

Executive Summary – Action Plan

Mekelle City – Member of International Cities of Peace

Northern Star Tigray Circus Club

Tigray, Ethiopia

The Northern Star Tigray Circus Club, based in Mekelle City, is a peace-focused sport and arts institution with 200 active members. As a recognized member of the International Cities of Peace network, the club is committed to promoting peace, resilience, and community healing in the war-affected region of Tigray through the power of sport, culture, and youth engagement.

The club is coordinated by **Gebreegziabher Tadele Desalegn**, an international journalist and certified Peace Ambassador recognized by the Institute for Economics & Peace (IEP), International Cities of Peace (ICP), UNICEF, the United Nations, World Athletics, FIFA, and others.

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Achievements of 2025

- Trained 4,000 students across Tigray in peacebuilding using circus arts and sport
- Promoted unity, resilience, and healing among young people
- Awarded the National Peace Ambassador Award
- Trained more than 10 international circus professionals representing Tigray globally

Plans for 2026

1. Peace Training for 4,000 Students

Training on peacebuilding, conflict resolution, teamwork, and discipline using circus arts and sport across Tigray.

2. Organizing Regional Peace Circus Shows

Large-scale circus performances promoting peace, coexistence, and youth empowerment.

3. Construction of a Modern Sport and Peace Center

A new sport center in Mekelle (Adi-Haki Sub-City) to serve as a training facility and peace education hub.

4. Capacity Building for Future Professionals

Supporting development of future professional circus practitioners and young athletes.

Funding Requirement

USD 200,000 is required to implement the 2026 activities, including training, events, outreach, and construction of the sport center.

Conclusion

The Northern Star Tigray Circus Club is committed to building a peaceful and resilient Tigray through sport and youth engagement. Support will help transform thousands of young lives and strengthen long-term peace in the region.