

## Statement by Amelework

Good Morning. I am extremely happy to be participating in this very important meeting. My name is Amelework. I live on the street. I went out onto the street in 1992. The boys tried to rape me while I was living on the street, I could not defend myself. The after three years, I began to live with my uncle. One year later I was out on the street again. The boys continued to bother me and my friend would try to protect me from their attacks. I began to go to school through an NGO, however while I was going to school I got pregnant. When I was four months pregnant I went to Ato Mulat, to the Godanaw project. I had my baby there and then Ato Mulat paid three months rent for me, and gave me household goods for my new home. I started working on the street, however I was unable to continue. I stopped the trade, and I began to sell the household goods one at a time. Because I had not paid my rent the rest of the household goods were taken and I left home and began to live on the street again.

And now, thanks be to God, my baby has grown and is one years olds. I am still living on the street.

Thank you.