School Related Gender Based Violence Learning Encounter Held in Ethiopia

29 February 2019

The workshop was collaboratively organized by Ethiopian Teachers Association (ETA), Gender at Work, Education International and United Nation Girls Education Initiative in Addis Ababa from 25-27 February 2019 at Friendship International Hotel. It aimed at assessing the efforts of associations in combating gender based violence in and around schools.

The workshop began by a brief introduction of the program by the coordinator from Gender at Work followed by welcome speech by Mr. Yohannes Benti, ETA President. He reminded the motto declared three years back which reads, "Unions take action to stop gender based violence in schools". The project was launched in five African countries which ETA was one of the implementing teacher organizations.

Madam Assibi Napoe, Chief Coordinator of EIRAF, told participants that the program is being scaled up to west African countries by exemplifying the discussion of the issue by staff workers in EIRAF office in the form of hearing our stories (HoS).

After the speeches and remarks, teacher organizations were grouped zonally to discuss on the achievements they have registered and challenges encountered concerning school related gender based violence. ETA has shared its experience on the issue. ETA in collaboration with the support from Initiative Africa, a local NGO, developed a training manual called School Violence Index (SVI), which is currently serving high schools and Teachers’ Training Colleges.

Finally, participants presented messages pictorially, in words and poems. All participants expressed their gratitude to ETA for its hospitality. ETA would also like to thank EI and stakeholders for choosing Ethiopia to host the event.