In the past decade an increasing number of Ethiopian girls have migrated from villages and rural towns to Ethiopia’s capital Addis Ababa. In the literature the migration of adolescent girls is mainly described in the context of trafficking and exploitation. Little is known about the experiences, life choices and aspirations of these girls. This research project focuses on the life course and in particular on the way in which the decision to migrate intersects with other important choices, such as those related to education, marriage and having children. The research is part of a larger project which also includes studies in Bangladesh and Sudan. In Ethiopia data were collected among two groups of adolescent migrant girls in Addis Ababa, namely domestic workers and sex workers, and among parents and peers.