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## Rich male teenager 13

### Personal

I am living with my father, mother, brothers and sisters in our home. My father is farmer and trader in Adado. My family is rich when compared to others in the neighborhood. I am also involved in business activities. I support my father in his shop business. I like that we have good relationship in our family.

I am 13 years old. I have completed 4th grade and scored a rank of 2nd in our class. I have never dropped out from school because our father is very strict in our education.

In the last twelve months, I have been involved in education, besides that I have been serving my family in domestic works such as fetching water, wood and other household works.

I work in the family shop in Adado when I have free time. Since I go to school in morning or afternoon, I work during the other shift in the shop.

In most cases, I work in the shop and when I stay at home there are some household works like selling bread and tea for customers. I mostly do a family support job.

My mother and father order me to work in the shop if they are too busy with other activities. I have never been involved in personal business activities because we have our father‘s business. There are many works in our home that need our support. Therefore, I never do other business. All my brothers and sisters are also serving in the home.

I work on the easier and safe tasks. It is also not difficult to work and learn. Since we study at night, there is no problem in combining education and work. It would be difficult if we are not supporting our father. In future, we will be living in others places for education. Therefore, it would be good to work those light works not affecting my education and health. My parents do not allow us to work difficult jobs.

I don’t like cheating. Sometimes, I see people trying to cheat when I am selling in the shop.

I like sports like playing football, running, and gymnasium. I don’t like music, but I like spiritual songs.

I am very active in religion. I don’t like missing religious programmes entitled to the youth. I don’t know about politics.

I don’t know about the Youth Association/league/federation. In school time, I play with my friends. I also go to church with my friends. I have no girlfriend. When I stay home, I study or work in the shop. I don’t want to live in the community. I plan to live in Dilla for education. I don’t know anyone there, but I will study there. In future, I will visit my parents. I will join university. I have no plan to marry. I think, my father will support me when I marry. Therefore, it is not an issue for me. I have no girlfriend at present. In future, I may have 6 children. I have no role model.

### Opportunities for 13 year old boys

Education access is good in the community. I do two things at the same time due to education access in our neighbourhood. If the school is far away like the 9th-10th grade school, it is difficult to support family and learn simultaneously. There is no problem. It is full of good things. Anyone interested in business can do it.

### Combining work and education

There are many youth of my age working as well as being at school in the community. There are sugar cane sellers; a few are also involved in selling some bread. I don’t have information about the works that pay best. There are youth involving in heavy load works. They bring sugar cane from rural areas and sell it in urban areas.

The youth in the community involve in works such as sugar cane selling, shoe making, selling bread on market places, and butchers. They do these businesses in their free time after schooling. Some have left schooling and involved in such businesses.

There are many youth in the community who lack jobs. There are also youth of my age moving to Shakiso for gold mining. Dropping out from the school is very common for the youth of my age if their family are not following up. Those going somewhere and returning to education, at the end completely stops it.

The problem is a complete drop out from school.

To establish an independent livelihood in the community, commonly farming, trade and moving to Shakiso are preferred by the youth in the community. There is no-one from the community who completed grade 12th and does not have a job. There is one youth in our neighbourhood who completed grade 10th and he is working on farming activities. He is farming his family land. There is no-one in our neighbourhood who completed college study and remained idle.

I know many poor youth in the community involved in both trade and education. There is no visible problem for combining education and work.

If the poor youth do not work, it is difficult to pursue education because they need money to finance their education expenses.

I have no information if there are youth drinking, chewing chat and smoking. It is not allowed for Protestants to drink, chew chat and smoke.

### Establishing an independent livelihood

It is not allowed to have land in one’s young age. I do have no information on those interested to be farmers or those wanting to stay in the community but to work other things. Most youth of my age work only in their family farm or business. We are not talking with friends about joining university. We are just learning.

The youth in our neighbourhood who are older than me mostly work in their family farm. There are coffee traders. There are also shop owners in Adado town.

If a person is poor, he has no income to finance his life. Therefore, I think the poor would face a problem to form an independent livelihood.

### Getting married

When the youth become older they think about marrying. Their age is not known. I think there are youth marrying at the age of 25.

It is no common to marry at my age. I have no information on marrying since I have not married. May be marriage is good if you want to have children. If you do not marry, it is not possible to have children.

I expect that marriage is not possible if there is no household income and livelihood means.

I have no information if youth tell their parents about their girlfriend’s choice. We heard in school about the rules of government on early marriage. It is not allowed to marry a girl if she is below 18 years. There is no case in our kebele.

### Setting up an independent household

When a young man wants to marry, he asks land to his father to make his own home. Then, he marries and starts living his independent life. They receive money and other assets for making their independent household. The problem is land resource. If a father does not allow land for a young man, it is difficult to form an independent household.

The poor are living with their parents even after marriage. I know one case in our neighbourhood who has married but is still living with his parents. It is easy for the rich to form his own life. Their families and relatives give gifts and contributions for the youth to form independent livelihood.

### Migrating

There are youth of our age going to Shakiso for gold mining areas. Since they have no other means, they prefer to go there. I have no information about other places for migration. I don’t think that there will be a problem in migrating to Shakiso. I have not heard of any problem. I have no plan to migrate. I wish to go to university. I have no income problem to finance my education and clothes. But, there are very many youth and early youth moving to Shakiso. The number is increasing. There are also youth dropping out from school to migrate to the place.

### Living in the community

I like to live in the community because we have business activities. I like everything in the community. There are changes like ETV, FM, electricity, mobile telephone and motor transport. The place is very peaceful. I have not seen any problem. There is no special grouping in the community. Indeed, I don’t know about it.

There is no violence and conflict in the community. My parents do not worry about me because I support them, perform my education well and go to church with no problem. My father is closely controlling all our activities. I have never done drinking or other bad things violating my religion.

I know that HIV/AIDS is caused by unsafe sex and blood contact from a person with HIV/AIDS through sharp materials. I have no information about anyone with HIV/AIDS in the community. We learned that a person can protect himself from HIV/AIDS by using condom.

### The economy

I think there is good change in the community. People are becoming richer. Farmers are producing larger amounts of coffee in the community. Livestock production is not large in the community. People are working together in farming.

There are carpenters involved in woodwork, blacksmiths and people involved in motor transportation. The youth are migrating to Shakiso. This is increasing.

I have no information about inequality between households. However, there are rich and poor people in the community. The youth in poor households are not similar to the youth in the rich families. The richer are better-off in terms of their livelihood, education and plan for future education. The poor do not want to migrate to Shakiso because they have their family business or their own land for farming activities. The poor face shortage of income to form an independent household due to lack of sufficient livelihood means. If a youth is from a poor family, the problem is that marriage expense is smaller than for the rich. In general, the poor are not planning for future education. The richer youth plans for his future education as well as livelihood better than the poor youth.

### Religion

It is common to go to church in every weekend, Sunday. I have no information on people who are less interested on religion. There are many protestant religion followers in the community. I know three of them: Kalehiwot, Full Gospel, and Rehobot. There is also Muslim religion in the community. The youth are also good in religion matters. There are pastors coming from other churches to teach the Bible. I have no information on anyone who would have left for religious education.

I have not heard of any conflict on religious matters in the community. I hope every religion is peaceful. The community members are also living in peaceful environment.

There is no problem if we go to other protestant religions in the neighbourhood. It is not possible to go to Muslim religion.

Our church members mostly support poor people in the community. We contribute money for the poor. Sometimes, we give them food if they come to our home.

### Politics

I have no information on politics. I don’t know about messages from government. There are no resources arranged by kebele or woreda on youth issues. There is no youth related activity in the kebele. I think the youth can contribute to the development of the community through their own education, trade or farming.

I don’t know about party membership. So far, no one asked me to be a party member. There is no active youth organization in the kebele. There is no known interest of youth to involve in opposing politics. The opposing politics is not known in the community.

### Inter-generational relations

We have very good relationship between teenagers and parents/adults in the community. We have very smooth relationship among the entire household members. We learn in the church about the family respect issue. We respect our family and our elder brothers and sisters. There is a similar trend in the community at large. Since there is strong teaching of the youth in the churches, there is similar feature of relationship in inter-generations. There is no tension in the community be it at household or community level.

## Middle-wealth male teenager 13

### Personal

I am living with my family. My father is a nursery site worker and farmer. We support him in farming activities. My brother and I work shoe making in the kebele for income earning. One brother is learning in TVET College in Dilla. My elder sisters are living in Dilla. They are involved in some businesses.

My family belongs to the middle class in economy. I know many people who are richer than my family. There are also people poorer than us.

I am 13 years old. I am now 6th grade student. I was 1st rank student in the last semester. I have never dropped out from school. I support my family with farm work and fetching water. This is very common for the last three years. I have been working as a shoe maker in the kebele. I have earned 200 ETB in this business. Most of the government employees are my customers. Farmers also use my shoe making service. We do this with my little brother.

Commonly, I have been involved in education, supporting my family with farming activities, fetching water, and my shoe making business. I learned the shoe making skill from my elder brother. I also made my little brother learn from me. Farming works are commonly learned from our parents. Since the elder brothers and sister support our parents in domestic works as well as fetching water, we followed them and replace their service when they leave home for work and education activities.

We are ordered by our parents and elder brothers and sisters to work something in the house. But I decided on what I would work in addition to the orders given from my parents. Shoe making business is my personal interest to work. I saw it from my elder brother and developed skills in it. Now I am very good in this business.

In the last twelve months, I have earned 200ETB from shoe making activity. I contribute for equb business. I save it. There are 20 people doing equb with us. I can combine work and education with no severe problem in my education. I use my spare time to work shoe making business.

It is also not harmful for my personal health. Since I am earning good income, the job is very good. I have no issue that I dislike in the works. Since I am not happy with playing, I hope combining work and education would not be difficult. It is good if one uses the time effectively. I come from school and use the extra time for study, works and family support. I use my time effectively. The school time is good for me because it is a shift system. I wish to join university degree study and work in a government office.

Most of the time, I spend my time in family supporting, or working on my shoe making business. The other time is left for school and study. I like music and sports. I am very serious in my religion. I don’t like insulting men. I am not participating in any political activities. I am not a member of Youth Association/federation/league. I have no such socialization behaviour. I have no friend. In the future, I want to go to Addis Ababa, Dilla or abroad. My father provides me land if I want to live in the community. However, the land holding is very small for my family.

As I said, I wish to live in Addis Ababa or Dilla. I heard from my family about the existence of relatives. I will visit my family when I get time. I want to continue my education. In future, I will marry when my age reaches 35. Marriage decision is personal. I have not selected anyone for marriage. I want to have two children in future, because life is expensive. I know a person called someone in preparatory class education. He is now in university degree education. I like to be a university student like him. He is a very active student.

I think the future would be better with education. I worry that it would be difficult to be admitted to university education. There might be many problems such as sickness, etc.

### Opportunities for 13 year old boys

There are work opportunities for people in my age. They can trade or work like me as a shoe making boy. There is also education. People who learned are getting a better income compared to those illiterate. In some cases, the youth also go to Shakiso and earn some income. This is another advantage. There is one problem for people of my age. When the boys get involved in some income earning activities, they forget about education if their family give little care for it.

### Combining work and education

There are many young boys involved in some non-farm income earning works in the community. I don’t know the best, but I am working shoe making because I could earn some income from it. I am working very light farm activities and the shoe making is very easy. I have not faced any work which harms my health.

I saw that many young boys prefer education. Otherwise, a few like me are involved in some income earning works. At our age attending education is enforced by all the families in the community.

The young male mostly support their family, otherwise, education is the main job. In some cases, working some activities to earn an income is preferred. They do such as selling sugar cane on the market. Some are hired in tea selling shops. There are butcher boys who bring meat from other market places and sell it in Adado market. We sometimes involve in casual labour in the kebele. For instance, these days we are collecting stones for latrine construction in the kebele. We are paid 30 ETB for a day.

There is no sufficient work in the community. There are older youth in the community who lack jobs.

I know 3 youth who have stopped education. It is also very common to drop out from school for some reason and come back when the parents and the teachers enforce to attend. This is not good for a person if he wishes education to be his/her future livelihood means.

I believe that education would provide better jobs in the future. If a person is not educated, there is farming activity or trade for establishing an independent livelihood in the community.

