

**Table 1:** Socio-demographic characteristics of youths in Dilla town, SNNPR, Ethiopia, 2017.

| Characteristics (n=845)         | Frequency | Percent (%) |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Sex                             |           |             |
| Male                            | 448       | 53.4%       |
| Female                          | 397       | 46.6%       |
| Age category of the respondents |           |             |
| 15-19years                      | 578       | 68.5%       |
| 20-24years                      | 267       | 31.5%       |
| Marital status                  |           |             |
| single                          | 705       | 83.4%       |
| Married                         | 123       | 14.5%       |
| Divorced                        | 13        | 1.5%        |
| Widowed                         | 4         | 0.5%        |
| Respondent educational status   |           |             |
| illiterate                      | 293       | 34.6%       |
| primary                         | 147       | 17.4%       |
| secondary                       | 399       | 47.2%       |
| 12 and above                    | 6         | 0.7%        |
| Religion                        |           |             |
| Orthodox                        | 480       | 56.8%       |
| Protestant                      | 276       | 32.6%       |
| Muslim                          | 76        | 9%          |
| Catholic                        | 13        | 1.5%        |
| Ethnicity                       |           |             |
| Gedeo                           | 312       | 36.9%       |
| Guraghe                         | 290       | 34.3%       |
| Amhara                          | 132       | 15.6%       |
| Others                          | 111       | 13.1%       |
| Occupation                      |           |             |
| Student                         | 549       | 64.9%       |
| Employed                        | 133       | 15.7%       |
| Merchant                        | 98        | 11.5%       |
| House wife                      | 65        | 7.7%        |
| Have child                      |           |             |
| Yes                             | 422       | 14.5%       |
| No                              | 723       | 85.5%%      |