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The Hungarian-Ethiopian Friendship Community was established in 2003, but it has abolished in 2011, because of some difficulties to organize its members. Instead of that, the Hungarian-Ethiopian Friendship and Cooperation Foundation has established to continue the previous activities. I was the founder and president of the previous community and I found the later Foundation too.

I was assigned to manage the Rév 2000 Social and Mental Hygiene Assistance Foundation in 1997. During my stay holding this position, I worked out many useful projects and programmes example, creating strong ties with other NGOs throughout Europe, Organizing Conferences, inviting local and regional NGOs representatives including ethnic minorities representatives and University lecturers to encourage cooperations and mutual understandings. I also worked out a project to establish a Multicultural Families Association (Többkultúrájú Családok Egyesülete) in Debrecen, managed under the Rév 2000 Foundation. Now the Foundation is independent and officially registered as a Public Benefits Organization (Közhasznú Társaság). Members of the Association are mixed families from all over the world with different languages, religions and cultures who lives in Hungary. They represent more than 30 countries of the world example, from Africa, Asia, Middle-East, Europe, USA, Latin America and Australia. In 1999, I prepared a project proposal to establish a bilateral relationship between Hungary and Ethiopia. I sent the project to the Ethiopian Embassy in Austria to start diplomatic cooperation, including trade, investment, education and cultural ties between the two countries. It was the result of my initiative that today Ethiopia opened a Honorary Consulate Office in Budapest and many other cooperations has established between the two countries in the last few years, example: Hungary chooses Ethiopia among many developing countries as partner for Development Cooperation programme. I was actively participated as leadership and member of the Free Ethiopian Students Association in Budapest, Hungary. I was also worked out a project to establish the Hungarian-Ethiopian Friendship Community in Budapest to bring together Ethiopians and Hungarians.

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My proposal was welcomed by all Ethiopians and soon after the community has established, 100% of the founding members elected me to lead the Community as a president. Members of the community were Ethiopians who have families in Hungary, including University students, long and short-term programme students and Hungarian friends who are interested know our people's culture and history. The Hungarian Ministry for Chance and Equality (Esélyegyenlőségi Minisztérum) recommended me in 2001, to lead the „Live Library” forum established to help integreting the process of the migrant women in Hungary. I also served as a translator to asylum seekers in all refugee camps in Hungary.



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