There are a few grade 10th complete youth who lack job, but there is no-one who lack job after completing grade 12th. Those who completed grade 10th are doing farming and trade activities. A few have migrated to Shakiso for gold mining business.

There is no one who completed university/college study and with no job. It is immediate to be employed if you are graduated with diploma or degree.

Most of the time youth coming from poor families combine both education and work. This is because they finance their life expenditures. I have no information about young people drinking or chewing chat.

### Establishing an independent livelihood

It is not allowed to access land at my age. I don’t know about those interested to be farmers. The youth who are educated want to be government worker or trader. I don’t think that the youth want to engage in farming activities. A few of the youth may want to stay here in the community, but they wish to work trading in shops. They are not working except family support or education. I have no information about migrants of my age. No-one wants to migrate among those I know in school and church. We are competing in class to score better grades and also to join university as our elder brothers and sisters did. I think everyone has this feeling.

Young men in their twenties are living with their families, but a few went to Shakiso for gold mining. I know a young man aged 25 who has formed his own family. He is just a farmer. He completed grade 10th and remained farmer because he did not score enough in the entrance examination.

The poor is always facing a challenge in his life. He has no supporter. We know many youth who are poor. They have a responsibility to support their parents. This is a burden for the poor when compared to the rich. For instance, those migrating to Shakiso from a richer family bring money and spend it for their personal life. It is not usual for the poor. The poor is expected to support his family.

### Getting married

I don’t know the youngest age to marry. I have no information about those marrying in their youngest age. I think they marry when they get matured.

There is no one married of my age. People marry to have children and form family. This is the advantage. Those children get educated and support family. There is no disadvantage in marriage.

I have no information about the challenges in marriage. It may the case that marriage is costly. These days the youth start friendship and engage into marriage. There is no special thing. Either the poor or rich, they ask the one they love much for marriage. It is not common for the poor to marry someone very rich. Most of the time, the poor marries someone from a poorer family.

In schools there was an orientation about violation of laws through early marriage. Girls marrying before 15 are violating the rule. Therefore, there is a penalty if a person marries the girl below the legal age.

### Setting up an independent household

It is difficult if a young man has no own income or livelihood means. It is difficult for the poor. We know the youth men are facing a problem to set up an independent household. A person can set up an independent household only if he has sufficient holding from his family or if he is a trader.

The barriers to form independent household are directly related to lack of resources. After marriage the youth immediately leave his parents’ home and start living his own life. If a person is unable to form his own household since he is poor, he may live with his parents for more than a year. Poor youth live with their parents until he builds his own home and collects household utensils. Sometimes, his parents lack land to give him for farming. Thus, he receives land sufficient only for home making. The rich has no problem to construct a house.

### Migrating

These days there are young men like me going to Shakiso if they know a person there or have a relative. I know that the youth go to Shakiso for gold mining business. There is no other place they migrate. I have no information about the problems occurring during migration or in mining places. I have no plan to migrate. I have a plan to educate and join university.

### Living in the community

Nothing makes me happy in living in the community. I am not happy to live in the community, because there is no attractive thing in the community. I dislike youth who are dropping out from schools. There are some visible changes in the community. There was no ETV, radio, electricity and mobile telephone. This started to work in very recent time. There are shops in the urban area. We watch films and football games in town. Currently, cars are frequently coming to our community. Motor bicycles are recently giving transport to the community.

The community is peaceful and secure. There is no conflict. There is friendship among the youth. The teaming is based on their school or neighbourhood. The friendship is smooth and there is no conflict among us. I have no faced any conflict in youth friendship. Since the youth in the community are involving in religious activities, violence is less likely. The church is a good place to follow-up on those violating some rules and cultural issues. Parents report to the church if the child is violating and not respecting the family rules and regulations.

I have good relationship with my parents; therefore, they do not worry about me. However, my parents are serious on education matters.

My parents follow up all my activities. They want me to do only those activities relevant for my education and family. I am a protestant and not involving in any kind of chewing chat or smoking/drinking.

There was awareness creation by health extension workers about the causes of HIV/AIDS. We know it very well. I have no information on anyone who is caught by HIV/AIDS in the community. It is not easy to know but people talk about a person after his/her death. We heard some people died from HIV/AIDS in the past in the community.

I have information about those doing sexual relationship in the community. We have information about the care needed to prevent from HIV/AIDS. Many of the youth people have information on it.

### The economy

I think there is change in some aspects of the economy. We see changes like roads improved, the mobile telephone working and ETV and FM radio. I hope there is change.

Farming is also good. Households earn large amount of income from coffee. Since households are selling more coffee, they also buy other consumable items. There is improvement. We see coffee, enset, maize, cabbage, fruits, Godere, Boye,etc. growing in the community. Coffee and enset cover households’ whole land. There are also households owning livestock such as ox, cow, sheep, donkey, mule and horse. People use the same type of tools for cultivation in farming. There is fertilizer and improved seed use in farming activities. There are groups of households working together and supporting each other in farming.

Livestock production is not increasing. There is no grass access for livestock production. There are households owning ox, cow, sheep, chicken and also producing honey together. There are also households lacking any cattle in their home.

There are households working as blacksmith, carpenter and renting motor bicycle.

Migrants are many in the community. At least, a 100 went to Shakiso for gold mining business in a year. The number is increasing over time. I have no information about migrants coming into the community. Teachers and health centre workers are coming. Otherwise, there are no migrants like those going to Shakiso for gold mining.

I don’t about the gap between richer and poorer in the community. There are households becoming very rich and there are poor people remaining poorer and living in the worst situation.

Youth in rich families wear better clothes. They are physically and mentally good when compared to the poor. They do not want to involve in any income earning personal activities, but the poor are forced to involve in such activities. The richer pays better attention to education than the poorer.

The rich worries less to form an independent livelihood compared to the poor. The rich faces no problem to marry anyone in or outside the community. The poor has limited choice to marry. The poor men mostly marry poor women.

Since the rich has sufficient resources from his parents, he can for his own independent household. This is not possible for the poor.

### Religion

In a week, we spend at least three days attending church. Most of the time, households go to church on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday for praying in churches. I think everyone is happy with church issues. There are religions such as Kalehiwot, Full Gospel church, Rehobot and Mekane Yesus in the community. The other is Muslim. There is no orthodox church. All the Protestants are the same. Protestant is not identical to orthodox or Muslim.

Young people are also interested in religious affairs because we see all are actively participating without enforcement. No one forces a young men like me to participate in church because they are good in it.

Sometimes when there is conference in the church, guests are invited to teach people in the conference. They come from Dilla or every from other places. I have no information about anyone who went to other places for religious training.

These days church is strictly following up every member. There is strong rule and regulation. There is penalty for anyone violating the religion’s rule.

I have no information on any conflict among leaders of the church. The community members are also living peaceful. It is also not a problem to go to different types of church among members from one household. But the church should be one of the protestant religions in the community. There is no conflict among family members attending different churches.

The churches are supporting people who are very poor seeking help. In every Sunday, there is a support agenda for the poor.

### Politics

There is no special problem between the youth and government in the community. I have heard no message regarding the youth. There is no known youth related support from the kebele or woreda in the community.

Since there is no action from woreda or kebele to support the youth in the community, it would be good to give attention. There is no as such functioning youth association/league/federation in the kebele. Young people in the kebele are not worrying about the politics. They worry for income earning activities.

I have no information about interest in opposing politics.

### Inter-generational relations

There is very smooth relationship between teenagers and parents/adults in our family. I have not seen any problem. We have a tradition to obey and respect senior family members. We learn this type of relationship in churches. We have very good connection among our family members. We respect our father and mother. I have no problem from my perspective. I do the same as others in our family.

In tradition, there is a good thing in relationships among individuals. The teenagers respect the senior adults in the community as they do in their respective family. It is because of culture and religious education. We learn from the Bible about respecting the elders.

I have no information on tension among household members.

## Poor male teenager 13

### Personal

I am living with my parents. I have four brothers and three sisters. My family is dependent on farming activities. My father is a guard in the kebele. He earns some wage from this government employment.

I belong to a poor family. I am very happy about the family’s interest in my education. They buy clothes, shoes and exercise books every year.

I am thirteen years old. I am now 6th grade student. I scored the 3rd rank in last semester in our class. I have never dropped out from school.

In the last twelve months, I have been supporting my father in farming activities. Usually, I fetch water for the household consumption. I also sell sugar cane in kebele in order to earn some income.

Regularly, I involve in education. In extra time, I sell sugar cane, farm, fetch water, and carry out other domestic activities.

I started selling sugar cane because my sister was doing the same business and showed me. I am happy in selling sugar cane because I earn better income. Farming is a difficult job. Fetching water is not difficult but I hate it when the family orders me to bring it in the early morning. My mother pushes me to involve in work. I work when my family orders me. My sister helps me in sugar cane selling. For the last six months or so, I earned 150 ETB by selling sugar cane. I save the money earned by selling sugar cane. I give some amount of money for household consumption expenditure. The schooling is in one shift and therefore selling sugar cane does not affect my education and health. I am very happy with the sugar cane selling business because it supports me in earning income. I have nothing to dislike.

Since there is sufficient time in afternoon or morning shift after schooling, there is no problem to combine my education and other activities. I will be participating in education and farming activities in the coming year. I want to support my father in farming activities.

I will be involving in schooling, selling sugar cane and supporting my family in domestic and farming activities.

I don’t like music or any art works. It is not allowed to protestant followers to involve in music. I am strong enough in my religion. I worship and contribute to church. I am not good in politics. I am good in sports. I do gymnasium. I don’t know about the youth association/federation/league.

I take very little time with my friends because I am busy with my activities. I meet them in ETV watching areas. I have only male friends. When I come home, I do those domestic works. I also support my mother in domestic works like preparing coffee in the morning.

If there is no other family support activity, I start working on assignments. In future, I want to go to other areas for education. I have no specific plan where to go for education.

I am not interested to be a farmer. I want to be government employee. In future, I want to live in Dilla. I know that there is an uncle living in Dilla. I will visit my family once in a month. I also plan to call my family to Dilla to visit me. I will be continuing my education. I will marry after finalising my university education and securing a government job. My parent will not involve in my decision over a girlfriend. They will be informed after I finalize the selection.

I know a girl in my neighbourhood. I wish to marry her in future. I don’t know her plan but we learn together. I will have four children. There is a person who joined the university. He joined the university and got work. I expect the future will be good if I study hard and join the university. I only worry that joining university will be challenged by many issues such as health, family interest to support me and results in grade 10th and 12th. If I can succeed with all these issues there will be a hope that I will get a good job in government office and form my own family.

### Opportunities for 13 year old boys

Adado is a good place in coffee production. My family can earn an income from selling coffee and support my education. We are competing with classmates to score better rank in education. Since I am one of the best students in my class; there will be no problem to join university. There are many challenges for the young male of my age when growing up. If their family does not support the youth, many of them go to Shakiso gold mining areas. There are also youth dropping out from school. Some are busy with an interest to involve in petty trade. There will be challenges at our adolescent age as we see our elders.

### Combining work and education

Young males of my age are busy with works such as family support besides their education. There are also traders of my age. It is common to involve in some activities. There are sugar cane sellers and coffee traders in the community. I think coffee trade is good means for income earning.

I am not working hard works that can affect my health. My family does not allow me to do such bad jobs. There are youth of my age who work for their family and do very heavy farming activities beyond their actual capacity.

Young people of my age like to work activities that are good for income earning purposes. Most other young people in the community are busy with education activities. The youth do not want to involve in any kind of heavier jobs that bring less/no income.

There is not enough work in the community that can accommodate the youth work demand. Since education is in one shift, it is not difficult to involve in activities that are not consuming time. I know there are seven youth of my age not attending school. In some cases, the youth miss schooling. There are some problems for the youth. Sometimes the family does not support them in exercise books, clothes and other materials. In some cases, the youth want to earn their own income and support the family if they are too poor. One of the youth I know dropped out from school for supporting his family through involving in trade.

There should be better job like trading with sufficient assets, farming in larger size of farm or earning government income after completing education.

There is no one in the community who completed 12th grade but is lacking a job. There are some grades 10th completers lacking jobs. Those who completed grade 10th and lack a job are doing farming activities, some petty trade activities and a few went to Shakiso for gold mining business. There is one youth who completed grade 10th and started his own shop in Adado urban area.

There is no one in the community who graduated from the college education but is lacking a job. Usually, the young people from poor families do both things together. They involve in jobs that can support their education while engaging in education. The richer one does not worry for work.

