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Ethiopia is one of those countries that showed sharp increase in educational expansion. The increase in gross enrolment for primary education increased from 30% in 1996 to more than 93% in 2007. There is also substantial increase in enrolment at secondary and tertiary levels. As a whole there is a remarkable increase in enrolment. However, quality is at the center of every level of education.

The focus on expansion in the Ethiopian Education system has to be changed except in emerging regions like Afar & Somali where participation is by far below national average. The highly increased participation has resulted in lack of quality. Having recognized this problem, the third Education Sector Development Programme (ESDP III) has focused in improving quality of education. Accordingly what is known as General Education Quality Improvement Programme (GEQIP) focusing on,

- Continuous Professional Development (CPD)
- School Improvement Programme (SIP)
- Civic & Ethical Education Program
- Curriculum Improvement Program
- I C T in education program
- Leadership and management training Program
- are being under implementation.

Because of the wider awareness gap in the Teacher’s Association leaders at different levels from school to national levels in these programs, ETA in collaboration with Ministry of Education has organized a three day training session for 90(ninety) association leaders in the country from 10-12 May,2008 on the occasion of which HE Fuad Ibrahim, State Minister of Education, has made his key note address for the participants stressing that Teachers' Association leaders have professional duty to support and follow up on the implementation of the quality improvement programmes under way.

Three experts, including education program head, from MoE has participated in giving the training. ETA thanks the ministry for it has covered all the expenses of the training.