISA Entrepreneurship and Financial Education Project has been a game-changer for the young innovators and entrepreneurs of Ethiopia. This three-year initiative has not only provided comprehensive training and mentorship but has also empowered participants with the necessary tools to navigate the complex world of business and finance.

We are proud to have played a role in nurturing a generation of future leaders who possess a deep understanding of entrepreneurship and financial literacy

Congratulations to all the participants who have successfully completed this program. Your commitment and perseverance have been truly commendable.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the trainers, coaches, coordinators, and judges who have played a crucial role in making this project a resounding success. Your unwavering dedication and hard work have been instrumental in achieving the remarkable outcomes we see today. Together, we have turned dreams into reality, and I am immensely proud of what we have accomplished.

I have no words to express my gratitude to the partner institutions hosting the trainings without whom we couldn't be successful in availing our training programs in the trainees' vicinities.

Above all I would like to thank STEMpower and VISA teams for the unreserved effort proven by the success we cherish now. CONGRATULATIONS!!!



WE DID IT!!

The STEMpower-VISA Entrepreneurship and Financial Education Project, a three-year initiative that empowered young innovators and entrepreneurs in Ethiopia, has celebrated the successful ending of the project on December 16th, 2023, with a closing event at Elilly International Hotel.

The event celebrated the success of the project's startups and mark the end of the collaboration between STEMpower and VISA. Over 2,600 young men and women benefited from the project, and 59 of them launched their own startup businesses and created jobs for others.

The event also highlighted the project's accomplishments and impacts, as well as the challenges and opportunities for the future market. Various Stakeholders, including Government Officials, University representatives, TVET representatives, Embassies, Startup founders, and successful entrepreneurs have attended the event.



About STEMpower

STEMpower is a non-profit organization that has been at the forefront of implementing successful STEM programs in sub-Saharan Africa for over a decade. With more than 111 STEM centers spread across the region, STEMpower has made a significant impact in Ethiopia, South Sudan, Rwanda, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Cameroon, Somalia, Tanzania, Burundi, and South Africa. These centers offer hands-on Science and engineering lab experience to local students of all ages, through age-appropriate programs at no cost. In addition to this, STEMpower also hosts local and national science fairs and has established three special STEM centers dedicated to prison detainees, children with autism, and Down syndrome. With a strong commitment to empowering the youth through education, STEMpower is making significant strides towards creating a more technologically advanced and innovative Africa.

About the STEMpower-VISA Entrepreneurship & Incubation program

Program Goals

- Contribute to the socio-economic transformation of countries:** To empower youth to create businesses that address social and economic challenges in their communities.
- Reduce youth unemployment:** To provide youth with the skills and knowledge they need to start and grow their own businesses.
- Increase financial literacy and financial inclusion among citizens:** To teach youth about financial concepts and how to access financial services.
- Inspire African youth to social entrepreneurship:** To encourage youth to use their entrepreneurial skills to solve social problems.

Target Groups

- Innovators and potential entrepreneurs with or without formal education:** Youth who have a business idea or are interested in starting their own business.
- Established Businesses:** businesses that are looking to grow and expand.

Outcomes

- Creation of business startups:** The program will help to create hundreds of new businesses.
- Ensure decent employment for 1,000 youth in 3 years:** The program will help to ensure decent employment for 1,000 youth in three years.

Impact

3,600 youth with entrepreneurship & Financial literacy skills.

The program will impact 3,600 youth with entrepreneurship knowhow and skills in three years.





ACHIEVEMENTS

- Close to 17K youth applied and 2600 of them got the training
- About 59 companies are established in groups as well as individually and other many hundreds are fit for the job market.





CELEBRATING SUCCESS!