There is no one I know who drinks or chews chat. It is forbidden for the youth or even for the adults to do so. The church will not allow for their members to drink and chew chat.

### Establishing an independent livelihood

It is not allowed for the youth of my age to receive any land. However, the youth of my age can access land if there is inheritance from elders who died. I have no information about my friends’ interest. I don’t think that they are interested to be a farmer. They are studying hard to have government jobs in future. There are a few youth who want to live in the community but they want to work on trading activities. Currently, the youth are involved in farming activities to support their family. I have no information about their interest to migrate. The one feeling inconvenience in his family life may unfortunately decide to migrate. I feel that almost all want to join university/college education. I know one youth in our neighbourhood who is involved in farming activities. He was busy with cultivating land given from his family. He was also harvesting the coffee for his family. I also saw him on market places in market days. Most of the time, I see him working on the farm land of his parent. A youth from a poor family will be less likely to form an independent livelihood because he will not have land resource.

### Getting married

There is marriage when a person becomes adult. I have not seen very young boys marrying in the community. I don’t know the exact age of marriage in the community, but I know that youth marry at adult age.

There is no disadvantage if a person has sufficient income before marriage. Having children is possible when a person marries. My parents married and had children like me. I support them in many household activities. I will also help them after finalising my education and earning some income in future. Marriage is not easy if a person has no land or income.

In the community, the youth choose their girlfriends and inform their family before marriage. It is common to have a consensus with the family about the background of the girl he wants to marry.

There is difference in marriage for poor and rich families. The poor will not celebrate on the wedding occasion because he lacks an income to finance this. The rich does all important cultural wedding ceremonies because he has money to finance all relevant costs. The poor and rich will not be different regarding girlfriend selection. It is common to select a girlfriend by oneself and inform one’s family and relatives for some comments.

### Setting up an independent household

It is not easy to form an independent household if the youth is poor. A person can form an independent household if he earns income and has work. There are many youth people in the community who formed an independent household. They have their own income earning activities like trading, farming or government employee.

The barrier is lack of finance for living costs. The youth marry and stay for a short time with his parents if he can start depending on his own livelihood. While the poor stay with his parents.

### Migrating

There are youth going to Shakiso gold mining areas in their age of 14. I don’t know other places of migration. I have also no information about the problems occurring during migration. I don’t want to migrate because I wish to join university. The ones migrating are not interested in education.

### Living in the community

More or less the community is good for living. We have good coffee business know on the national markets. The place is also peaceful and secure for living.

There is no as such special socialization among the youth in the community. We sometimes move together when coming from school or church. There is no special grouping. There is no conflict among the youth in the community. I have not heard or seen any kind of conflict in the community. There is good neighbourhood relationship in the community. My family do not worry about me because they know me very well. I let them know all my activities. They also ask me about my education. It is not allowed to drink or chew chat in our religion.

We have attended the awareness creation meeting at school on the causes of HIV/AIDS. We learned that HIV/AIDS is caused by unsafe sex. There is also a possibility to be caught by HIV/AIDS if a person is harmed by sharp materials. If a person has blood contact with a person caught by HIV/AIDS, there is a possibility to be affected. I have no information about a person caught by HIV/AIDS in the community.

It is not common in the community to have sex before marriage. There may be youth who are violating religious rules and have sex. We have known from the awareness creation that condom use is good to protect oneself from HIV/AIDS disease.

### The economy

There are a few richer people in the community who have a large amount of land occupied by coffee. People owning many trees of coffee are rich. Farmers produce coffee and enset on a larger scale. There is use of fertilizer and improved seeds. There is also good cooperation among households in neighbourhoods. I know that there are neighbours supporting my father in his farm works. He also supports them.

Livestock production is small in the community. There are very few households owning sheep, ox, cow and horse/mule/donkey. There are households producing honey. We have also honey bee. In our neighbourhood, there are households owning cattle.

There are off-farm activities such as skilled works like blacksmith, wood works and carpentry. There are also youth renting motorbikes who earn better income. There is also the trading option. People involve in one of these activities in addition to their farming.

Migration to Shakiso is very common and many youth go there. I have no information about people coming to the community for migration.

There is inequality between households because many are lacking land and are unable to earn income. The others have sufficient land and work their farming activities, which let them earn better income. The poor have remained there, but the richer are better in terms of income.

The youth in poor households have no sufficient income whereas the ones from richer families enjoy their family wealth. The poor face problems in attending their education because they involve in both work and education. The rich have no obligation to combine both education and work. The poor should have some income and livelihood means to form an independent livelihood and household before marriage.

### Religion

We go to church at least two times in a week. Everyone is happy with the issue of religion. There is no dislike about religious matters because we benefit from it. It is a matter of spiritual life and personal.

We have many protestant religions in the community. There is also Muslim religion. The difference between Protestants is not visible. The difference between Muslim and the protestant is visible. There is difference in basic religious principles. We go to the conferences and religious events in other protestant religions because there is no difference among them. There is usually an annual conference of protestant religion in the community.

The youth are also interested in religious issues.

There are people coming from Dilla and other places to teach about the Bible. I know also someone who left for Dilla to learn about the Bible. He is now teaching the youth in our church.

There are also strong religious rules and regulation that govern the followers. Therefore, violations of religious rules result in penalty.

I have not seen any conflict among the leadership of the churches. There is smooth and peaceful relationship in the community. There is also no problem if one of the family members attends any of the protestant religions. I have not heard any conflict when a household member attends a different religion than his parents.

The church mostly supports people who are very poor and suffering from disease. There are households in need of support from the community. The church members contribute some amount of money and give them. This is known to be a blessed duty in our religion.

### Politics

There is no known problem between youth and the government. The youth have no special concern with government related issues. Anyways, I have no information on messages coming from the government.

There is no special resource arrangement from the kebele or the woreda to support the youth in the community. I have no information on the youth association/federation/league. The youth have not benefitted from the kebele/woreda or any other organization.

The youth can support the government in working development activities. There are youth working on terracing land to protect from soil erosion in the community.

I have not seen any kind of pressure to join a party. It is based on individual’s interest. I don’t know about the benefit and losses in party membership.

There is no active youth-oriented institution in the community. The youth have no such an organization.

There is an interest from the youth to have job opportunities from the government. Those who completed grade 10th are seeking business activities in the kebele. However, there is no support from the kebele or woreda to form business for them.

I have no interest in any kind of opposing politics. Most of the community members are also supporting the existing party. The young need a government that support them in job creation.

### Inter-generational relations

In our family, there is very good relationship among us. We support each other in every aspect. I like all my family members. We love each other. There is no problem. I think that in every family the relationship is good.

The adults and teenagers in the community have brotherhood relationship. In many cases, we go to churches together with the adults. We also play together when there is school football game. We also watch film or ETV in urban areas together. I have no information on any tension among the youth and teenage population because teenagers respect the adults. In our religion, we learn that the younger should respect the elders and parents. We respect our religious rules.

## Rich male teenager 16

### Personal

I am living with my parents. I have three brothers and one sister. My father is farmer and trader. Our family livelihood is farming and trade. My brothers and I support our father in shopping activities in Adado. We go to school in one shift and serve our family in our spare time.

My father started business as shoeshine boy. These days he is a very strong business person. He bought land in Bule woreda. He also takes land on contract from other farmers and produce coffee. We have shops. We have a bajaj rental business. Both the farming and the trade activities are now good. We are now rich in the community.

My father completed 3rd grade. He is very serious about our education. Our parent wish the best for our education.

Currently, I am 15.5 years old. I am 6th grade student. I scored 3rd rank in my last semester class. I read very hard. I have never missed a single class. This is not allowed. My parents seriously follow up our class attendance.

My father bakes bread in the shop. I support my father in fetching water, collecting wood and enset leaves for baking bread. I also keep the shop in my extra time.

I have not participated in any income earning activity. It is not allowed. Our father does not allow us to work in any income earning activities.

I have been involved in education, family support and going to church. There is no other job. I am very happy in supporting my family. I like the work in the shop. During the shop work, I read my books until a customer comes.

Most of the time, my father orders me what do. At other times I work out of my own interest and no one pushes me to work.

Those family support works do not affect my health and education. I like working hard in education. I dislike any time wastage. I use my time very effectively. Since I have a schedule for works and education time, I have not faced any problem. I wish I score first rank in the next semester and in all my future classes. I will study hard. If I study regularly, there will be no problem to be the first rank student. I am also planning to learn in Bule School. During that time I will leave all the works affecting my time. Therefore, I will have sufficient time. I want to support my brothers in education.

In my spare time, I teach kids in our neighbourhood. I teach five kids. We prepare them for formal education. This is “Child by Child” education. We are given books for teaching the kids. The woreda ordered us to do so.

I have been supporting my family in keeping the shop and other household works. I usually work up from 9:00 am up to night. In the rest of the time, I do my home works and study the subjects. There is no time for playing.

I like drawing and music instruments.

I am protestant and participate in it very actively. My family controls me in religion fellowship. I have a regular schedule to worship in church. We are serious in religion because my mother was very sick in the past and God helped her to heal. We know this was God’s effort. Therefore, my family is strict in religion. We clean the church every week. We also contribute money for church support.

I have no information about politics. I like sports such as running, football, push up, jumping and other gymnasium.

I am not a member of any youth institution in the kebele.

I had one friend, but he left for other places. Now I have no friend. Therefore, I involve in works and education. There is no socialization with my friends. I play with my classmates in school time.

When I stay home at night time, I talk with my parents and other family members. In the rest of my time, I start doing homework and studying.

In the future, I will go to Dilla for further studies. I wish to live in Dilla or other urban areas like Addis Ababa. If I get a chance to go outside, I will leave for abroad.

I know relatives living in Hawassa. I will visit my family and relatives for a short time. Otherwise, I will not live in the community.

I will not stop my education because my parents promised me to continue with education. I may marry after completing my university education.

I will first select and let my family know about my girlfriend. Then I will ask their interest. If they are ok, I will marry her. But at present there is no girlfriend or any agreement regarding marriage. It is too early to think about it. I wish to have 4 children, maximum.

There was a person I like very much. He studied and worked well. He drives a car. I feel that he is my role model.

My hope is joining higher education and working as government employee. I worry that Adado is poorly developed. My father faces a challenge in his trading activities because the road is not good for vehicle transport. Roads are very poor. I heard that many people die due to car accidents when coming to Bule woreda. The area is so poor. I want to participate in the development of Adado. I have no personal worries.

### Opportunities for 16 year old boys

There is good trading opportunity in the community. We have now electricity access and we use it for various activities. As a student, we use it for reading at night. The young people can engage into trading of coffee because the area is known for high speciality coffee. There is no serious problem to mention other than infrastructure shortages.

### Combining work and education

It is very common to combine education and work. A few combines them. A few also do not involve in one of the activities.

In the community, trade is good to earn income. Bajaj renting also earns a good income. I like the work in the shop because it is good business to earn income. It is also very interesting to involve in coffee trading in its season.

Sometime, there are heavy works and farming activities. These activities are not good for youth. I have not done such bad jobs. My family does not permit me to do such jobs.

The youth prefer to work in shopping business, trade and education. They are less interested to involve in farming activities.

Youth in the community take part in petty trade, bajaj motor renting, coffee trade and other retail businesses.

There are not enough jobs for the youth in the community. I estimate nearly 30-40 youth are not in at school. It is very common to drop out from school, for various reasons. Sometimes, parents do not buy exercise books if they are poor. A few families also let the youth involve in other activities, which discourages them from schooling.

I feel that trade would help the youth to establish an independent livelihood. Farming will not be good for this because there is no sufficient land for it.

There are at least 30 youth who completed 10th grade. I have no information about any youth who completed 12th grade and who lacks employment. There is no one unemployed in the community who completed college education.

It is common to combine both education and work for all youth, be they from poor or rich families. However, the poor stop their education when they start earning better income. The poor families give less attention to children’s education because they are not supporting with exercise books and other resources required for education.

There are around 10 youth who are involved in chewing chat and drinking alcohol.

### Establishing an independent livelihood

It is not allowed to have land access at our age. It is too early to have land from our parents. I have no information on individuals’ interest. I feel that no one is happy to be a farmer. Nearly 10 of our neighbours would like to involve in trading rather than farming activities.

