



Press release

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**Ministry of Education launches a nationwide public movement involving educational stakeholders and the community to improve the infrastructure of schools**

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The Ministry of Education officially launches a national public movement program to improve the infrastructure of schools, under the motto "Education for the next generation" at the new Commercial Bank of Ethiopia Headquarters on June 2, 2023. The launch will be attended by senior government officials, educational stakeholders, investors, celebrities, artists, development organization leaders and other stakeholders.

The purpose of the national movement is to develop a system of operations to improve the infrastructure of schools with the participation of the community at all levels and to enable the community to support the learning and teaching process.

The Minister of Education, Professor Birhanu Nega states that the work of improving the infrastructure of schools is not a responsibility left to the government alone and that the society at all levels and various bodies should increase their participation. He further invites everyone to make contributions, he said, "The invitation is for everyone to make contributions with what they have: Money, skills or contributions in kind."

It is facilitated in a way where leaders at all levels, the local community, former students; famous individuals, the diaspora community, investors, private and public institutions and so on can leave their mark by contributing to meet the infrastructure development of schools in their birth places, in their area of residency and workplace.

Although the causes of education quality problems are multifaceted; One of the main problems is that schools are not conducive to learning and teaching. As a result, more than 86% of primary and middle schools and more than 71% of secondary schools have more than 50,000 schools that



do not have the necessary infrastructure for learning and teaching, so students are forced to study in a poor educational environment.

Only 33.2% of primary and secondary schools and 55.67% of secondary schools in the country have clean drinking water. Out of this, 21.3% of primary and middle schools and 49.1% of secondary schools benefit from direct tap water and the rest of the schools do not have any water supply.

Regarding toilet services in schools, only 37% of primary and middle schools, and 43% of high schools provide toilet services. Only 29.4% of primary and middle schools and 74.5% of high schools benefit in terms of electricity supply,

There is a wide gap in terms of making schools maintain and establish standards by completing educational facilities and resources, so they have a fundamental gap in terms of resources.

The user-friendly web portal launched by Ministry of Education is ([sip.moe.gov.et](http://sip.moe.gov.et))

### **The main purpose of the public movement**

Although the causes of education quality problems are multifaceted; One of the main problems is that schools are not conducive for learning and teaching. It has been clearly seen that students studying in sub-standard schools are not able to bring the expected knowledge, skills, and behavior change.

The government cannot tackle this problem alone, as this may take no less than three decades. Therefore, this broad problem can be solved systematically and sustainably through the involvement of various stakeholders of the society such as leaders at all levels, the local community, former students, famous individuals, the diaspora community, investors, and so on. It is when possible, to improve the infrastructure of schools located in their place of birth, where they studied, where they work and where they live. Therefore, a plan has been prepared to improve these schools through mass mobilization. The main objective of this public movement is to improve the infrastructure of the schools by involving society and different bodies at all levels and to enable them to sustainably support the process of learning and teaching.

### **Expected results of the national movement**

- Getting into real work by creating a public movement organization; Improving schools.
- Identify the current situation of schools; Make them better.
- Carrying out their respective roles in improving the infrastructure of schools with the participation of the community and various bodies at all levels.
- Establishing an operating system to improve school infrastructure and make it sustainable.
- The community and various bodies to contribute with their skills, knowledge and energy.



- Improving the infrastructure of schools with the participation of the community and various bodies.

### **About the Ministry of Education**

The Ministry of Education is an institution established in the general and higher education sectors in accordance with the Decree No. 1263/2014 of the Executive Bodies. It contains assessment and testing services.

Its duties and responsibilities include general and higher education, formulating policies, strategies, laws and programs; Developing a curriculum framework; Standardization of education and educational institutions; Develop a National Qualifications Framework and ensure its implementation; Implementation of the Education and Training Policy; Preparing national exams and ensuring quality, building executive capacity and providing monitoring and support, etc.

### **About the Web-portal**

The Ministry of Education organizes a web-portal, which is user friendly. The web-portal contains information of around 49,000 schools in the country. It simply informs users who want to support, what the schools are lacking or the area of improvements of all government schools in all regions. It contains general information. The continuous improvements and interventions implemented in the schools will also be updated.

Web-portal - [sip.moe.gov.et](http://sip.moe.gov.et)

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