Meet the team



Abel Tefera

Project Manager & BDS Supervisor
Entrepreneurship & Incubation Program



Fasil Woldegebriel

Fundraising Manager &
Master Trainer



Robel Getachew

Project Assistant
Entrepreneurship and Incubation
Program



Michael Endalemaw

Former project Assistant
Entrepreneurship and
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Technical Expert



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Finance & Admin
Manager



Bereket Getachew

Public Relations & Communications
Manager



Elsabeth Damtew

Project Officer



Bereket Gudissa

Media Partner
(Tikvah Ethiopia)

Trainers



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Tewodros Gemechu



Habtamu Hizkiyas



Henok Mesfin



Temesgen Desalegn



Ahmed Jafer



Ayenachew Tiruneh



Amanuel G/Meskel



Amehaselasie Fisseha



Dessalegn Masrie



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Menor Birhanu

Trainers cont'd



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Meron Mamo



Yacob Yemane



Mikiyas Alemayehu



Hermela G/egziabher



Ghionawit Gebru



Sisay Tesfaye



Henok Shegute



Fasil Getaneh



Fereweyni G/Medhin



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Abenezer Gebre

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Coordinators cont'd



Milko Kayo



Bezawit Mesfin

External Trainers



Helina Teklu



Abel Hailegiorgis



Dagmawi Bedlu



Yoseph Assefa

Judges



Kidist Gebreamlak
Co-founder and CEO of Zero-One-
Zero-One Tech- Entrepreneurship



Edwin Kumfa
CEO, STEMpower Inc.



Kibret Abebe
Founder and CEO, Tebita
Ambulance



Alemayehu Assaye
CEO and Founder, Naseba
Animal Nutrition



Meron Nega
CEO and Founder, Ennet
Earth Soap



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Senior Partner, Axiom
Ventures



Winta Yohannes
Managing Partner, Axiom
Ventures



Besufikad Feyisa
Team Lead, Center of
Excellence for Engineering,
MoLS



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Labs



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Deputy Office Director
Office of Economic Growth and Resilience
USAID/ Ethiopia



Mered Bisrat
Founder and CEO, Pragma
Investment Advisory

Judges contd'



Helina Teklu
Founder and CEO,
Seed Balls Ethiopia



Getnet Wogayehu
Information System
Manager, Geneva Global



Migbar Gizaw
Founder and CEO, Pool
Technologies



Addis Alemayehu
Chairman at Kazana
Group



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Co-founder and Chief
Strategic Officer, Efuye
Gela



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Founder and CEO, Fox
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Seble Geremew
Founder and CEO, Conte Pastry



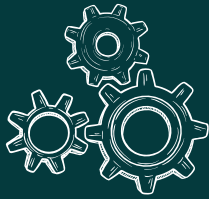
Fatuma Bushera
Communication Officer, Enat Bank



Dr. Abunu Andarge
CEO of Trust-Agro Consultancy



Startup-Businesses established



Engineering & Manufacturing

No	Business	Owner/s
1	2D and Rotary CNC Machine	George Girmay
2	Aluminum Works	Amanuel Zewdie
3	Automated Jacquard Needle Loom	Natnael Kassahun
4	Construction by Henok	Henok Tefera
5	Eco-Pet: Recycling of plastic fibers into synthetic fiber.	Zerihun Lakew
6	Ethanol production from fruit waste	Bekalu Yeshigeta
7	Ethio-Melk	Yilma Tadesse
8	E-Top Machinery	Joshua Hailemariam and Tewodros Estifanos
9	Helo Sandal and Shoe Manufacturing	Yonas Duguma
10	Marvelous Terrazzo	Elsabet Girma
11	Mechot Wheelchair	Ephrem Asfaw
12	Ableene Energy	Nathnael Dereje



13	Husky Energy and Technology	Hoheyat Berhanu, Yohannes Wasihun
14	Mesfin Kifle Structural Metal Products	Mesfin Kifle
15	Messob Digital Trading PLC	Bisrat Mulugeta
16	Pomace Pulp	Nardos Alemu, Semira Jemal, Lidiya Tadesse, Lamerot Damene
17	Rectangular Multi-dimensional Extractor	Ermias Niguse, Teklit Berhanu
18	Ring Charcoal Production	Tariku Teklewold
19	Rubber Powder Production	Firew Zerihun
20	Sekela-Hap Leather Manufacturing	Fitsum Desta
21	Small Scale Wind Turbine	Seblewongel Tesfu
22	Solomon Edessa Construction	Solomon Edessa
23	Sweep Easy	Sintayehu Tadesse
24	Tech -Me Engineering	Dawit Fekadu
25	Yaroktech Composite	Abebayehu Abdela
26	Robox Robotics	Natnael Behaylu