Most of them are involved in farming on the family land and in education activities. There are many youth in the community planning to migrate to Shakiso for gold mining business. In our neighbourhood there are about 5 youth wanting to migrate to Shakiso. Still there are many youth in the community who want to pursue their education. Their number is not below 30. There are a few youth in the community whose plan is not known. I have no exact information on their number. I feel their number is not less than ten.

I know many youth aged nearly in 20s in the community. They are living with their family. A few are also involved in trade. There are also a few who formed their own family. They received land from their parents and formed an independent life. The poor youth have no resources to form their independent livelihood; therefore, they serve on their family land. They have other family responsibilities. They support their parents. The youth from richer households have no such problem.

### Getting married

There are youth marrying at the age of 20. I have no information on the exact of youth marrying in their 20s. There at least more than 20 youth married at this age. In the community, it is known that the youth marry at 25 and above. Many of the youth in our neighbourhood married around 26. I have no problem with this age.

I don’t know the advantage of getting married, but it is common to have children. Getting married would be a burden if a family is poor. The challenge related to marriage is its expense. After forming a family, there is a problem for running the family if the household lacks sufficient land and other livelihood means.

These days, a person chooses his girlfriend and let the family know. There is need for a consensus on the choice of girlfriend. It is common for both the poor and the rich to choose a partner and communicate it to the family. The family needs to know her education background, family wealth, character and other important family issues. The richer family gives serious attention to these issues. The poor may not be worrying for the wealth issue.

There is an orientation about early marriage of girls. It is considered as illegal. Therefore, there is no youth marrying a girl below 15. We have good lesson in our school club about HTPs.

### Setting up an independent household

It is very difficult to form an independent household because there is no sufficient land and enough resources to do so.

It would be good to involve in trade for a person interested to form independent household. A person should also have sufficient land if he wishes to form an independent household. I prefer to learn and earn a government wage to form an independent household. Some youth in the community went to Shakiso for earning income. They come back and start business.

Resource shortage is the most important problem for a person to form an independent household.

Commonly, the youth form their own home and live near their family whether they have their own livelihood or not. However, they start their own life a short time after marriage because the family and relatives give some gifts to launch an independent household. The poor lacks this option. The dependency will persist if a person is from the poorer family.

### Migrating

It is very common to migrate to Shakiso for gold mining. Starting from age 16 and above youth in the community move to Shakiso for gold mining business. Since there is no sufficient work in the community during kiremt, there are many youth migrating to the place. I have no information if any one goes to other places than Shakiso. I heard no problem from those coming from gold mining business. We hear good things such as income earned in thousands. I have no plan to go to gold mining because I want to pursue my education.

### Living in the community

In the non-rainy season, we move from one place to another with no problem. In rainy season, it is not easy to move because the roads become muddy. I like the community because the area is good for our family business. I have nothing to dislike.

The community change is visible. There was no road in the past. There was no shop in the past. Now there are such things, and ETV, FM radio and electricity connection. The community is very peaceful place for everyone. In coffee harvesting season, there occurs some theft of coffee at night. I have no information on any kind of socialization. There is no conflict in the community.

My parents are very trustful in my activities. Therefore, they do not worry on my future life. My parents control all my activities. I have no any bad habit.

We had an orientation on HIV/AIDS issues. We know the causes of it. I have no information on people with HIV/AIDS in the community.

I have no information whether there are youth having sex before marriage in the community. We have information on protecting us from HIV/AIDS infection. Using condom was introduced as a means to prevent a person from HIV/AIDS. Otherwise, a person is also able to protect from HIV/AIDS through safe sex.

### The economy

There is good economic development in the locality. There are people becoming richer. Actually, there are people highly poor. In farming activities, there is change. Farmers earn income from selling coffee in thousands. This is an indication of economic development. Livestock production is very small in the community. Farmers use fertilizer and improved seeds. This is good for better yields. There are daily labour workers in the community.

I have not seen any change in livestock production.

There are business activities such as renting a bajaj. There are also individuals working in carpentry.

These days, there are large numbers of youth moving outside of the community to the Shakiso area. It is good opportunity for the youth to earn a large amount of income.

I have no information on people coming into the community in migration. I see that there are people lacking income and land resources in the community. The poor remain poor. However, the rich are still doing well because they have sufficient resources.

Youth from the poor family have no resource whereas the rich have sufficient income. The poor involves in other income earning activities such as daily labour whereas the youth from a richer family works only in the family business. The rich have no family burden but the poor take care of others in his family. This is common in our neighbourhood.

The poor will not be lucky enough to form an independent livelihood, marry easily or form independent household. The constraint is lack of resources.

If I want to do all these in future, it would not be difficult for our family to support because they have land resources and income. They will arrange everything for me. They will give me much support. If the poor in our neighbourhood want to do like my family, it would be difficult because of their shortage of household assets and income.

### Religion

On Sunday morning it is very common to attend church programmemes. I have no information on people not interested on religious affairs.

There are Muslims and protestants in the community. There is a big difference between them. The ways of worshipping for Muslim is not the same. All the community members are happy with the religion affairs. The youth are also interested in it. We like religion because it is good for life. There are people coming from Wolayitta, Sidama and other areas to teach on religious issues. I know one youth aged 20 who went to Dilla to learn about religion. He completed it and is now teaching at the church.

These days, religious rules and regulation are becoming very strict. The youth follow these strong religious rules because there is strict follow up of youth actions. For any bad action by a youth, the church leaders give some punishment. For example, if the youth is singer in the church he will be told to stop it for any irregularities against the religious rules.

There is no disagreement among the religious leaders as well as among other community members. I have not heard about any conflict regarding religion in the community.

Churches involve in some support of those vulnerable people in the community or coming from other areas. There is no other development works in our church.

### Politics

There is no bad thing I heard about the relationship between youth and the government in the community. Sometimes, individuals from the woreda office come and tell the youth to form a group to receive some credit in order to launch business. We hear the messages in kebele meetings. I have not heard about any advisory or training initiative from the kebele or the woreda government to support the youth. There was an idea to strengthen through grouping the youth. There is no land or other resource support for the youth in the community. I heard that there was an arrangement of recreation materials like football, clothes and other materials in the kebele but we are not using it.

We would like to have business activities and also a recreation centre in the kebele. If the youth are given some resources, they will create work and help government in paying tax.

There is no as such visible pressure from the kebele to make the youth members of party. I have no information on the benefits of party membership. We heard about the Youth association/ league/federation, but I don’t know their work. We have no clear information on the agenda of these organizations. The youth would be participating if the kebele created for the youth better environment to exercise politics. This is weak in our kebele.

I don’t think people in the community have interest in opposing politics. I know that the leading party is appreciated by all the community members.

### Inter-generational relations

There is very friendly relationship between teenagers and others in a household. Families do better things for the children therefore the relationship is so smooth. There is no problem from my perspective. There is no problem in the relationship of any range of community members. I know that the younger ones respect the elders in the community, which is our culture.

We move together to church, in schools, in neighbourhood and when there are annual festivals. I don’t have any information on tensions between individuals in the community. I feel that there is good relationship among children, youth, adults and elders in the community. The religious training is a good means for us to develop such tolerance among the community members.

## Middle-wealth male teenager 16

### Personal

I am living with my parents; father, mother, six brothers and two sisters. My father and mother involve in farming activities. My brothers and sisters are involved in education. We support our family in farming and household activities.

I am from a middle income family. There are many rich persons in the community. There are also many poor people.

Something interesting in our family is that all the household members respect each other. We have good relationship in the household.

I am 15.5 years old. I have completed grade 8th and scored 9th rank in our class. I have never dropped out from school. I supported my family in farm work. I planted enset. I have been serving them in my spare time when I return from school. In week-end, I support my family and study my subjects. I have never worked in income generating activities because it is not allowed to do so. I work on the farm, otherwise I study subjects. In my spare time, I play with my friends. There is no other job I do. Farming is not a good job but I should support my family. In future, I will not work in farming.

Sometimes, my father asks me to support in farming activities. At other times, I start working with my brothers. We usually do it together. Most of the time, there is a discussion on what to do as farming activities. We are informed by our father to work on farming. Regarding education, it is my personal desire to study.

When we support our parents in farming activities, we schedule our study time. Therefore, there is no problem. Farm work is not as such harmful. No one has been affected by farming activities. I am happy in supporting my family because they finance all the expenditures required for me. They spend for us from the income earned from farming activities, nothing else. Therefore, we are working for ourselves.

I don’t like being idle at home, therefore, I involve in any activity available.

Since education and work are done in separate times, there is no problem to combine. I work only when I have free time, left from education activities. There is also shift time at. If I go to school in the morning, I have free time afternoon. Therefore, I use this afternoon time for farming, study or home works given by school teachers.

I have a plan to join University. Therefore, I am studying very strongly. I hope I will join it.

As I have said in the beginning, supporting my family in farming activities, my education and playing with my friends are the three activities I am engaged in. In Saturday morning and Sunday, I go to church.

I don’t like music or any art works. I am protestant. I am very serious in my religion. I belong to Kalehiwot church membership. I attend the worship. I am moderately interested by politics. I enjoy playing some sports like Push-Up, Running, Football, and others. I like it very much. I have no clear information about the Youth Association, League or Federation. I have never participated so far.

In my spare time, we sit together and talk. We play sports in school. We also go to market places together. Sometimes, we sit together and study. I have only boyfriends.

I mentioned earlier that I spent my time studying or in supporting my family. Otherwise, I do go to churches, market places or join my friends for sports or talk about football. We play what we want to play. There is film/Derma show in kebele urban areas. We also watch it.

For education and then for works after education, my plan is to live outside the community. I would be happy if I get a job in Dilla. I will never be a farmer in the future. I know many people went there for trade, education as well for works. They are relatives and neighbours from our community. I will visit my family after settling my life there. I will visit them regularly. I will be serious in education and give less attention to other activities.

I will be marrying after my university education and securing my independent life. It’s God’s will.

My family will support me in wedding celebration, otherwise, they will not involve in my decision about my girlfriend. They will arrange the ceremony. These days family involvement is less in boy and girl friend selection. Just, I will inform them about my interest to marry.

But, I have no plan at present regarding marriage. It will be done when the time comes in future. I have no idea about how many children to bear. I have no specific person who is a role model, but I wish be a Doctor. My hope is just joining university and earning university degree. I worry that the university entrance is sometimes a chance. It is because if I face any sickness in future, it would remain a hope without actualising it.

### Opportunities for 16 year old boys

These days young age people of my age are involved in education, trade, farming and a few went to Shakiso for gold mining activities. These are some of the opportunities for the youth. The problem is that they fail to sustain themselves with trade, education or migration. I know some of my friends/ neighbours in this category.

For young people, education is the best choice as to me. Otherwise, they can involve in farming if the family give them sufficient land. There is the migration option in Shakiso, but it is difficult job for youth at early age. It requires physical capability.

### Combining work and education

Many of youth of my age are engaged in education. A few are involved in both trade and education. I know also some whom went to Shakiso for Gold mining business.

Those traders bring sugar cane from Chicho and sell it on the market. Others bring avocado fruit from rural areas and sell it on the market. There are also butchers selling meat. The trading activities are not as such important for earning sufficient income. I don’t know which one is best for income earning. The butchers’ work is not good because its odour is bad. The youth male are happy to trade. It is better than other energy consuming jobs. I saw that the youth in the community involve in selling of sugar cane, coffee and tea/bread.

The work opportunities are very few and not meeting the youth’s interest. More than 40 male youth are out of education. Some of them are moving to Shakiso. During peak business time, the number of youth absentees increases. They come back when the business activity is less. In coffee harvesting season, the youth male miss classes. This is very common. There is problem when missing classes. As they are giving less attention to education and continue missing classes this may lead them to complete drop out from the school. They have also less knowledge since they are missing classes.

I don’t know which work would help the young male to establish an independent livelihood in the community. Education may be good if they work hard. Traders can also form an independent livelihood if they trade very well. Many are also forming their own livelihood by farming activities. There are nearly 20 grade 10th and 12th completers who have no job in the community. Some of them are now involved in trading, farming, and also formed their own family. There is no one who graduated from college/university and has no job in the community.

It is common to involve in both education and work for most of the youth in the community. The poor mostly finance their education costs and also they support their family. Since there is no option for the poor if they are not working, they mostly involve in work and education.

