

Who We Are

Global Initiative for the Blind in Ethiopia (GIBE,)

endeavors to present a positive, informed and enlightened image of individuals who are blind and visually-impaired in Ethiopia, through social, educational, cultural activities, and vocational rehabilitation. It is committed to achieve this by espousing the following purposes:

Support education of the blind;

- strive for the respect and equal protection of the rights of the blind;
- provide them with overall support for rehabilitation of the blind;
- promote effective implementation of international human right standards and global development goals; Support the blind abroad in information sharing, capacity building and collaboration.

The vision of GIBE is to see the establishment of an inclusive society in which visually impaired and blind people in Ethiopia enjoy their full rights and freedoms on par with other fellow citizens through positive attitudinal changes by themselves and the general public and sound government policy decisions, in addition to and beyond the traditional goodwill and compassion of individuals.

➤ The mission of GIBE is to work for the respect of the rights of the blind in Ethiopia and the building of their self-esteem through capacity enhancement and service provisions as well as public awareness in collaboration and partnership with nongovernmental organizations and government institutions.