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Speaking at the meeting, the head of the Ministry of Labor and Human Welfare branch in the region, Mr. Girmai Bokretsiion, indicated that the task of enabling vision-impaired nationals become self-supporting and productive is not the responsibility of some institutions only, but that of the general public and all government institutions as well.

Also in discussion they conducted with volunteers and workers of community-based rehabilitation program in the sub-zones of Halhal, Hamelmalo and Hagaz, the teachers of the School stressed the need for parents and the society to play due role in sending vision-impaired children to school so as to ensure their bright future. Noting that a number of vision-impaired children are being deprived of educational opportunity due to low awareness of parents, the teachers called on workers of the rehabilitation program to strive in raising the awareness of the community.

They further pointed out that 39 vision-impaired nationals graduated in degree and 23 others in diploma over the past years as a result of the coordinated endeavors made who are currently engaged in various tasks. A total of 43 blind teachers who graduated from Teacher Training Center are also making significant contribution in the teaching-learning process, they added.

The administrator of Abraha Bahta School for the Blind, Mr. Mengisteab Haile, said on his part

that the school is ready to enroll new students and urged parents to send vision-impaired children to school.