I know one youth male of my age who used to drink, but now he went to Shakiso. He used to smoke. Sometimes, he also used to involve in theft activities in the community.

###  Establishing an independent livelihood

Youth of my age are less likely to own their own land because the family does not allow them. Nearly 5 of my friends are inclined to farming activities. The other 15 want to involve in trading rather than faming activities. The youth male of my age like to involve in trading, motorbike renting or any non-farm activities in the community. Farming is less appreciated by the youth of my age. Most of the youth of my age are involved in education, trade, family support in farming activities. We would like to stop supporting our family with farming activities. It is difficult job which consumes energy. At least 30 youth male of my age want to like to migrate to Shakiso for gold mining.

I also know that 3 of my friends are very serious on their education want to join colleges and university education. I am one of them. I have no information about those who have no idea about their future plan.

Those youth in their 20s are mostly involved in trading, farming, shopping or migrating to Shakiso. It is difficult for them, because they have no sufficient income from their activities. Those involved in farming are serving their family or work on their own farm land, but very small in size.

In the community, there are no as such beautiful jobs for the youth. Trading by itself is seasonal as it is active in the coffee harvesting season. They also do not involve in any other form of business because they have not enough start-up money.

### Getting married

Sometimes we see the youth marrying at age 20. I know two youth who married at 20 or even below. However, the normal age of marriage at present is nearly 20-25 years. None of my friends have married.

I don’t know the advantage being married, but the youth see others and engage into marriage. I think that a person should have sufficient income or livelihood before engaging into marriage. Those married in their very early age face some livelihood challenges. They even lack what to eat, and what to wear.

These days parents are not asked for choosing partner for marriage. Both male and female youth communicate and engage into their love. They inform the family for supporting their marriage arrangements. There is no difference between rich and poor youth in selecting the marriage partner. However, the difference is when the marriage ceremony takes place. The rich spend much and the poor sometimes spend zero/very small money. The poor may begin their family with no marriage ceremony.

The government rules and regulations regarding early marriage are very strict. These days any kind of marriage for girls under 15 will result a person in jail. We have attended an awareness creation meeting in the kebele and school. There is no such marriage in the community because of this rule.

### Setting up an independent household

It is not easy for young men to form an independent household. It is relatively easy if the person belongs to a richer family. The poor have some difficulties. Land is the most important problem in the community. However, the one who wants to form an independent household should involve in farming, trade or any other income earning means inside or outside the community. A person can do farming by taking land in contract or in sharecropping.

However, there is one common barrier in forming one’s independent household for poor and rich. Even though the rich receive some amount of money and land from their family, their future life depends on their strength. If a person is weak in his livelihood activities, their future life will not be good. But if a person is from a richer family, it is not difficult at the early stage of family formation. The family supports him in all respects. The poor may lack the same support in the beginning. The poor may live together with his own family because forming his own house may be difficult. Land owning may also be another limitation.

### Migrating

More than 250 married men and youth migrate to Shakiso gold mining area in a year. Even those aged 10 migrate following their elder brothers or neighbours. These days migrating to Shakiso has become a fashion in Adado. Most of the time, the youth see the ones returning from migration with better clothes and income. They also support their family and form their own livelihood.

The common place I know for migration of the youth is Shakiso gold mining. I don’t know other places for migration. The number of migrants is increasing every year. I know that most of the migrants have positive changes.

I have no plan to migrate. I want to join university degree study.

### Living in the community

The community is a very good place to live. It is so green and growing very important cash crop. We have an opportunity to earn some income. I don’t like to be idle in any occasion. I also dislike bad habits like chewing chat, smoking cigarette or anything over which our church puts restriction.

There is also development in our community. Electricity was installed recently. We have started watching ETV and listening to FM radio very recently. The roads were not good for vehicle transport in the past and now my friends use motorbikes for transportation/renting. We use electrical music instruments. Houses in rural areas are built with iron sheet roof. There is visible change since I know myself.

There is no visible violence, there is peace and security in the community. In the past, there were quarrels among the young men in market places, conflict between wife and husband or youth and their neighbours. Thanks to God, there is no problem these days.

There is friendship among young people moving to church together. We sing spiritual songs in church, therefore, we move together. Youth of the same age move together to market places. There is better friendship in all ranges of community members.

There is no visible conflict among social groups. They are just friends living together for a specific issue.

My parents don’t worry about me because I am living according to the rules and regulation of the church. I am protestant and serious in my religion. Otherwise, I am not committing any violation in my home or in the community. My family control all my duties. I let them know when I go to church, school or any place inside or outside the community. They give me permission.

I have never been drinking. I have no such bad habit. I am protestant.

We have attended HIV/AIDS awareness creation sessions in school many times. I know about it. There may be more than 10 persons with HIV/AIDS in the community. Last year, someone died from HIV/AIDS. It is difficult to know exactly who is affected with HIV/AIDS, but we hear rumours from people and our friends.

Most of the youth in the community have sex without marriage. I don’t know if people having sex use condoms or not. Indeed, some of the youth use condom.

### The economy

The economy is highly dependent on coffee production. When coffee price and productivity is good, the economy’s growth is better. I feel that the economy has been growing. Farming is also good. Households give much attention for coffee and enset crop production. These days every household is busy with farming. There is visible change in farming. People are growing more than 4000 coffee plants on their land. They are very active in income earning issues. Farms produce coffee, enset, some trees and other crops such as maize.

Farmers also have livestock. They fatten ox and sheep. There is no new farming technology, but they use improved coffee and enset seedlings, maize and fertilizer. Households owning livestock prepare compost. Household farm works are at present done by 1-5s group members. Neighbours form 1-5s and share farming activities. This is helping households to finish their jobs in a short time.

Since there is no grass production in the community livestock rearing is not possible. Households buy ox, sheep or cow and fatten them for a short period of time. The livestock production is decreasing in the community. Shoat production is also decreasing. There is no significant number of chicken. Beekeeping is now an emerging activity in the community. People buy new beehives from the agriculture office and hung the hives on trees in their farm land.

Currently, the youth male in the community are earning better income from renting motorbikes. This is good business. There is an increasing trend of migration to Shakiso gold mining areas. It is another good means for bringing income. There is inward migration in the community.

There are very poor as well as very rich people in the community. However, the rich are supporting the poor. The rich give money for the poor to trade. This is good relationship between the poor and the rich in the community.

Youth from rich families and poor families are completely different. The rich have no family responsibility. The poor are responsible for family issues. All the poor families’ youth engage in some income earning labour. They have less land resources and low income level. In order to support each other, the family members of the poor engage into jobs. The youth from rich families involve in education with less attention to income earning activities. The poor combine work and education. In most cases, the poor give less focus to education and is inclined toward jobs. In the worst case, the poor may drop out from school. This is less common for the youth from richer households.

The youth from the rich family will not face any problem to form an independent livelihood. He has an opportunity to share sufficient resources from his family. The poor has less resource opportunity. The poor may marry, but the marriage celebration will be informal. The rich spend much for the wedding ceremony. The contributions and other related cultural concerns during marriage are higher for the richer one.

Since the rich has relatively better income and economic resource opportunity, it is not difficult to the rich to form independent household.

### Religion

Most of the time, we spend 3 days a week on church issues. I have no information about those not interested on religious issues. There are many protestant religions and Muslim religion in the community. In the protestant group there are Mekane Yesus, Kalehiwot, Full Gospel and Rehobot churches, and one Muslim religion in the community. Among the Protestants, there are no significant differences. All are the same. It is completely different if we compare protestant and Muslim religions.

We are very happy with the religion issues. It is because we learn good things in following our religion. There are religious teachers coming from Dilla, Hawassa and other places. They teach from the bible. They teach about religion. Spiritual singers also come to our church. It is not from our church, but there is one young person who went to Dilla to learn about religious issues. He came back and is now teaching in church. He is pastor.

We have very strict religious rules and regulations.

I have not seen any conflict among religious leaders or outsiders in other religions. There is peace in all churches. People in the community live with each other with no disagreement.

It is common to go any type of protestant church in a family. It is because the protestant churches have similar approaches in doctrine. I have not heard of any conflict in a household when an individual becomes a member of a different church.

Our church mostly supports people coming from the community with support letters from the kebele or from other religion witnessing that the person is needy.

### Politics

There is not a big problem between the youth and the government but those lacking a job hate the government. Indeed, the government is introducing group formation for starting businesses. This message is heard in public meetings. I have not heard of any training opportunity for the youth in the kebele, no one gave them. I have also no information about the support given by the kebele or the woreda to the youth. Regarding the youth, I have not seen anything in terms of job, training, or material and cash support.

There is an occasion to enforce a youth to join a party. But the youth do not do so because they have not seen any change for those who became party members. There is no youth association/ federation/league in the kebele. We hear about this type of youth related issues from the woreda. It would be good if youth got an opportunity to strengthen the youth related organizations.

We like politics, but we have not actively participated in it. We don’t like opposition politics in the kebele because they have no capacity. They are old people with no capacity to run politics.

### Inter-generational relations

There is very good relationship between the teenage members and parents/elders in our family. Our father is very good in advising the children in our family. He always pushes us to learn. This is what I like from my father’s behaviour. I have no problem. I respect all the orders from my family. They tell me that all helps my life.

In the community the adult and teenage generations have good relations. Teenagers respect all the adults. This is our culture. Churches also teach us to respect adults. Most of the time, the adults are considered as knowledgeable about everything more than teenagers. Therefore, there is a kind of respect among them.

I have not heard of any tension between adult and teenage generations. In some cases, the adults punish the teenagers if they commit wrongdoings. In that occasion, they engage into a simple quarrel. It is also culturally common for senior youth in a house to punish his younger brothers.

## Poor male teenager 16

### Personal

I am from a farmer’s family. We have eight family members. I live with my family. We are poor. There are people richer and middle in income, all better-off than our family. I am 16 years old. I completed 7th grade and scored 8th rank out of 55 students in the class. I dropped out from school when I was 3rd grade student, because my father could not buy exercise books. I started again after a year, with 2nd grade. I support my family in farming activities when I return from school. I also do sugar cane selling to earn some income. I earn 5 ETB profit if I bring a sugar cane of 10ETB from rural areas. I involve in education, supporting family in farming activities and fetching water and wood for domestic use. I am happy with the sugar cane selling because I finance my education expenses and support my family with consumption items in the household.

Most of the time, I see my brothers and sisters involving in business activities. I have learned from them how to start such type of business. In a year, I earn at least 100 ETB net income from selling sugar cane. I use the income for future business activity and supporting my family. It is compulsory to support my education with this business; otherwise, it would be difficult to continue.

I have no health problem due to this business activity. I am happy in my work because the sugar cane is available in the community. I collect it from neighbours and sell it on the kebele market. I don’t like to be idle because it is not easy to live with no work. I also don’t like to give less attention to education when involving in business. I am happy with the education schedule because I learn in one shift and work in the other shift.

I want to continue my education and also rent a motorbike in the coming year. I play football, watch ETV, and talk with my friends when get free time. I like art and not music because I am a protestant. I am good in my religion. I participate in contributing some money on the Sunday church programmeme. I am Kalehiwot church follower. I am also good in politics. We have better awareness about child rights, early marriage issues and other rights. We have some orientation in school. People are coming from woreda and introduce us about rights and legal issues.

I have not participated in any of the youth association/ league/federation in the kebele. We play with friends when we are in school. We also drink tea in café with my friends on break time in school. We talk together about the business and our future life when we are together with friends. I have only male friends. When I stay home, I study and support the family with domestic works.

I wish to live in Dilla for education. I will live in other places such as Dilla after my education. I don’t know anyone living outside, but I will try to live in urban areas for seeking better jobs. I will be visiting my family. I will continue my education and join the university. In the year 2023, I will marry. I don’t have any plan whom to marry but I will try to select. I will have 4 children. I may have the children after a year of marriage. I do not want to have many children because it is difficult to manage well a family with less income. I have no role model. I think that hard working in education is now good to have a better future life. I worry that there will be income challenge in future when I move to university/college because my family is poor. However, I will try to work hard on other businesses useful to save some income for future use when I pursue university education.

### Opportunities for 16 year old boys

The youth in the community have opportunities such as trading coffee, migrating to Shakiso, renting motorbike and education. There are also problems such as dropping out from school and facing land shortage when the youth want to form their own household and livelihood.

There are people lacking supporters to their education. However, there is coffee trade opportunity in the community. Households also like children education.

