

**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.

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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.