5. Excerpts from a photo documentation

In July-August 2022, the research team from the Institute of Sociology at Justus Liebig University (Gießen/Germany) travelled to Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia, and to Hawassa (about 350 kilometres south of the capital), together with the experienced and renowned photographer Pietro Sutera (Frankfurt am Main, Germany). The photographer was given permission to access factories in Bole Lemi Industrial Park (Addis Ababa) and Hawassa Industrial Park (Hawassa), allowing for a unique documentation of working in a textile factory in Ethiopia. Photos show the industrial parks, and factory sheds, and portray workers in their working and living environment. Together with the interviews, the pictures of women working in the industrial parks in Addis Ababa and Hawassa allow for a detailed, nuanced, and unique insight into the work and life of the predominantly female Ethiopian textile and garment operators. They also document the evolvement of new forms of working and living in Ethiopia's urban centres. The following pictures show a selection of the extensive material collected.

Picture 1 Machine operators in a factory in the Hawassa Industrial Park

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Picture 2 Hawassa Industrial Park

Picture 3 Factory shed

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Picture 4 Seamstress and supervisor

Picture 5 Cutting fabrics

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Picture 6 Ironing

Picture 7 Packing

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Picture 8 Supervisors and line leaders

Picture 9 Injera served in a canteen

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Picture 10 Company busses

Picture 11 Township in the outskirts of Addis Ababa

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Picture 12 Women workers in their home (Hawassa)

Picture 13 Woman worker in her flat (Hawassa)

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