### Combining work and education

There are youth combining education and work. There are also youth not working but involved in education. I know some of those at school but not working anything. There are jobs like renting motorbike which is a good means of earning income. In coffee harvesting season, there are trading youth earning a good income. I have no information on youth working hard and dangerous works in the community. Most of the time, the young prefer to work in trading activities and other light jobs. There are not enough jobs for the youth in the community. Indeed, the youth go to Shakiso for gold mining. This is very difficult for the youth but they involve in it. Its income is better when compared to other jobs although the work is not interesting and it is dangerous and heavy job. There are about ten youth who dropped out from the education. They went to Shakiso for gold mining.

In the community, there are farming and trading activities. These are very important for forming one’s household and livelihood. There are about 50 grade 10th completers in the community. They are supporting their family. There are also traders and youth who migrated to Shakiso for gold mining. There are also a few with no work. No-one idle from the community who completed grade 12th is idle.

The poor should work hard because there is no-one supporting the youth. If a youth want to form his own family, it is not easy with no income. The rich may not worry because they get support from the family to get an income means. There would be also land inheritance or gift from the family when people want to form a new household and livelihood.

In the community, it is not allowed to drink, chew chat or smoke but when the youth go to urban areas or migrate to Shakiso they start all those bad habits. In the community, bad habits are not happening much. I know the Muslim youth chew chat. It is not forbidden for them.

### Establishing an independent livelihood

Land is not allocated to youth of my age. Land allocation from family starts when youth want to marry and form own family. This is not in the age of 16s. There is no one want to be a farmer. Not less than 100 in my age, they want to stay in the community, but they want to trade or shopping business in the community. They are currently involved in farming activities of their family, but they don’t want to continue such activity.

I know three of my friends who want to migrate to Shakiso for gold mining business. There are two friends interested to continue education. None of my friends are without a future plan. The youth in their 20s in the community are involved in education, farming, trade and migrating to Shakiso.

There are problems for the poor to form an independent livelihood because they lack economic resources such as land and income. The poor have also family responsibility.

### Getting married

The youngest age for the youth to marry is around 25. Almost 60 youth in the community have married around this age. I think that youth around 30s can normally marry in the community. There is one neighbour who married age 30. There is no advantage from marriage. Farming time reduces when youth marry, which affects the life of the household. There is no money for the youth. Even during the marriage the youth should spend some amount of money for the wedding celebration. It is not common for parents to select a girlfriend. But the parents want to know the background of the girl’s family. The poor mostly marry without any wedding ceremony.

### Setting up an independent household

The young man who has livelihood means such as land and other household resources can set up an independent household with no problem. Just, the youth should work in farming activities if he has no other means of livelihood. There is a possibility of trading in the community. There are also people moving to Shakiso and bringing some income, which helps them form their own livelihood. The only shortage for the poor in the community is a means of employment when they want to run their own life. There are many youth living longer time with their parents until they form an independent household. The rich is not facing such a problem because he has family support.

### Migrating

Migration to Shakiso is very common in the community. There are youth around 15 migrating to Shakiso for gold mining business. There are an increasing number of migrants there due to its better income generation capacity. There is also no other income means in the community. I have not heard of anyone migrating to other places. I have not heard of any problem when migrating to Shakiso. Sometime, the youth face hard works and are unable to continue mining. I have no plan to migrate. In the worst case I will migrate to Shakiso because it is a good place for earning income. I have seen many of our community members come with better income.

### Living in the community

I like the community because there is now access to school, health centre, coffee business, and electricity, mobile telephone, ETV and FM radio. There is an improvement in the community; therefore, I like to live here. These are newly established resources in the community.

The community is a very peaceful place and secure for living. There is no occasion of conflict. I have no information about any type of violence committed in the community. My family do not worry because I respect their advice and live in good order. We have consensus in doing anything in the household. I have no bad habit like drinking, chewing or smoking.

I know that HIV/AIDS is caused by unsafe sex and when a person has blood contact through sharp materials used by a HIV/AIDS carrier. I don’t know anyone having unsafe sex in the community. We have heard in school about the use of condom to protect from HIV/AIDS. I have no information about a person with HIV/AIDS.

### The economy

The economy is now better. We see some change in the households’ income. Some farmers have larger amount of coffee supply per year. They earn in thousands. This income is used for buying other household resources. There are also households producing crops such as maize, fruits like avocado and sugar cane in their farm. The most important thing is that the farmers are producing coffee and enset better than in the past. The production of ox, cow, sheep and hen are very insignificant in the community. There are carpenters, blacksmith workers, Bajaj motor renters. These are good business option besides farming. There is still an increasing trend of migration in the community. There is no one coming to the community in migration. I think there is inequality among the community members because there are large numbers of poor people suffering from lack of sufficient livelihood means whereas there are people enjoying better income.

The youth in a rich family becomes busy with his family business or tries to form his own livelihood whereas the poor works in farming activities of the family. The poor tries many livelihood options because he has no well-planned lifestyle. The poor may go to Shakiso, work as agricultural labour or become daily labourer to support his family and his live. There is a combination of education and work for both the poor and the rich youth, but the richer one undertakes work which is different in quality and quantity.

Establishing an independent livelihood, forming marriage or independent household is difficult for the poor compared to the rich youth. The known challenge is lack of resources for the poor compared to the rich youth.

### Religion

In the community, there are different forms of church programmemes. Starting from Monday to Sunday, there are different forms of religious programmemes for the youth, children, and adults. There is no lack of interest for religious issues. There is Muslim religion. There are also protestant religions such as Kalehiwot, Full Gospel, Rehobot, and Mekane Yesus. There is no difference among the protestant religions. Muslim and protestant are not similar in their religious approach.

There is no dislike of religious issues by the youth in the community. There are religious teachers coming from other areas. They teach the religion followers. They mostly come from Dilla, Awassa and other further areas. There is a person called Jigsaw, aged 23, who went to Dilla for training on religious issues. He is now teaching in our church.

The religious rule is good. There is no problem with it. I have not seen any conflict among the religious leaders or among the community members. There is no problem to follow up different religions in the same household if all are protestant. We mostly support people in the community suffering from any type of crisis. There is common humanitarian action by our church.

### Politics

There is no visible problem between the government and the youth in the community. However, there is no special support for the youth. I have not seen any training or advice coming from the kebele or woreda government intended to support the youth.

The youth can support the community development through development works. For example, trading in the community will help the community members by supplying consumables.

There is no pressure from the kebele to make youth become party members. I don’t know whether there is a benefit from party membership or not.

The youth association is not functioning in the community. There is no active participation of the youth in government politics. There is no coordination of the kebele in this respect. In the community there is no stronger opposing political party and people do not like those opposing parties, which are weak.

#### Inter-generational relations

The relationship between teenagers and adults is smooth. There is good teaching in our church regarding respect of elders. In the culture, it is also blessed to respect elders in the community.

We like our parents because they like our progress. There is no problem in our family and also from my perspective regarding the relationship. In the community, the relationship between adult and teenage generations is smooth. This is common culture in the community. There are reason for being together in the community such as church, education, meeting places, market areas, and playing places. There is also an intimacy of the neighbours in the community.

## Rich male teenager 19

### Personal

I am living independently. I am living in Adado town with no one else. I have not made any family. My parents are living in the rural part of Adado. Since I have a shop business in Adado, I live alone and independently. My parents are engaged in farming. They have good faming activities. I think their status is better in the community. They are not poor. I feel that we are rich.

I am 20 years old. I have completed 10th grade in the year 2009. I scored 2.00 point in grade 10th national examination, which was not sufficient to join the preparatory class. Therefore, I started business activity. Most of the time, I used to be the first to third rank student in the classroom. I have never dropped out from school.

I have been working in my shop. I bring materials from Dilla/Bule and sell it in my shop. Sometimes, I support my family in farming activities. I have my own shopping business. I have not been involved in anything else than the shop and family support activities for the last twelve month or so. I am very glad with this business because I earn a good income. The business is good. I decided to start based on my personal decision; therefore, it is going well. My family gave me some money to launch the business; they gave me 7000 ETB. In the last twelve month I earned more than 4000ETB, which is good. I re-invest it in my shop business. I like hard work. The shop work is not bad for heath, rather it is good for wealth.

I use my extra time for recreation. I am not now in education or any kind of activity that would have to be combined to my shop business. I am planning to expand my business. I also want to launch the same business in Dilla, if possible. I like songs.

I like ‘Kebero’, musical instrument. I am active in my religion. I am the member of Tsega religion in the community. I am singer in the religion. I contribute also finance for the church from what I earn in the shop business. I like the leading party very much. I like the politics. I like playing football. In the past, I used to participate in youth association/league/federation in the kebele, but now I am not participating in it. I have not many friends, only two. I meet with them just for talking about business or life in general. I have no girlfriend.

I stay in my shop.

I am planning two things. In the near future, I want to buy Bajaj motor and work with it. I also want to marry and give the shop business to my wife. We can diversify our business.

I am planning to live in Dilla for business activities. I am not planning to stay in the community. I have intimate customers/sellers inviting me to start the business in Dilla. There are also relatives and friends in Dilla. I will visit my family once in a month, which would not be difficult. I don’t know when to marry exactly, but God Knows.

I feel that I will marry what my parents like and I like. They are very eager on my marriage. I have no agreement with anyone but I will try in the near future. I don’t know about children. It depends on God’s will. I would be happy if I have four children. There are two active businesspersons in Dilla. They accumulated money because they are working hard. I imitate their foot.

I hope the shop business will put me in a richer position in the near future if I work hard. I saw my friends becoming rich from this kind of business. I have no worries because God may help me in every activity. I pray my God.

### Opportunities for 19 year old boys

There are two opportunities for youth in the community. One is education and enjoying government job if they can join university. The other is non-education activities such as trade and farming. There are problems for the youth in the community. It is good to begin business but they lack money.

### Combining work and education

A few are involved in both education and some activities. I think those trading earn better income. The others are working in their family farm. There is no as such dangerous work harming health. Youth like to work in trading activities. However, they combine it with education, which may affect their education. There is actually no readymade work in the community. That is why many youth go to Shakiso for gold mining business. Many went to Shakiso in leaving their education. At least 100 youth went to Shakiso in the last twelve months. It is common to drop out from school for a while and return to school. There is lack of supervision in school. This harms the quality of education. They also lack achievements in education.

First of all, the youth should have some amount of money to start some activity. Otherwise, the youth should involve in farming. The other option would be moving to Shakiso for gold mining. There are many Grade 10th complete youth in the community, not less than 1,000. They involve in coffee trade when it is the season of harvesting and do other business in Kiremt seasons. Many of them are involved in their family’s farm. There are also a few who went to Shakiso for gold mining. There is no one who is idle after completing college/ university education. The poor face harder challenges in combining education and work. The rich is focusing on one of the two. There are a few youth drinking and chewing chat, but they don’t disclose this to anyone in the community.

### Establishing an independent livelihood

Families give land to their son when he marries. There is no one among my friends wanting to be a farmer; rather they want to be educated. There are a few also wanting to live in the community with some work like trading, driving and shop business. There are traders, driving, renting motorbike and shop. They are involved in education or in farming business.

I know 3 youth in my neighbourhood who want to migrate to Shakiso. There are 4 youth in my neighbourhood who want to go to higher education. I don’t know those who have no plan.

A few of the youth live with their family. A few work hard in some activities like petty trade.

Since there is no money, land and other resources for the youth from poor families, it is difficult for them to establish an independent livelihood.

### Getting married

The youngest age to marry in the community is around 20 and there are young men doing so. Nearly ten of the youth I know in the community married at that age. I think it is common to marry between 27 and 30. I know there are youth who married at that age but I have no information on them.

Marriage is less relevant if there is no livelihood means. One should own enough income before marrying. It would be burden if the person has no income source and other resources.

There is lack of money.

The family chooses the marriage partner. Therefore, there is need for a consensus between the family and the son. There is no difference for poor and rich in choosing one’s marriage partner. However, the difference is that the rich prefers to marry the rich and the poor do not do so. There is government rule protecting against early marriage. Government rule is now stronger.

### Setting up an independent household

It is not easy for the poor to form an independent household. There should be resource endowment to do this. The poor remain in their family’s household if there is no resource allocation from the family. The rich claims some resources from the family and receives also other resources which help in the new family formation.

