



## JOINT EUROPEAN INITIATIVE TO STRENGTHEN THE MEDICAL SPECIALIZATION IN ETHIOPIA

The Joint European Initiative to strengthen Medical Specialization in Ethiopia is a proposal built by the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS), and the European Union, in close collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Health of Ethiopia (FMoH). The aim is to support the capacity of the Ethiopian Health System to recover from conflict and crisis, making it more resilient to future shocks.

This initiative is an exercise of complementarity, harmonization, alignment and policy dialogue, the essence of the Team Europe Approach, emphasizing the commitment of the European Union and the Member States to strengthen Universal Health Coverage and public health systems, as a basis for reducing inequalities and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, with specific attention to post-conflict recovery and capacity building in the health sector.

# CONTEXT



Ethiopia ranks 175 out of 189 countries at the Human Development Index (2019). It is the second most populous country in Africa, and it ranks 12th in the world, with around 115 million people, of which 45 million children are 0-14 years old (World Bank). Ethiopia is experiencing an increase in demand for specialty and higher quality health care, necessary in a context marked by conflict, epidemiological transition, rapid urbanization, and broad social and economic changes occurring in the country, as well as for improved access to primary care and the corresponding referral system. In 2018, health worker density was estimated at 1.0 per 1,000 population (considerably lower than 4.5 per 1,000 population standards proposed by WHO to achieve UHC).

Access to the public health system by the rural population, the urban poor, the pastoralist community, and people living in areas of wider poverty is still hard. Women and children are amongst the most affected groups; while maternal mortality remains very high (401 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2017), an estimated 173,000 under-five children die from preventable childhood diseases every year, particularly during the neonatal period (WHO). In 2020 an estimated 8.4 million needed humanitarian assistance (UNOCHA, 2020). Among internally displaced people (IDPs), unmet need for health services for pre-existing and new disease conditions, physical and mental trauma, and sexual and gender-based violence (GBV) remain high.



The Joint European Initiative follows the Ethiopian FMoH priorities in terms of geographic and thematic areas of intervention. The project builds upon the FMoH Specialist and Mid-Level Health Care Provider Training Plan 2020-2030 and the National Specialty and Subspecialty Roadmap 2020-2029, which identify priorities in terms of regions, specialties, and institutions. The project has jointly identified the target University hospitals listed below, where 8 areas of medical specialization are being supported: Anesthesiology, Critical Care, and Pain Medicine; Emergency and Critical Care Medicine; Orthopedics and traumatology; Obstetrics and Gynecology; Pediatrics and Child Health; Psychiatry; Radiology, and Surgery.

No	Training Institution	University Hospital	Region
1	Adama University	Adama Hospital Medical College	Oromia
2	Addis Ababa University	Tikur Anbessa Specialized Hospital	Addis Ababa
3	Bahir Dar University	Tibebe Ghion Specialized Hospital	Amhara
4	Debre Tabor University	Debre Tabor University Hospital	Amhara
5	University of Gondar	University of Gondar Specialized Hospital	Amhara
6	Haramaya University	Hiwot Fana Specialized University Hospital	Harar
7	Jimma University	Jimma University Specialized Hospital	Oromia
8	Wollo University	Dessie Referral Hospital	Amhara
9	Mekelle University	Ayder Comprehensive Specialized Hospital	Tigray



The project focuses on 3 main areas of intervention, mostly mirroring the national Ethiopian Medical Specialization Program, for an anticipated implementation period of 24 months, spanning from June 2023 to June 2025:

1. A component based on training, oriented to health residents and senior professionals and specialists. Specialist doctors from European member states' health systems will conduct in-service training missions in Ethiopian University Hospitals.

2. A component based on infrastructure rehabilitation and medical equipment provision since several University hospitals have been affected by conflict in terms of damage and loss of infrastructure and equipment.

3. A component based on reinforcing hospital management capacities identified as a gap by the FMoH. Trainings will be conducted for hospital managers and other relevant management staff. Additionally, special attention will be given to the gender dimension in primary health care and clinical research trainings will be conducted under this component.

## JOIN THIS INITIATIVE!

To join this initiative, you only need to [create an account](#) and fill in the form.

If you meet the requirements below, you are eligible to join this Initiative:

- You are accredited to practice as a specialized doctor within the healthcare system of a European Union member state with extensive experience trainings residents, junior doctors, or other specialists. The specialties currently being supported are Anesthesiology, Critical Care, and Pain Medicine; Emergency and Critical Care; Obstetrics and Gynecology; Orthopedics and Traumatology; Pediatrics and Child Health; Psychiatry; Radiology, or Surgery. **OR** (continued)

- You are a senior clinical researcher with track record of peer-reviewed publications and relevant experience mentoring fellow researchers, interested in fostering collaboration between Ethiopian and European researchers. **OR**
- You are an expert in transversal themes related to health systems, including but not limited to quality of care, gender mainstreaming, management of clinical services, conflict-related SGBV (sexual and gender-based violence), or person-centered, compassionate, and respectful care approaches.
- (\*) *Proficiency in English is required.*
- (\*) *Previous experience working in Global South countries and/or humanitarian settings is an asset.*

## RECRUITMENT PROCESS

Once you have registered and there is an opening for a training mission that fits your profile, we will contact you for an online interview.

In-service training missions have an anticipated duration of 12 working days and will take place in person at University Hospitals in Ethiopia.

Your travel expenses (flight, hotel, visa, and insurance) will be fully covered, plus daily fees and a daily subsistence allowance (DSA) will be provided.

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