



PRESS RELEASE

More than 200 Ethiopian and Spanish health specialists exchange lessons learned on the management of COVID19

The initiative is within the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Ministry of Health in Ethiopia and the Spanish Cooperation.

Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages is a priority for the Spanish Cooperation in Ethiopia

The last lesson learned in the COVID19 exchange session between Spanish and Ethiopian specialists was conducted yesterday on the impact of the pandemic on the Spanish health system. During five sessions, more than two hundred professionals have participated in exchanges on hospital management and emergency services, radiology or intensive care. Ethiopian professionals have been able to find details on the clinical approach to COVID19 cases, while Spanish doctors have been inspired by the important containment and preparation initiatives carried out by the Ethiopian Ministry of Health.

Ensuring universal health coverage is one of the priorities of Spanish Cooperation with Ethiopia, leading efforts to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 3. In recent years, Spanish Cooperation and the Ethiopian Ministry of Health have promoted a joint program to improve specialized medical training in Africa country. As a result of this joint collaboration, during the month of May and June, Ethiopian and Spanish medical specialists shared experiences and learnings about the approach of the pandemic from the public health systems, based on Spain's experience in managing the pandemic. Currently, Spain is an active partner in the Team Europe efforts to carry out coordinated responses to Covid19 crisis by the EU and its member states.

Assegid Samuel, Director of Human Resources for Health Development Directorate in the Federal Ministry of Health explained “this program is an opportunity to increase the skills in some medical specialties. Therefore, the link between Ministry of Health and Spanish Cooperation contributes to strength our Health System”

Francisco de Asis Lopez, Spanish Agency Head of cooperation in Ethiopia, noted that “This initiative is a contribution to face this global problem and



AECID is committed to supporting the efforts of our partner countries, not only during emergencies but with a forward perspective, since we are working together to design a new specialized medical training program to improve capacities of Ethiopian professionals. Universal health coverage is a priority for us”.

The Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) is the main official body of Spanish Cooperation in the fight against poverty and to promote sustainable development. AECID has been working with Ethiopia for more than 20 years to promote sustainable development through its office in Addis Ababa. The priorities of the Spanish Cooperation in the country are health, gender, culture and rural development.

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