### Migrating

It is very common to migrate to Shakiso for gold mining work. Most common is migration at the age of 18 and above. There in an increasing trend of migration to the area because there is no sufficient land for farming. However, the migrants are earning income and coming up with better income.

I have no information if youth are going to other places in migration. I have no information if there are people harmed during their migration. I have no migration plan.

### Living in the community

The area is very good for coffee production, which is the green gold for our farmers and traders. I like to be here, because farmers spend much during the coffee season. I earn better income when the farmers start to have better income from coffee.

There is some change in the community. There will be good changes in the community if the farming activities improve.

The community is a very peaceful place. The community is now improving its working culture. There is no socialization of the community members. There are no conflicts among the community members.

There is no worry from my family on my activities. No one controls my work because they trust me in my activities. I have never been drinking because our religion is not allowing drinking.

I know very well about the HIV/AIDS because there was an orientation in school about its causes. Unsafe sex is one the means for HIV/AIDS causes. I have no information on anyone with HIV/AIDS in the community. There are a few youth possibly having sex with their girlfriends. Using condom is known to prevent from HIV/AIDS.

### The economy.

The community is becoming richer. Farming is also changing because the woreda agriculture office is supporting farmers to improve their farming approach. Farmers use fertilizers and improved seeds for production. People in the community are also sharing labour in their neighbourhood. There is a very strong working culture in the farming community. However, the livestock production is poor. There is also serious follow-up by DAs in the community. Since the price of livestock is increasing, there is a tendency to improve it.

There are activities like carpentry and motor bicycle renting in the community. There are also other off farm activities. The number of migrants to Shakiso for gold mining is increasing. There is no incoming migration to the community. The poor are also working hard and changing their life.

The difference between the poor and the rich is big. The poor lack better income, have no clothing, and lack resources when compared to the rich. The rich have no problem in marriage formation and in forming an independent livelihood and household.

### Religion

Sunday, there is common church programme. It is common to participate to the programme. There is good interest in religious affairs. There are protestant and Muslim religions in the community. The difference between the Protestants is nil. There is no similarity between Muslim and protestant religion. The youth in the community are also happy in religious affairs.

There are religious teachers coming from other places such as Wolayitta, Hawassa and Dilla. The teachers train the followers. There was one person who came back from training in religious institution in Dilla.

There is very good religious rule and regulation that governs the followers very well. There is no disagreement among leaders or among community members. It is also possible to attend any type of protestant religion among household members. There is no conflict when members of one household participate in different typed of religion.

 In our religion, there is regular support to the poor and sick people suffering in the community. We contribute material and finance for them. This is common humanitarian action in our church. It is also blessed in religious rule. Our church also has a good role in negotiating any kind of conflict in a household of church members. We also work together with other churches in environmental protection issues.

### Politics

There is no harsh relationship between the youth and the government. The woreda office gave an orientation about the fact that the youth can take group-based credit for forming any type of business. We also watch this trend on ETV and hear on the radio about youth group forming and business making.

Actually, I have never seen anyone benefiting from following the government messages. I saw that football, handball and shoes are given to the kebele for the youth to use. There is no other support given from the government, but there is a promise like giving credit. I think it is good to train and create awareness for the youth. The youth should participate in development activities of the communities.

There is no one pressuring the youth to participate in party membership. I don’t know the specific benefit in party membership. But, it is good to participate in political activity.

The youth institution in the community is very weak. The youth have no opposition to youth-related organizations in the community. The youth like politics but they have no active environment for participation. There is no one happy with politics opposing the existing party.

### Inter-generational relations

There is very smooth relationship between teenagers and adults in the community. The elders support the youngster, which is culturally usual. I have not seen any harsh relationship between teenagers and adults or any older generation in the community. There are occasions that bring the teenagers and the adults together, like church programmes bringing all household members including kids, children, youth, adults and the elders together. There is no tension between any category of generation be it at household or community level.

## Middle-wealth male teenager 19

### Personal

I am living with my father, mother, two brothers and two sisters. My family is engaged in farming activities. My father also earns some income from government work. He is a guard for the health centre in the community. I am middle class family member. My family is not rich, but they support our education better. My brother is working in Bule agriculture office. He has 10+3 diploma in agriculture. My sister is a cleaner at the health centre. I am 19 years old. I am now 8th grade student and scored 1st rank in the class. I have never dropped out from school. I have involved in education, shoe shining, farming, and supporting my family in household works.

I have been earning some income from the shoe shining business. I also worked as a daily labourer in the kebele. I worked as assistant mason. I have been working the shoe shining business in order to finance my education expenses. The daily labour work is not common, it is casual. I saw my elder brother who was working as shoe shining boy in the community. I started the same business. My family also pushed me to involve in shoe shining business. I earned 30 ETB from daily labour work, which was not as such regular. I asked the workers in the kebele to support them. They hired me for 30 ETB per day. I earned 500 ETB per year from shoe shining and 600ETB from daily labour work. I bought sheep with that money. I also supported my brothers who are learning and my family.

I use one shift for education and the other for shoe shining. When I was working in building works in the kebele, I fell and was injured. I went for medical treatment at the health centre.

I like hard work. I dislike any type of idleness. It is good to combine work and education if you want to earn income and finance your education. It is a matter of effectively using the time. I want to pursue my education and the business in the coming year. I mostly work shoe shining if there is no other household work. I study my subjects when I come home in the evening.

I am spiritual singer in our church therefore I don’t like non-spiritual music. I like sport such as football. In the kebele there is no strong political participation of the youth. I do also many other sports such as gymnasium, push up, running, jumping and others.

I am not member of youth related organization in the community.

During break time in school, we talk with each other and socialize. We also watch ETV and films at the kebele. We also meet with friends in our neighbourhood and talk about our life, education and any sport related issues. I have no girlfriend. When I stay home, I study and support my family in domestic works.

I am planning to pursue my university education in Dilla. I want to also live in Dilla if I get a government job. I may also go to other places for government job. I don’t know anyone in Dilla, but I like Dilla because it is good place for living.

I wish to have 6 children because life is very expensive if there is no plan. I would have children after completing my university education and securing government job.

I know a person who is good role model for me. He has scored 4 point and joined the university. He is now learning in Dilla University. I also know a person who is educating all his children. I think that education is a good means to achieve everything.. I will support my family and form my own household. My family is supporting me in education; therefore, they are expecting my support in future.

I worry that it would be difficult to join university education in future if I face unforeseen events. I pray God to help me in the future.

### Opportunities for 19 year old boys

There is good learning opportunity for the youth in the community. There are also trade opportunities. The community is now peaceful and secure. Farming is also good means of livelihood. The one lacking land from parents can involve in sharecropping. There is no as such known problem in the community.

### Combining work and education

Many of the youth of my age are involved in both education and work. There are also people migrating for work in non-school season. They start earning some income in mining activities. They also start going to the same place even in schooling season. The income earning in the mining area highly attracts the youth in the community. Mining is the best paying business for the youth, but it is found in faraway places. It is not possible to combine both education and mining at the same time.

There is no as such bad works that harm the youth. There are youth receiving land from their parents and starting farming. Indeed, there are kids involving in some heavy load works. However, the young male prefers lighter jobs that can yield better income. Most of the youth in the community prefer education and to have government job. That’s why we learn rather than trade or farm.

Youth in their 20s are involved in farming activities, petty trade on market places, besides education. There are also youth working in churches as singers of spiritual songs. There are not enough jobs in the community, but a few are working in those available in the community. In my neighbourhood, there are nearly 40 youth out of education. It is also common to drop out from school for many reasons such as lack of support, workload at home, sickness and lack of motivation. They come back to school after some time. The problem is that they have less knowledge of subjects because they have missed many classes.

Most of the time farming and trade are the most important means to establish an independent livelihood in the community in the long-run.

In the community there are very few grade 10th complete youth.. There is no one who completed grade 12th who lacks employment. Youth completing grade 12th go to university or college education. Those who completed grade 10th involve in farming, trading, migrating to Shakiso for gold mining. There is no one who completed college education but lacks a job in the community.

It is very common for the youth to combine work and education. The poor are hard workers. The richer may not worry for education as well as for work. There is no option for the poor if he is not involving in work while undertaking education. I have no information on those chewing chat, smoking or in drinking.

### Establishing an independent livelihood

Usually, the youth of my age stay working on family farmland and ask for his own family formation when he has grown up. Asking land earlier is not allowed for the youth. However, a youth works on his family farm and requests his parent to give land. I know that there is no one owning his own farmland without marriage. None of my friends now own farmland from their parents. Most of my friends would like to join university education therefore they would not want to stay in the community.

There are two friends living in Shakiso for gold mining business. They dropped out from education and went to Shakiso. When they come back, they will ask their parents to give them some land for farming. There are ten neighbours, but not friends, interested to work in the community as traders. Currently, they are working on their family farm, but they wish start their own business.

There are three friends interested to migrate to Shakiso gold mining area. There is one youth highly motivated to join university education. I have no friend not knowing his future plan.

The youth in their twenties are working on the farm of their family, educating, trading and migrating. These are very common businesses for the youth in the community. There are also youth preparing themselves for marriage.

It is not easy for the youth from a poorer family to have his independent household. Most of the times the poor youth even stay in their family home after marrying.

### Getting married

In some occasions, the youth marry around 20. I know 5 individuals who married around 20. However, the normal age is between 25 and 30. I have 2 friends who married at this age. There are other neighbours also married in their twenties.

The disadvantage of marriage is that the poor marry and have children without sufficient livelihood. The children remain poor. If the marriage is done with better income, there will be no problem. The advantage of marriage is mostly having children. Marriage is a religiously blessed institution in the community and it is an indication of maturity. However, the problem related to marriage is that it requires resource endowment.

These days, the youth selects the girlfriend and inform his family before marriage. This is also communicated to the church for the church to certify their marriage. The selection procedure is the same for both poor and rich family. The ceremony of the poor and the rich is not identical. The poor may not conduct any form of celebration whereas the rich spends much of his income for the wedding. The rich may not worry for future livelihood whereas the poor start worrying for it.

### Setting up an independent household

The poor always lack something when compared to the rich. It is not easy for the poor to form his own livelihood. The poor stay with his parent even after marrying. The rich may also do the same but not because there are livelihood issues. There is interdependence between the poor son and the family for livelihood issues.

### Migrating

Starting from the age 15, the youth in the community migrate to Shakiso for gold mining activities. There is no other common place for migration. Shakiso is the best place for earning income if a person is lucky enough. The number of migrant is increasing over time because there are people coming with some changes when they return. There was a land sliding case in the past, which harmed the youth in the field of gold mining. I have no plan to go anywhere in migration.

### Living in the community

Living in Adado is very cheap compared to other urban areas. I dislike only the lack of access to quality education in the community. There is also no sufficient income earning means except in the coffee season.

There is some change in the community, but not as such dynamic. It is dependent on coffee farming. There are very few farmers also involved in livestock trading and fattening. When the price for coffee declines, the farmers’ income decreases.

These days the area is very peaceful and secure. There is no security problem in the community. There is no special grouping. The community is homogenous and living in neighbourhood. I have not seen any conflict situation. There is no visible violation of custom and culture. I am living with my parents, but they don’t worry about me because am doing well in my education. They control my works and activities in the community otherwise there is no worry. I am protestant and not drinking/chewing chat/smoking. It is violation of our church religious rule. Our family will penalize me if I do so. The church also penalizes a person committing such violations in the community.

I know very well about the causes of HIV/AIDS. If a person is having unsafe sex or harmed with a sharp material used by a person with HIV/AIDS, there will be a possibility to be infected by HIV/AIDS. I have no information on anyone affected by HIV/AIDS in the community. It is also not common for the youth in the community to have unsafe sex with anyone before marriage. Even though there are youth having sex before marriage, they do it with their girlfriend. I think people know the use of condom in protecting a person from HIV/AIDS. These days there is no such difficult situation of HIV/AIDS in the community.

### The economy

There is slight change in the economy. A few farmers are earning better income from their coffee crop production. Those involved in the livestock trade are earning income. There is no as such significant livestock production in the community. Since there is lack of land in the community, there is no significant amount of farm production. The use of fertilizer and improved seed is also limited due to lack of land. Households use mixed farming for coffee production. There is a potential for livestock fattening in the community.

There is an increasing trend of youth migration. It is a good option for earning income for the youth. There is no possibility for them to have income if they are from a poor family. There are people becoming richer whereas households lacking land become poorer or remain the same.

