

EXPANDING HEALTH SERVICES



The Ministry of Health branch in Gash Barka region reported that strong effort is being made to expand health service provision in the region as well as to develop human capacity and introduce modern medical equipment.

Indicating that public-awareness on communicable diseases has increased as a result of the integrated effort in cooperation

with partners, Dr. Hayelom Kidane, head of the ministry branch in the region, said that priority will be given to qualitatively improve the provision of health service.

Ms. Amina Nur-Husein, Minister of Health, on her part noted that with the growing demand of health services, utmost priority is being given to upgrade the professional skills of health practitioners and

supply of medical equipment.

Mr. Abraha Garza, Governor of the region, on his part expressed readiness of the regional administration in the effort to provide quality health service to the public.

ENHANCED AWARENESS ON CORONAVIRUS

The Ministry of Health has urged citizens to enhance awareness on Coronavirus outbreak that was detected in the Chinese city of Wuhan and spreading rapidly to other countries.

Speaking to Erina, Dr. Andebrhan Tesfatsion, said that the Coronavirus causes acute respiratory infection and there is no specific cure or vaccine. Dr. Andebrhan indicated that the common symptoms of the disease are headache, fever, runny nose, cough or sore-throat and muscle pain among others.

Pointing out that the virus could be transmitted from person to person through coughing and human contact; Dr. Andebrhan has advised the whole nation to frequently clean hands using alcohol or soap and water, cover mouth and nose while sneezing as well as other means that could prevent the virus from infecting.

According to report, Dr. Andebrhan said that the virus within two weeks has been detected in the US, Australia,



France, Canada, Thailand, South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Singapore, Vietnam and Germany. He also went on to say that according to report from the Ethiopian Ministry of Health, five individuals suspected of being infected by Coronavirus have been placed in isolation.

Dr. Andebrhan also noted that the Ministry of Health in collaboration with partners is carrying out rigorous screening on passengers at the Asmara International Airport, has established quarantine center at Villaggio Community Hospital and is advising nationals that are in China for various reasons to contact the Eritrean Embassy in that country.

NATIONALS IN DIASPORA

The German branch of the National Union of Eritrean Women organized an event in connection with the International Day of the Disabled and find raised over 19,600 Euros in support of the National Association of Eritrean War-disabled Veterans.

The National Union of Eritrean Women branch in the UK also conducted annual activity assessment meeting on 25 January in Birmingham.

According to report, the Union branch has contributed over 34 thousand US dollars for the construction of an auditorium in the branch office in Mendefera, extended financial contribution to the success of the YPFDJ Congress in London, and demonstrated full participation at the commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the NUEW held in Bologna, Italy.

The head of Public and

Community Affairs at the Eritrean Embassy in the UK and Northern Ireland, Mr. Tedros Goitom, gave briefing on the objective situation in the homeland and on the charted out programs for 2020.

The participants on their part expressed readiness to play leading role in this era of peace and development and called for due attention for strengthening the organizational capacity of the youth and the community.

WASTE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

The department of Environment in the Central Region organized workshop on waste management and environmental conservation on 29 January here in the capital.

Speaking at the event, the Minister of Land, Water and Environment, Mr. Tesfai Gebresilasie, stressed on the significance of waste recycling in environmental conservation and called on the public to raise awareness on the management of waste products.

Meanwhile, a number of research papers were presented and discussions were conducted on topics related to the impact of the environment, management of solid wastes in the Central region, causes and effects of environmental pollution, as well as management of liquid waste.

The participants conducted deliberations on the papers presented and called for intensive media coverage on raising societal awareness on waste management, constriction over the use of plastic-bags, allocation of adequate budget towards waste management and disposal mechanism.

Noting that effort has been made at a regional level in ensuring environmental sanitation, Mr. Zerit Tewoldebirhan, managing director of the Central region administration underlined that proper measures will be undertaken to control the use of plastic-bags.



Development

A Glimpse at Foro Sub-zone

Kesete Ghebrehiwet

Foro sub-zone, which was riddled with challenges during the colonial times, has been a site of development activities. This is just one example of the development ventures throughout the country. So, having a glimpse at Foro sub-zone is just sharing a visible picture about the endeavours being made to improve the living standards of all nationals.

Being one of the 10 sub-zones of the Northern Red Sea Region, Foro sub-zone borders Massawa to the north, Gelalo sub-zone to the southern east, Ghinda'e sub-zone to the northern west and the Southern region to the west. The total area of the sub-zone is 2,770 square km that are grouped in 15 administrative areas and has a total population of 44,000.

Most of the residents, 89%, of the sub-zone are farmers and pastoralists while 11% live on fishing and trade. The sub-zone is home to five ethnic groups: Saho, