Assessment of Quality Basic Police Education and Training In Ethiopia; The Case of Amhara Region Police College

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study was to assess the quality of basic police training in Ethiopia the case of the Amhara Region Police College. To achieve the objective of the study, mixed research approach was employed. Available sampling and purposive sampling techniques used to select respondents. The finding of study revealed that the quality of basic police education has been declining time to time by different factors. It is recommended that to avoid all factors that were contributing to the poor quality for basic police education and training, the management member of the college should continuously identify and solve those problems.

Keywords: quality education and training, basic police education and training, recruit police.
1.1. Background of the study

Education is a corner-stone of nation’s development as it is crucial in producing skilled labor force that accelerates the pace of nation’s social and economic advancement (Regassa et al., 2013). Education is one of the fundamental factors for development. Higher education (HE) is generally considered as an important contributor to the socio-economic development of any countries (Adamu & Addamu, 2012).

Concept of quality control has been started dominating production lines to detect defective products and stop them from reaching customers before 1940. Post World War II there was a shift from statistical process control to quality assurance in 1960s (Tauseef, 2012). The next drive has been to avoid producing defective products in the first place. This focus intensified and further leads to the emergence of the concept of Total Quality Management (TQM) in the 1980s.

One of the major missions of higher learning Institutions (HIEs) is to train qualified and competent professional that are capable of playing much role in the socio-economic advancement of the country and protection of democratic culture and society. However, it is inexperienced or foolish to expect HEIs to play these roles without quality education and training. Many scholars agree that due to massive expansion of HEIs in Ethiopia, the quality of education and training has been very much compromised and aware of this fact the government seems to turn its attention to improving the quality of education in HEIs. In connection with this, the Ethiopian HIEs proclamation states that quality training, education and service is one of the major guiding values of HEIs. The document further underlined that HEIs should develop internal quality assurance system as they are responsible for the quality of education and training they offer for their learners (Regassa et al., 2013).

UNESCO (1993) also clearly states that without a good training and research system at higher education level, no country could assure a degree of progress compatible with the needs and expectations of a society in which economic development is accompanied by building of a culture of peace based on democracy, tolerance and mutual respect.

As social services like education, health, economical expanded and took in high portions of public funds. Government and communities has been started to ask for quality improvement in terms of value quality of peace and security. There is very little agreement among practitioners and policy makers on what constitutes quality education (UNESCO, 2011).

One of the core functions of police agency is crime prevention as it has primary position from overall policing work. In the world the expectation of people and government is keeping peace and security of the people and safeguarding the constitutional system from any danger is the task of which rests on the police (Temesgen, 2016).

Police academy training and education develop the minds, career goals, and attitudes of future police officers who will be in charge of law enforcement and social order (Déverge, 2016). The police education concerned with the standard of police service,
social foundation of a public safety. For a police officer it is important, in addition to knowledge of the law enforcement, to have an understanding of the nature of society, communities and individuals to solve problems easily. Police higher education adds value to police training as it reinforces the development of critical thinking skills and the necessary values needed to face the needs and demands of society, particularly in terms of accountability, professionalism, and legitimacy (Déverge, 2016).

Amhara Region Police College also give due attention to the quality of education it offers as ensuring the quality and relevance of teaching and learning at the college is stated as one strategic issue in its ten years strategic plan. Therefore, this implies that studying the quality of education in Amhara Region Police College provided by Research and curriculum main directorate is increasingly demanding.

Amhara Region Police College was officially inaugurated in 1999 E.C. Now the college is hosting many police officers in different fields of police professions. To expand those professions in police institution, better teaching and learning principles will increase the effectiveness of graduates. However, to meet this core principle of teaching, it is important that assessing the quality of education in Amhara Region Police college, the case of basic police training.

1.2. Statement of the Problem

Basic police training comprises legal training and practical training. Typical basic police training in the United States includes instruction in constitutional norms and rights, state and local criminal law, giving court testimony, and general police training in procedures and skills such as interviewing, paperwork requirements, crime scene protection, use of weapons, use of force, self-protection and so on. Increasingly, basic police training includes courses in cultural awareness and mediation skills as departments adopt community policing approaches (Neild, 2009).