There is big difference between the poor and the rich family youth in the community. The rich youth is not worrying for any income earning means and supporting his family as well as his personal education. The poor is responsible for his personal as well as his family issues. We know many of the youth in the community from both poor and rich households.

Regarding education, the rich gives attention but not in consideration of its livelihood importance. The poor gives serious attention for education, as an option leading to means of livelihood. In forming an independent livelihood and household or in getting married, there is resource allocation difference between the poor and the rich. The poor is not confident enough to invite guests for a wedding ceremony whereas the rich invites all the community members.

### Religion

We attend the church on Sunday and Wednesday. It is common to attend the church on Sunday for all the followers. There is no one interested in church issues. There are Muslim and Protestant religions in the community. There are many forms of protestant religion but there is no difference among them. Among protestant, chewing chat or doing any other thing is no allowed. In the Muslim, the followers are chewing chat. In the orthodox drinking alcohol is allowed. There is no Orthodox church in the community.

There are people coming from other places to teach religious issues, mostly from Dilla and other places like Wolayta and Hawassa. There is a person who went to Dilla for learning on religious issues and he came back to teach in the church.

These days religious institutions are better serving the community. They involve in conflict management. The religious institutions also involve in serving the poor people.

There is no conflict occasion among religious leaders or among other community members. There is peaceful relationship between the other community members and the religious institutions/leaders.

It is common for one household member to participate in one of the protestant religions even though the other household members go to a different one as long as these are all protestant. There is no conflict in this regard because all protestant religions are similar in their approaches.

The church is good in supporting people with some crisis. The church provides material and financial support for anyone coming in need of support from the community or outside the community.

### Politics

There is no bad relationship between the government and the youth in the community. There is no practical evidence to say the youth and government are in bad relationship. The youth supports all the government agenda.

There is a message coming to the youth from the government, about forming groups and getting credit to launch a business. The kebele office introduced this message for the youth. Training in relation to this was given to selected youth in Bule Woreda office. I saw the training conducted on ETV. The woreda has provided recreational materials for the youth in the community. They provided sport materials like football. There is no other resource provided by the woreda or the kebele for youth development. We are using the football to play when there is sport competition in the woreda. There is no other resource provision for the youth in the kebele. I have not seen any action concerning the youth in the kebele.

I think the youth can contribute to the community development through active participation in education. Those trading should involve in business activities in the community. There are farming youth in the community. They should use knowledge and improved farming technology to improve the productivity in the community.

There is no pressure from the woreda or kebele to make the youth members of party. It is not bad to be a party member because you cannot ignore your rights to politics. The youth association /federation/league is known for its structure in the kebele but they are not active in the kebele. There is no one concerned with youth organization in the kebele. The youth lacks coordination on political affairs; otherwise, there is no attitude problem from us. I have no information on opposing politics in the community because it is weak.

### Inter-generational relations

There is good relationship between all the family members. They like us. We also like them. In the same family, any kind of temporary conflict is solved rapidly. In the tradition of the area, the young people should respect the elder in the community. Therefore, there is such type of linkage among us. Most of the time, the youth and other categories of people join when they go to church. We give them our seat if they are coming late. There is no harsh relationship in the community for all categories of generation. The kids, children, youth, adults and elders are mostly living in the same household; therefore, this is common for the community. There is tolerance among community members. I like the respect we have in the community.

## Poor male teenager 19

### Personal

I am living with my family members. My father is a butcher. He also involves in farming activities. My mother is selling beans on Adado market. She is petty trader. She buys Kocho from market with the profit she earns from petty trade. I am from a poor family. I am happy with my family because they try to support my education.

I am 19 years old. I am 8th grade student. I scored 9th rank in my class. I have never dropped out from school. In the last twelve months, I have been supporting my family with farming activities because my father is busy with his butchery work.

I have not involved in any income earning activity. I am just farming my family land. It is not harmful work. It is also not difficult to combine education and work. I work in one shift only.

I want to work hard in my education. I don’t like any music or art works. I just like sport like football playing. I have no interest in politics. I am very strong in religion. I am Kalehiwot church member. I am singer of religious songs in our church. We sing in group.

I am not part of any youth related organization in the kebele. When I am at school I play with my friends, otherwise, I stay home and start reading. I have no girlfriend. I have only male friends. I also support my family when I come home. Farming activity is the most common task.

I want to pursue my education. I want to live in Dilla for further education. I don’t want to stay in farming. I want to have government jobs in future after completing university education. I also want to live in Bule or Dilla for work. I know relatives living in Dilla. I wish to visit my family in future while living Dilla or Bule for work.

After completing my university education and securing job, I want to marry. My parents will involve in supporting my wedding ceremony. I will inform them who I marry. I know that there is a culturally and religiously acceptable way of marrying a girl. I will do what will be accepted in the family. I have no specific girl in agreement with me. I wish to have four children in future. I know a person who is strong in education and now working as a teacher. I like his performance.

I hope, I will join university education and win my bread. I have no worries. I will work hard and succeed. I know people who succeeded due to hard work. The one I made a role model person is strong worker.

### Opportunities for 19 year old boys

There is good working opportunity in the community. The youth can farm if not interested to take part in education. There is trading of coffee and livestock. There is a problem of lacking finance for launching a business. Otherwise, the youth can make business. There is a problem of dropping out from school in order to migrate to Shakiso for gold mining. The youth from a poor family also lacks education opportunity due to the fact that his family is not capable to support him.

### Combining work and education

There are many youth learning in the community whereas there are also a few doing some business and trading activities. During coffee harvesting, youth are also trading besides their education.

In non-coffee season, there is no good job in the community. The youth in the community involve in education, farming, petty trade, livestock trade and the like. There are also youth working as daily labourer in farming activities. The work available in the community is unable to absorb the youth of the community. I know more than ten youth of my age who are not in education. It is also common to drop out from education and return after being absent for work for a short period of time. This is affecting the quality of education and the performance of the youth. This trend also pushes them in future migration. The youth may also drop out for a longer time.

It is good to start a kind of small-scale business if a person is interested to establish an independent livelihood in the community. It is also good to work on farming. In the long-run, education is good for forming an independent livelihood. There are nearly fifty 10th grade completers in the community. There is no youth who completed Grade 12 and is idle. Youth who completed 10th grade are found in the community, they are involved in farming on their family land. They are also involved in trade of coffee. There are also others migrating to Shakiso for gold mining. There is no one unemployed after completing college education.

The poor youth have no other option than working as well as running his education. The richer youth is working, but not with the intention of financing his livelihood. There is a difference between the rich and the poor. The rich mostly engages in business-related work whereas the poor involve in all activities that can benefit him at any level of income, most of the time wage labour.

I have no information about those involved in any type of bad habits.

### Establishing an independent livelihood

It is not common to have land at an early age like me. Families give land for the youth when they wish to marry.

All my friends want to involve in education. No one is interested to involve in farming activities. I have no friend interested to stay in the community. Most of them want to involve in education, otherwise, they want to trade.

Currently, most of them are involved in farming and education activities. There are 4 friends interested to go to Shakiso for gold mining business during non-schooling season. All my friends are interested to join university for education. I have no friends whom do not know their future destiny. There are friends, aged 20s, living in the community. Most of them are in education.

It is difficult for the poor youth to establish an independent livelihood because he has to create his own livelihood. This requires hard work in income earning activities. Ensuring an income through education is good for the poor because poor families have no sufficient land resources.

### Getting married

It is common to marry at the age of 21. There are about 20 youth in the community who married at this age. We know that the better age for marriage is in the 25-30 range. At present, I don’t know more than two persons married in their 30s.

It is good to marry because family formation is religiously blessed. It is actually bad if there is no sufficient livelihood for the household to manage. I think there is no disadvantage in marriage. The challenge is that the marriage is costly for the poor when compared to the rich.

Regarding the choice of a girlfriend for a son to marry it is common for both the poor and the rich. However, the difference is that the poor boy has less chance of marrying the richer one.

Government rules are now good regarding the early marriage and Harmful Traditional Practices. We respect them.

### Setting up an independent household

For the young man coming from a poor family, it is not easy to establish an independent household. The poor can work hard on those income earning activities before forming an independent household. The rich receives gifts and contributions from the relatives and family besides other resource endowments. The poor may not leave his family’s home if he has no sufficient income means.

### Migrating

Migration to Shakiso is common in our community. Even at the age of 14 the youth start migrating to the gold mining area. Their number is increasing because there is lack of income earning activities but the population is increasing. The land resource is not accommodating the newly coming youth in the community. It is common to migrate to Shakiso. I don’t know any other place appropriate for migration.

There was a rumour from one who returned from Shakiso about youth dying from a land slide during gold mining.

I have no plan to migrate to any place. I have a plan to join university education.

### Living in the community

The area is peaceful and attractive to live in. The community is religious and respectful. I like everything. There is a growing trend of peace and security in the community. I don’t know about any socialising group in the community. We are a homogenous community and there is no group that isolates itself and socializes separately.

I have no information about conflicts in the community. My family do not worry about me. I doing well everything that they order to me. They control all my activities. I have no habit of drinking or doing bad things.

We were given good orientation on HIV/AIDS causes. The most common one is unsafe sex. There is no habit of unsafe sex in the community. The youth have sex if they have girlfriend. I have no information about anyone with HIV/AIDS in the community. Condom use is a known precaution against contracting HIV/AIDS.

### The economy

There are some changes in the community. Farmers are now doing well in their activities. Coffee production is increasing because the farmers have knowledge on preparing land for it, compost use and harvesting technics. There is also household labour sharing culture. There is a decreasing trend in livestock production.

There is some increase in off-farm activities such as motor bicycle renting, trading, and shop keeping. Regarding migration, the trend is increasing because the gold mining activity in Shakiso is better for earning income. In the community, the activities are not sufficient or not responsive to the income needed.

There are many families in the community who became richer due to increasing coffee production and its price effect. At the same time there are also households with less land and other resource endowments. The poor are poorer in the community. Their change is not as such significant.

The difference between poor and rich is visible in education, independent livelihood formation, marriage and having independent household. The main reason we observe is that the richer are doing everything better than the poor in the community. Marriage expense for the poor and the rich is different. The poor may not have any wedding. Independent household and livelihood formation is very formal for the rich The rich respects all cultural procedures to form his own independent household. The way the poor forms his independent household is not as formal.

### Religion

Three days in a week, it is common to participate in a church programmeme. Since I am a singer in the church, we have a study programmeme. The other members also take part in church programmes at least on Sunday.

I think there is no one less interested in his personal life. Religious issue is a matter of life. All the followers attend the church for their personal benefit.

We have religious teachers from other areas such as Wolayitta, Hawassa and even from Addis Ababa coming to teach for occasions like religious conferences. The church invites them. There are individuals sent by the church for training in religious education in Hawassa and Dilla. They come back and start teaching in our church. There are many programmes entitled to the kids, the adults, the youth and the likes.

These days the religious rules are good to control people following it. It restrains us from many bad habits. We like it.

I have never seen any kind of conflict among leaders, community members or between individuals in the community. There is peace in the community. We involve in supporting people suffering from any kind of crisis such as hunger, sickness, or death. We do contributions in cash or in kind. Some households give food if a person is suffering from hunger. We also make a home if a person is homeless.

### Politics

There is no problem between the youth and the government. However, the youth seek job opportunities from the government. The message coming from the woreda for creating a job opportunity for the youth has not been practiced. We have not seen any relevant resource allocation from the kebele or the woreda that targets youth development. We have also very poor youth organization in the kebele. Otherwise, the youth in the community are happy about the government activities such as electricity connection, ETV and FM radio access, poor but available mobile network, etc. We are using electric light for study.

I think the youth can support the community in many development activities. The youth can provide good marketable products on the local markets. If the youth get educated, they will come back and serve the community.

### Inter-generational relations

I feel that there is very smooth relationship between teenagers and adults in the households. The teenagers are learning the religious rule of respecting their elders. This is governing anyone in a household and it is common for all households that follow our religion. There is Christian culture of relationship among the generations. It means respecting the religious rules in everyday life.

We see the practice of smooth relationship when teenagers, the youth and the adults sit together, eat together, or work together. In all occasions, there is visible respect by the younger generation for the elders/adults. This is a given culture and religiously accepted. There is no tension in the household or in the community.