

# NEWSLETTER



## PSI and Plan International Ethiopia Signed MOU

H.E. Prof. Beyene Petros expressed his warm welcome to all the leadership and staff of Plan International Ethiopia (PIE) and thanked them for their presence at the MOU signing ceremony. As the Director General of the Policy Studies Institute (PSI), he stated that it was his great pleasure to officiate the event and initiate the partnership between PSI and PIE, which aimed to advance research, policy advocacy, and program implementation.



**By investing in children, Plan International Ethiopia is investing in the future.**

Mr. Mudasser Siddiqui, Country Director of Plan International Ethiopia provided a brief overview of the history of Plan International, stating that it began in 1971 in Lalibela as the first country office in Africa.

**Research alone is insufficient; advocacy and capacity building are also important**

Plan International has been present in Ethiopia since 1971, except during the Derge regime .

**By helping children, girls and women, their reliance on external assistance would decrease in the long run.**

Mr. Mudasser emphasized the significance of teamwork in effectively aiding children, girls, and women, and stressed the importance of gender equality.

*“No society can progress when half of its population, namely girls and women, are left behind.”*

Mr. Mudasser

## The signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding between PSI and Plan International Ethiopia

H.E. Prof. Beyene expressed his optimism about the achievements that could be made through this partnership. He believed that together, they could create meaningful changes that would contribute to a more inclusive and prosperous Ethiopia, making a difference in the lives of children and young people.



### Commitment and Dedication in Making the Partnership a Reality

H.E. Prof. Beyene mentioned that PSI had a team of over 60 researchers, half of whom held doctorate degrees, and they were engaged in six research centers and 14 research departments focusing on economic and social policy research.



### Mr. Mudasser Siddiqui, Country Director of Plan International Ethiopia

Mr. Mudasser emphasized Plan International's motto of helping children realize their potential and its commitment to supporting women and girls in achieving equality and fulfilling their full potential. Mr. Mudasser emphasized the significance of teamwork in effectively aiding children, girls, and women, and stressed the importance of gender equality.