Traditionally, policing has been structured around an incident-based approach to crime control which can involve a more reactive approach. The traditional model of policing (i.e. professional model of policing) usually entails conducting routine patrols of public space, responding rapidly to calls for service, dealing with the crime after it occurs and conducting the necessary steps arrests, follow-up and investigation (UNODC, 2013).

Policing continues to evolve in response to new knowledge, technology, demographic change, diversifying societal demands and urbanization. For example, crime has become more complex and expensive to investigate due to increasing mobility and technological advances. At the same time, there is growing interest in developing partnerships between the police and diverse actors in society, where collaboration has become a necessary component of crime reduction in urban areas. As a result, professional policing models have expanded to include several approaches such as community policing, problem-oriented policing and intelligence-led policing, this is true in Ethiopia as well as in Amhara Region (UNODC, 2013).

The dynamics of policing, strategies have been changed time to time. Police executives are requiring their police officers to become problem solvers. These
officers must now work with and through the public and community resources in a collective, collaborative approach. This new paradigm has existed for decades and yet the way that police officers are trained has not significantly kept speed with these new requirements (Kooi, 2006).

Police officers respond to burglar alarms, enforce traffic laws, arrest different suspects, conduct different crime investigations, perform crime prevention, put out victims through vehicle accident and vehicle fires, put out victims from house fires, answer general questions about how to get somewhere from here, pull and complete many more diverse duties on a daily basis throughout a career. These responsibilities need practical teaching and learning or teaching by doing in the police academy and out of the academy (Kefialew, 2020).

In 2010 E.C. Amhara Region police commission report showed that now days the community policing implementation of crime prevention in our region showed that decline from time to time. As a result, the society becomes unconfident by police officers. This is not creating active participation of the society in crime prevention function (Kefialew, 2020). This disintegration of police and societies create opportunities for the increasing of crime in the region.

In 2009 E.C. feedback was gathered from selected Amhara region zones and woreda society and police leaders; the data showed that few of trainees showed good effort on crime prevention. But most of the trainees have weakness on effectively implementing crime prevention. In order to train educated police officers and professional who are competent, versatile and relevant to the need of the society, it is very important to improve quality of police science education in Amhara Region Police college especially in basic police training (አማራ ከልል ሳላን የአስ ከለ, 2009).

To effectively implement community policing, police science higher education institution must make it a priority to educate police officers in the theories and practices of community policing and problem-oriented policing, as well as train and encourage officers to translate program elements into actual field activities (Haarr, 2001). Thus, those points showed that there is limitation of quality education in Amhara Region Police College on basic police training. Therefore, to enhance quality education in ARPC for basic police training and to dig out factors that hinder to bring quality education for basic police training, it is important to assess the quality of education in ARPC on basic police training.

1.3. Research question of the study
This study answered the following basic questions.
1. What does the Quality of Basic Police Training in the Amhara Region Police College looks like?
2. What efforts have been done so far to enhance quality of education in Amhara Region Police College basic police training?

1.4. What are the major constraints hindering the quality of education in Amhara Region Police College basic police training?
1.5. Objectives of the study
1.5.1. General objective
The general objective of this study assessed the educational quality in Amhara Region Police College, the case of basic police training.

1.5.2. Specific objectives
- Explore the current status of quality education in Amhara Region Police College basic police training.
- Analyze efforts made so far to enhance quality of education in Amhara Region Police College basic police training.
- Identify the major constraints impeding the quality of education in Amhara Region Police College basic police training.

1.6. Significance of the study
This study assessed educational quality in Amhara region Police College in basic police training. So, the results of this study have the following importance.
- It creates awareness for all concerned bodies about the current status of quality of education in Amhara Region Police College basic police training.
- It create a chance for Amhara Police college administrators and concerned bodies to get compiling information that can help them for planning, implementing and monitoring Amhara Region Police College basic police training program.
- It helps to enhance quality education in Amhara Region Police college basic police training from the recommendation of the study.
- It may initiate for other researcher to conduct similar study in Amhara Region Police College.

1.7. Operational definition of terms
**Quality education and training:** means an education that enables educational institution to produce the required human power in the country which benefits the learner as well as all stake holders.

