

Shoe production workshop strengthened

Embassy of the Czech Republic donated Shoe making Machines, and equipments. The support was aimed at strengthening the shoe production at Menagesha Rehabilitation Center. An agreement was signed between Embassy of Czech Republic and Cheshire Services Ethiopia in April, 2011.

Cheshire services Ethiopia has been active in Ethiopia for the past 50 years in enabling children and young people with disabilities through continued institutional care and rehabilitation, outreach services and community based rehabilitation.

The main objectives of the support have been:

- To improve the design and quality of orthopedic shoes produced in the center produced at the workshop;
- Introduce new machine tools by purchasing and supplying new sewing machines and hand tools;
- Purchase and supply quality leather raw materials and inputs;
- Improve skills of staff in respect to new machines and designs.

The items donated include cylindrical one needle sewing machine, flat one needle sewing machine with zig zag stitch, manual hydraulic press, spare parts and tool kit.

The workshop moved to another building with two larger rooms and production line, and system bring reorganized in a way it helps boost production and ensure quality of the center. Machines and equipments are in place, quality raw materials are purchased and supplied, staff's skills have been improved and new staff is employed.