

Date: April 20, 2026

Cover Letter

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my deep interest in the **MERL Intern** position posted across social media platforms. I am an MSc Candidate in Community Nutrition and Dietetics at the Center for Food Science, Addis Ababa University.

Throughout my academic journey, I have actively engaged in experiences that strengthened my ability to generate, organize, and communicate evidence. I coordinated a Research Week Expo at my campus, developed a structured research protocol, and participated in regional conferences and academic seminars to deepen my understanding of applied research. I also designed and led a nutrition awareness session for more than 20 high school students, where I translated technical knowledge into practical guidance. These experiences have helped me build a foundation in evidence-informed thinking, effective communication, and continuous learning.

During my brief internship at the diabetes center in Tikur Anbessa Specialized Hospital (TASH), I practiced quality-driven client data collection (nutritional assessment), which informed the tailored dietary advice I deliver, ensuring I don't follow a one-size-fits-all approach to overcoming nutritional problems. This experience demonstrates that I am client-centered and quality-oriented in my work, which aligns with the core values of your organization.

I am grateful for the opportunity to be considered for the position, and I look forward to sharing more about myself and discussing the role in person. A CV and other supporting documents are attached herewith. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ananiya Sirak

MSc Candidate in Community Nutrition and Dietetics

Center for Food Science

College of Natural and Computational Sciences

Addis Ababa University.

## Curriculum Vitae

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**Summary:** MSc candidate in Community Nutrition and Dietetics with strong training in nutritional assessment, epidemiology, and research methods. Experienced in developing research protocols, conducting literature reviews, and planning data collection for population-based studies. Demonstrated ability to lead small-scale community initiatives and coordinate academic events. Interested in applying research and analytical skills in nutrition, public health, and development programs.

### **Education:**

**Master of Science in Community Nutrition and Dietetics (Candidate):** Center for Food Science, Addis Ababa University. 2024 - Present

- Major Coursework: Nutritional Assessment, Food Security and Emergency Nutrition, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Research Methods in Nutritional Sciences
- Engaged in research design, survey tool development, and applied epidemiological analysis

**Bachelor of Science in Biology:** Department of Biology, Debre Tabor University. 2023

- Major Coursework: Research Methods, Biochemistry, Food Biotechnology, Fundamentals of Biostatistics, Introduction to Ethnobiology
- Facilitated unstructured interviews with key informants for an ethnobiological course project
- CGPA: 3.86

### **Research Experience:**

**MSc Thesis Research (Ongoing):** *Nutritional Status, Dietary Quality, and Associated Factors among Older Adults Living in Residential Care Centers in Addis Ababa.*

- Developed a structured research protocol including study design, variables, and data collection tools
- Conducted a targeted literature review to identify gaps in research on institutionalized older adults in Ethiopia
- Designed a cross-sectional study framework assessing nutritional status and dietary diversity
- Prepared data collection plan, including anthropometric and dietary assessment components

### **Online Courses and Certifications:**

- Basic training on Nutrition in Emergencies (NiE). (June, 2025). UNICEF
- Research Ethics Online Training. (June – July, 2025). The Global Health Network
- Data Analysis Fundamentals. (March, 2025). Udacity
- Emergency Response Preparedness Step-by-Step. (June, 2025). Global Nutrition Cluster and UNICEF

### **Skills:**

- Nutritional Assessment
- Community Engagement
- Nutritional Counselling
- Data Analysis
- Teamwork
- Group Management
- Communication

### **Volunteer Experience:**

- Designed and led a nutrition awareness session for more than 20 high school students, focusing on healthy dietary practices.
- Supported coordination of a school-based tree planting initiative, contributing to the planting of more than 40 fruit seedlings
- Coordinated logistics and organization of a Research Week Expo at Addis Ababa University (May 2025), involving multiple student research presentations

### **Relevant Activities:**

- Explored various topics, including Food System Dashboard (FSD) and Food System Indicators (FSI) at a regional conference by IPORA and SAEAP. March 31-April 3, 2026.
- Gained critical insights about the HDPN approach in a webinar on nutrition in the humanitarian–development nexus organized by CORE Nutrition Working Group. *Strengthening Nutrition at the Humanitarian–Development Nexus: Lessons from Mali & Ethiopia*. March 25, 2026
- Attended a seminar on *Practical Insights into Dairy Production in Ethiopia and Dairy Production Systems and Quality Assurance*. Center for Food Science, March 24, 2026.