**Police College:** Amhara Region Police College established by Council of Regional Government Regulation No. 53/2007, under the regulation as an autonomous having its own legal personality higher education and training college that is found in Debremarkos town located in the East Gojjam Zonal Administration (The Council of The Amhara National Regional State, 2007).

**Instructor:** a teacher who teach police science in Amhara Region Police College which means a teacher.

**Field Trainer:** Teachers who give training for police officers in field training in Amhara Region Police College.

**Recruit police:** police officer who trained basic police training in police academy to become police officer.

**Basic police education and training:** the preparation of police recruits for their profession includes practical training as well as classroom education except special force and riot control.
2. Research Methodology

2.1. Research Approach and Design

This study was conducted by using the mixed method approach. Because this method helps the researcher to see the issue under study both from qualitative and quantitative perspectives. In addition, the method is proper to give a solution which is understandable and implemented by all the consumers of the research findings. Further, mixed method used to complement the weakness of one method by the strength of the other method. Quantitative research method helps to analyze a data, which was quantitative where, qualitative research used to analyze those data, which was not quantitative (Yin et al., 2004).

Descriptive survey research design was used for this study. It was selected for the reason that enables the researcher to get current information about the status of quality of education in ARPC basic police training. It is also relevant to collect detailed and a variety of information about quality of basic police education. Moreover, Kothari, (2004) stated that the major purpose of descriptive survey is the description of the state of affairs as it exists at present. Furthermore, he explained that the main characteristic of descriptive survey is that it enables the researcher to come up with what has happened or what is happening. In this study the researcher used descriptive research, to describe the qualitative and quantitative data that gathered by different data collection method.

2.2. Population & sampling method

2.2.1. Population

The target population represented in this study was Amhara Region Police College basic police training. The participants of the study was ARPC institution deputy director general, quality assurance main division head, selected instructors and field trainer, selected police officers that were trained in ARPC from 2009-2012 E.C. The researcher limited the number of participants to a more manageable number of people. 232 People were participates during the time of the study.

2.2.2. Sampling method

The researcher select 35 Amhara Region police college instructors and field trainer, one ARPC institution deputy director general, one quality division main department head and one focus group discussion which has five members by using purposive sampling techniques because the number is small (Kothari, 2004). The other reason, in this study the researcher believes that those respondents may have prior knowledge and they give insights into a particular issue related to the study (Alston & Bowles, 2018).

The other target population was contain 190 of the 2678 from 2009 E.C to 2012 E.C basic police trainees in Amhara region Police College. Available sampling is used to select sample respondent police officers because they are often readily and easily available. Typically, available sampling tends to be a favored sampling technique among police officers as it is inexpensive and an easy option compared to other sampling techniques (Taherdoost, 2016).

Take on proportional allocation, and then the sample sizes as under for the different strata were identified by the using Yamane formula. The formula for estimating the
sample size based on 95% confidence level need from a given population were provided (Bixley & Yamane, 1965).

Sampling formula: \[ n = \frac{N}{1+N(e)^2} = \frac{2678}{1+2678(0.07)^2} = 190 \] where, \( n \) = Sample Size, \( N \) = Total Population, \( e \) = acceptable error (i.e. with 95 confidence level, 0.07% margin of error (Bayne, 2018)) “Proportional allocation is considered most efficient and an optimal design when the cost of selecting an item is equal for each stratum, there is no difference in within-stratum variances, and the purpose of sampling happens to be to estimate the population value of some characteristic” (Kothari, 2004).

Table 3.1 Sample Size
For ±3%, ±5%, ±7%, and ±10% Precision Levels where Confidence Level is 95% and \( P=0.5 \)

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\( a = \) Assumption of normal population is poor (Yamane1967). The entire population should be sampled.


2.3. Sources of data
Both primary and secondary data was employed in this research to gather detailed information on the current status of quality of education in ARPC in basic police training, what factors that hinder to enhance quality education in ARPC and the effort of the college to enhance quality education in Amharic Region Police College. The primary sources of data collected from sample respondents focusing to their attitudes towards the quality of education in Amhara Region Police College in basic police training and interview from institute directors. The secondary data collected by
referring different related literatures, books, reports, earlier research works, articles and journals and related online information available.

2.4. Data collection instrument
Multiple data gathering techniques used to collect data from the study area. Questionnaire, focus group discussion and semi-structured interviews were employing to gather data. So as to achieve the research objective, questionnaire and interview used as data collection instruments. The data collected through interviews and questionnaires. From sample of police officers and other samples quantitative data were collected using self administered questionnaires which were prepare separately for the police officers and other samples. A number of questions that can address the objective of the study were gathered and adapted from (Bekele, 2019), (Bethlhem, 2018), (Abadi, 2016).

2.4.1. Questionnaire
Questionnaire is widely used in educational research to obtain information about certain conditions and practices to inquire into opinions and attitudes of individuals and groups. According to Best and Kahn, (1997) questionnaire is advantageous to gather data from a number of respondents at one place which makes possible an economy of time and expense, and provides high proportion of usable responses (Brewerton & Millward, 2001).

The questionnaires were prepared in English and Amharic language and it has 2 sections. The first section was intended to gather background information of the respondent. The other parts contain information that helps gather important information that helps about quality of education in ARPC basic police training.

2.4.2. Interview
According to kothari,(2004) interview helps the researcher to get more information and to obtain personal information about the research topic and can achieve research objectives. Interviews were employed to acquire in-depth qualitative data and data that cannot be handling by questionnaires. ARPC Institute deputy director general and quality assurance department head interview by using a semi structured interview guide.

2.4.3. Focus group discussion
Focus group discussion / FGD/ provide a qualitative method of data collection. It functions with the help of researcher who facilitates a discussion with a small, selected group of participants for a specific amount of time. A focus group provides a condensed structure that makes it much easier to ask for a high number of opinions or feedback. The design allows for researcher to cover multiple aspects of a concept without going through the time-intensive process of conducting an individualized interview multiple times gathering information (Miller, 2020). The researcher conducting FGD for selected Amhara Region Police College leaders.
2.5. Method of data analysis
Data analysis was done in three phases. In the first phase the quantitative data analyze using a quantitative approach. The collected data export and analysis doing in SPSS Version 24. Frequencies, percentages and means were used during the data analysis. In the second phase the qualitative data analyze considering the research question, using framework coding which is a deductive approach.
After analysis of the quantitative and qualitative data separately, results were merged and there was a common interpretation phase to look for answers to the research questions and to yield insights for the discussion and conclusion of this study.

2.6. Reliability & Validity of the Instrument
The questionnaire and an interview pre-tested by some respondents which are not members of the sample respondent to insure the reliability of this instrument and to avoid their ambiguity. According to Kothari, (2004) a measuring instrument is reliable if it provides consistent results. Cronbachs alpha is a coefficient of reliability. It is commonly used as a measure of the internal consistency or reliability of a psychometric test score for a sample of examinees. Cronbach’s alpha used to determine the internal reliability of the questionnaire that used in this study. These questionnaire and interview also were given for expert opinion for the validity of the data collection instruments. This was involve going through the questionnaire and interview in relation to the settled objectives and making sure that they contain all the information that can enable to answer these objectives.

2.6.1. Reliability of Instrument
Reliability refers to the degree to which the data collection tools or analysis procedures will yield consistent findings (Saunders et al., 2009). Reliability analysis measures the internal consistency of a group of items which is used in questionnaire construction. Reliability analysis examines the homogeneity or cohesion of the items that comprise each scale. Cronbach’s alpha coefficient is the most frequently used index of reliability. Cronbach’s alpha coefficient is the most common way to assess reliability. a value of Cronbach’s alpha coefficient above 0.70 is regarded as acceptable (Saunders et al., 2009). For the purpose of this study, the Cronbach’s alpha coefficient was calculated by distributing questionnaires. The reliability of standardized test is usually expressed as scale, which measures the scale value of questions. Based on this internal consistency reliability test was conducted in Amhara Region Police College with the sample of 35 instructors and field trainers and 190 police, and cronbach’s alpha coefficient for the instrument was found as 0.885 and .919 respectively which is highly reliable.

Table 3.2  Reliability test for instructor’s and field trainer’s questionnaire

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a. Listwise deletion based on all variables in the procedure.

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Table 3. 3 Reliability test for instructor’s and field trainer’s questionnaire

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Table 3. 5 Reliability test for cadet’s questionnaire

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2.7. Validity of instrument

Validity refers to the extent to which the measurement measures what is intended to measure. The instrument was designed by taking in to consideration of all items included in the questionnaires are directly derived from it and consistent with the objective of the study. Since the questionnaire was adapted, the researcher did not test the validity of the questionnaire.

2.8. Ethical considerations

In order to ensure ethical issues, first the researcher gets full permission from the organization and participant under the study. The researcher provided information concerning the topic, purpose, and overall benefit of the study to the participants. The researcher also makes sure that participation in the study was voluntary and harmless. While collecting and analyzing, the name of the participants remained confidential and questionnaires administered without interrupting the normal work place. The final report of the study was used for the purpose mentioned above. In addition to this, the final report will be presented to the organization and the participants upon request.

2.9. Dissemination of Results

The result of the study submitted to Amhara Region Police College. Additionally the findings of the research submitted to Amhara Region Police commission and it will be presented on police conference. Priority will be given to the timely dissemination of the study findings to the relevant organizations and stakeholders.
Findings, Conclusion and Recommendations

This chapter deals with summaries of the major findings, conclusion and recommendations that have been made on the basis of the results in chapter four.

3.1. Findings

The main purpose of this study was to assess the current position of quality of basic police education and training in Amhara Region Police College. In order to accomplish this objective of the study, the following three specific questions were formulated.

1. What does the Quality of Basic Police Training in the Amhara Region Police College looks like?
2. What efforts have been done so far to enhance quality of education in Amhara Region Police College basic police training?
3. What are the major constraints hindering the quality of education in Amhara Region Police College basic police training?

To answer these research questions, mixed methods research approach and descriptive design was employed. From 2009 E.C to 2012 E.C basic police trainee, instructors, trainers, basic police institution deputy director general and quality assurance & control department head of Amhara Region Police College were the target population of the study. Using available sampling method police officers were selected and 190 students from 2019 E.C to 2012 E.C basic police trainee, and 35 instructors and field trainers were selected using purposive method and availability sampling. The basic police training institution deputy director general of the college and quality assurance and control department head were also participated in the study. A total of 232 people were part of the study.

Questionnaires, FGD and interviews were the tools that were used to collect the data from the sample. Both quantitative and qualitative methods were used in analyzing the data obtained through questionnaires, FGD and interviews. The quantitative data were analyzed using frequencies, percentages and mean scores. On the other hand, the qualitative data were analyzed by using descriptive statements. Finally, quantitative and qualitative results were merged to look answers for the main research question of the study and the following major findings were obtained.

3.1.1. Major Findings on Instructors and Police Officers Views about Quality of Basic Police Education and Training in ARPC

The data from analysis of instructors, field trainers and police officers’ questionnaire showed that their agreement with the majority of views of quality of basic police education in ARPC that was moderate. Generally, it was found that the quality of basic police education in ARPC has been declining time to time because of different factors.

In the other hand, instructors and field trainers’ views about the implementation of quality indicator activities have moderate views. From this showed that ARPC quality indicator activities weren’t performed by the college instructors and field trainers as well as leaders.
3.1.2. Major finding on efforts to improve the quality of education and training for basic police officers at the Amhara Regional Police College

In general, the analysis of data showed that there were some efforts to improve quality of education and training for basic police officer in Amhara Region Police College.

- Based on the finding, restructured and reform is done in the whole police college departments and new departments were formed to build institutional freedom.
- Some modification and revision of curriculum and module revision is done by ARPC
- To enhance instructors and field trainer qualification of knowledge, skill and attitude the college creates educational opportunities’ from different universities including Ethiopian police universities.
- The benefits of college instructors’ and field trainers have also been respected.
- To avoid quality problem in the time of selection and recruitment of new police officers, the college deploy instructors and field trainer in different zones and words.

3.1.3. Major finding on factors that hinder the quality of basic police education and training in Amhara Region Police College

The study revealed that various factors contributed to the low level of quality of basic police education and training in ARPC. Large class size, Lack of materials or equipment needed to support field training and recruit police officers lack of interest on police training and education to adapt the police subculture were rated as the factors that have been negatively affecting the quality of basic police education and training in ARPC. Other factors which have been seriously affecting the quality of basic police education and training were listed in below.

- Shortage of education and training time
- Problem of not having field practice
- Lack of skill to practice different teaching techniques due to lack of pre service trainings and inadequacy of in-service trainings on teaching methodologies for instructors’ and field trainers
- College cannot give training based on the intended curriculum
- The college cannot give training with its own plan and program
- Large class size
- The number of recruit police officers and number of instructors & field trainer are not proportional
- Problem of qualification and selection of instructors and field trainers
- Problem of selection and recruitment of new recruit police officers

3.2. Conclusion

Based on the major findings of the study, the following conclusions were drawn:

Even though there were moderate views of quality of basic police education and training in Amhara Police Region College, the quality of basic police education and training in the college was not founded satisfactory because instructors, field trainer and police officers confirmed that educational quality indicator activities were not performed well. The interview and FGD reports revealed that quality of basic police education and training become decline which means there is poor quality of education
on basic police education and training in ARPC. Traditional lecture method, which is non interactive, was regularly in working method and the practice of different quality teaching techniques were not satisfactory.

Regarding to the factors that affects the quality of basic police education and training in Amhara Region Police College, shortage of education and training time, problem of not having field practice, lack of skill to practice different teaching techniques due to lack of pre service trainings and inadequacy of in-service trainings on teaching methodologies for instructors’ and field trainers, college cannot give training based on the intended curriculum, the college cannot give training with its own plan and program, large class size, the number of recruit police officers and number of instructors & field trainer are not proportional, problem of qualification and selection of instructors and field trainers, problem of selection and recruitment of new recruit police officers are the leading factor that affect the quality of education and training of basic police in ARPC.

With regards ARPC effort to improve quality of education on basic police education and training in ARPC, restructured and reform is done in the whole police college departments and new departments were formed to build institutional freedom. The benefits of college instructors’ and field trainers have also been respected. Curriculum and module revision was conducted by the college. The college tries to improve the educational qualification of by creating different educational opportunities’ for instructors and field trainers.

3.3. Recommendations

Based on the conclusions drawn above, the following recommendations were advanced to improve quality of education on basic police education in Amhara Region Police College.

- As the findings discovered, instructors and field trainers have moderate views of quality of basic police education and training in Amhara Region Police College. But their practices of quality indicator activities were not satisfactory. Thus, it is recommended that instructors and field trainers should be committed to discharge their roles to improve quality of basic police education and training in Amhara Region Police College.
- The time required to complete regular recruitment training should not be less than 10 months. Out of the 10 months mentioned, 6 months of regular classroom and field training period, 2 months of field practice in different police stations and 2 months of preparation for graduation.
- The basic police training institution is the starting point of the police profession or a training ground for becoming a police officer, for basic police education and training should be assigned to special instructors and trainers with special knowledge, skill, ethics and high moral authority.
- All instructors and field trainers should be take TOT training and in-service training about teaching methodology.
- Trainer and trainee ratio for recruiting police trainees should be standardized.
Amhara Region Police College quality assurance and control department should audits and checks the proper availability of educational resources and quality, should checks the curriculum of the basic police training.

Basic police training and education should be taken by the intended curriculum.

The number of recruit police officer that inter in to Amhara Region Police College should be manageable and training inputs should proportionate to the number of trainees the college receive

Amhara Region Police College should be lead by its plan and should be budgeted with directly from the Amhara Regional State.

Amhara Region Police College quality assurance and control department should be equipped stronger power to enforce the college to obey with its recommendations and requirements.

Generally, to recover all factors that were contributing to the poor quality for basic police education and training in Amhara Region Police College, the administration of the college should continuously identify and solve those problems by developing collaborative works in coordination with instructors, field trainers, police commission, zonal and worda police leaders and other stakeholders

3.4. Suggestions for Future Research

This research work is a starting one and it should be followed by a number of researches to investigate scopes which are not considered in this research. The Researcher believes that the research area is uncovered and not sufficiently done. Thus, this researcher recommends the following for further research and investigation:

- Further studies may be done to explore quality of education using different kinds of model than the researcher used in this study. Each variable studied under this study can also be studied individually in a broad way.
- As the researcher of this study, the basic police education and training quality of education in Amhara Region Police College, further study might be made in different program to see in different perspective and to enhance quality education in Amhara Region Police College.

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