Startup-Businesses
established



Food and Agriculture

1	Agricultural Chemical Spray and Arial Mapping Drone	Mekonen Asmare
2	Animal Feed Production using Hydroponic Technology	Yonas Nigussie & Abenezer Abebe
3	Ayat Mar	Mikiyas Bitew
4	Bahredin Oumer Food Product Retail Service	Bahredin Oumer
5	Bereketoch/Yori Derkosh	Yordanos Gidey
6	Conte Pastry	Seble Geremew
7	Dairy and Poultry Products Supply	Mulugeta Merheba
8	Enat Genfo House	Pawlos Girmachew
9	G Farm Organic Fertilizer	Betelhem Zewede
10	Green Ethiopia Organic Fertilizer	Ghionawit Gebru, Biruktawit Dawit
11	Mama's Chicken	Daniel Tadesse, Natnael Teka
12	Micks Mushroom	Hailemichael Dessalegn
13	Mix-Fam Baby Food	Selsebil Ahmed





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14	Mushroom Agro Processing	Yoftahe Samuel
15	Organic Mineral Fertilizer and Livestock Feed Processing	Asegid Shiferaw
16	Poultry Farming	Dawit Assefa and Rahel Assefa
17	Punt Flour from Gipto	Sitotaw Abera and Bezawit Mesfin
18	Ruby Coffee	Samrawit Endale

Health

1	Bruh Hiwot	Dr. Tizita Alemu
2	Prism Optometry	Dawit Fekadu
3	Inner Peace/Selam	Eden Berihun
4	Semi_Link	Semayawit Bahru



Technology and Services



1	Akollé	Dawit Workneh
2	Biniyam Commission and Brokers	Biniyam Belayneh
3	Chinet-Alle	Misganaw Mhiretu
4	Fetan Delivery	Lewi Haile, Abenezer Kebede, Mihretu Petros, Manyazewal Dawit
5	Smart Energy Meter with GSM	Fisseha Mulugeta
6	Kese Event Organizing Activities & Logistics Supplies	Kashu Abera
7	LEWEQESH	Bersabeh Hailu, Yordanos Baheru, Selamawit Fikadu, Fikir Hailu
8	Medaf Academy	Abeba Lijalem and Nebiyu Yonas
9	Run Printing Service Provider PLC	Rehmet Yeshanew Hussen
10	Think-Hub	Abel Teweldebirhan and Abel Ababu
11	Wujo Digital Iqub	Abenezer Engida, Mikiyas Balchu, Million Girmay, Michael Wedajo, Matiyas Berhane
12	Yetem Delivery	Dawit Geremew, Henos Getu, Liku Solomon
13	Lansel Trading	Nardos Alemu
14	Meti Fashion	Mestawet Melese
15	Omtishu IT consultation	Abdiwak Bekele
16	Hello Sandal and Shoe Manufacturing	Yonas Duguma
17	HEX Lab	Ezedin kamil