### **Languages:**

- **English**- Professional working proficiency
- **Amharic**- Native

### **References:**

#### **1. Mr. Azene Bantie.**

Nurse Head. St. Peter Hospital, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

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#### **2. Mr. Gizachew Golla.**

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Date: June 16, 2025

To: Anania Sirak  
MSc Student

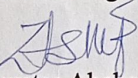
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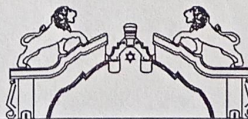
On behalf of the College of Natural and Computational Sciences, Addis Ababa University, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for your outstanding contribution as Exhibition Directors and for your active involvement in organizing the Research and Technology Expo Week 2025, held from May 19 to May 22, 2025.

Your dedication, teamwork, and commitment greatly contributed to the success of the event. By volunteering your time and effort, you demonstrated exemplary support for promoting research, innovation, and collaboration within our College.

Thank you once again for your valuable contribution. We wish you continued success in your academic and professional pursuits.

With best regards,

  
Zeweter Abebe (PhD)  
Interim Vice Executive Dean for Research and Engagement  
College of Natural and Computational Sciences  
Addis Ababa University





Ref: CNCS/VED/RE/03/17/2025

Date April 7, 2025

**To: Ananiya Sirak**  
 MSc Student  
 Community Nutrition and Dietetics  
 Center for Food Science  
 Addis Ababa University

**Subject: Appreciation for Your Volunteer Coordination**

On behalf of Addis Ababa University College of Natural and Computational Sciences, the office of the Vice Executive Dean for Research & Engagement extends deepest appreciation for your invaluable contribution as a volunteer in coordinating the training session for the students of Etege Menen Girls Boarding School, held on April 5, 2025.

Your efforts in organizing and managing this half-day session played a pivotal role in its success. Through your leadership, attention to detail, and dedication, you ensured that the event was impactful and well-executed. Your hard work and enthusiasm in facilitating this important initiative have not only benefited the students of Etege Menen but have also set an inspiring example of community service and academic collaboration.

Thank you once again for your exceptional volunteerism and for embodying the core values of Addis Ababa University. We look forward to witnessing your continued contributions to future initiatives and community projects.

With sincere gratitude and appreciation,

  
 Zewete Abebe, PhD  
  
 Interim Vice Executive Dean for Research and Engagement  
 Addis Ababa University College of Natural and Computational Sciences



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Debre Tabor University  
Registrar and Alumni Directorate  
Debre Tabor, Ethiopia



**TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE OF GRADUATION**

*This is to certify that*

**ANANIYA SIRAK KEBEDE**

*graduated from College of Natural and Computational  
Sciences with*

***Bachelor of science Degree in Biology***

*on July 19, 2023.*

*He took the National Exit Examination in July 2023 and  
passed with a score of 75%.*

*This temporary certificate of graduation has been given  
pending the printing and issuance of the actual diploma.*



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This certificate is issued to  
ANANIYA SIRAK KEBEDE a  
student of Biology department in  
College of Natural &  
Computational Science for scoring  
CGPA 3.86 with distinction and a  
rank of 1st from all the students in  
the department.

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Academic Vice President

# CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED TO

**Ananiya Sirak**

FOR COMPLETING

Work Readiness Training





Verified Certificate Of Nanodegree Program Completion

# Data Analysis Fundamentals

Awarded to

## Ananiya Sirak

March 13, 2025



Udacity has confirmed participation of this individual in this program. Confirmation at [www.udacity.com/certificate/e/472f98f8-d586-11ef-b3c5-bb1bd89c07a6](http://www.udacity.com/certificate/e/472f98f8-d586-11ef-b3c5-bb1bd89c07a6).

**Sebastian Thrun**  
Founder, Udacity



Hereby Certifies that

**ANANIYA SIRAK**

has completed the e-learning course

**RESEARCH ETHICS ONLINE  
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**100%**

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This e-learning course has been formally recognised for its quality and content by the following organisations and institutions



Global Health Training Centre  
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# *Certificate of Completion*

Ananiya Sirak

has successfully completed

**Basic training on Nutrition in Emergencies**

by

UNICEF

June 29, 2025



Ian Thorpe  
Chief of Learning and Knowledge Exchange,  
Division of Data, Analytics, Planning and Monitoring, UNICEF

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# *Certificate of Completion*

Ananiya Sirak

has successfully completed

**Introduction to Emergency Response Preparedness (ERP)**

by

**Global Nutrition Cluster and UNICEF**

29 June 2025



Nisar Syed  
Chief, Global Cluster Coordination Unit  
Office of Emergency Programmes (EMOPS), UNICEF

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