Finalists Cohort 1-10



Abebayehu Abdela
Enset Fiber



Abreham Melesse
Mosaic/ 1 Pattern



Abreham Nigussie
Automatic Sesame
Harvesting Machine



Admasu Yano
Havanh Academy



Agumass Tilaye
Edible oil production



Akalework Tadesse
Dairy Bar Business



Alem Seid
Geospatial Data Solution
Firm



Amanuel Tefera
Fua digital laundry



Amere Addis
Dewol Poultry Farm



Amanuel Zewdie
NA Automated
Irrigation System



Ayda Sisay
Case manager/ WEKIL



Aynalem Demissie
Sericulture



Bamlaku Fantahun
Visionaries organic fertilizer



Banchamlak Mekonnen
Nurture 1000+ Baby



Bewketu Abebaw
TeruGOLD Essential Oils



Biniyam Abera
FAIDA Agri-Tech / Agri
supply chain



Biniyam Mesfin
Vector Designs - furniture
products manufacturing



Bitanya Wogdereseegn
Menas Furniture



Belay Teraro
Packaging PLC



Bereket mitiku
Ethiopis Academy



Dr. Betelhem Birhanu
Dr. Bethy Child Development
Center



Betelhem Zewdie
Organic Fertilizer in
Powdered Form



Beza Tefera
Hydraform Interlocking
Stabilized Soil Blocks
Production



Bezawit Mesfin
Begna Mereb Aquaponics
system



Daniel Abera
Titan Renewable Solutions



Dawit Nakachew
Dawit Express Delivery



Dawit Workineh
Akolle



Dirshaye Kebede
DK - Manufacturing Leather
Products and Goods



Eden Berihun
Inner Peace/Selam



Eman Omer
Black Energy Ethiopia



Elily Gashaw
Home care services



Elsabet Girma
Marvelous Terrazzo



Ermias Getachew
ERMIASOVICH Food &
Beverage Controlling System



Eyuel Girmachew
AKIYA Chemicals Tile
Adhesive



Ezedin Sultan
Adey Kolo



Faysel Semredin
Gundan app



Firew Zerihun
Old Tire Recycling Rubber
Powder Plant



Getinet Zenebe
Maya Integrated Farm



Getu Kebede
Elife Business Consortium



Hailemichael Desalegn
MICKS Mushrooms



Haimanot Girma
Multi Signal Reader



Haimanot Abebe
Modern Goat farming



Haftom Teklegiorgis
Solar Powered Medical
Refrigerator



Hamza Reshad
Interlocking Stabilised Soil
Block/ISSB



Hana Rago
Adullam Ceiling



Hawaria tesfu
Energy Concious Electric
Stoves Rotary / oven
Manufacturing



Hayat Abdulsalam
Production of Activated
Carbon from Waste Biomass
and Local Carbon Source
Products



Henok Melese
Pali Poultry



Henok Syoum
Innovex Handcrafts



Jalenne Girma
Ja Love Jewelleries & Decor



Jemil Musema
Coffee Roasting, Grinding and
Packaging



Kashu Abera
Kese Events



Lalem Birhanu
Habesha Soap Production
from Indod



Luelseged Damene
Green Pump



Melat Yemane
Melala Lamp & Custom Light
Fittings



Mena Lisanu
Meseso House Sale and
Rental



Mestawot Melese
Mesti Fashion



Mekonen Asmare
Agricultural Chemical Spray
and Aerial Mapping Drone



Mitiku Mekuria
GIGO Paver



Mohammed Ibrahim
Gig Agenagn Mobile App



Muluken Teklu
Customizing Ethiopian
Cultural Clothes to Digital
Printed Costumes



Nardos Alemu
Pomace Pulp



Nahom Gebrehiwot
Yefikir Shita



Natan Folla
Realtor Ethiopia



Natnael Dereje
Ablenee Energy



Natnael Kassahun
Automated Jacquard Needle
Loom



Natnael Tadele
Nati Service



Natnael Teka
MAMA'S Tech Enabled
Poultry based Platform & AI
Engineering



Nebiyu Sirak
Quality lasagna sheet and
Spaghetti



Neima Legass
Day Care



Paulos Girmachew
ENAT Genfo And Coffee



Rabira Chimdo
Maleda Sky Entertainment



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S Fashion



Semayawit Bahiru
Semi Link



Simret Mekonnen
Flexible and Easily Assembled
Construction Materia



Solomon Adugna
Local Garlic



Solomon Alemayehu
X-ray Detectable Abdominal
Pack



Shimelis Amare
Garment & Printing



Tekalign Damena
House-Maid and Nanny
Training center



Walelign Wakjira
Megeb Tena



Yared Getachew
HalfLife IFS



Yeabkal Demissew
IWM



Yelebe Derese
Paper Cup and Plate
Manufacturing



Yidnekachew Toha
Hari Courseware



Yirgalem Kifle
C-Farm



Yodahe Abera
Everyday Injera



Yoftahe Samuel
Mushroom Agro-processing



Yordanos Gidey
BREKTOCH



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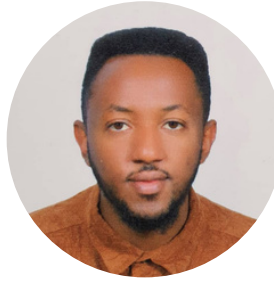
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work hard,
make it happen!

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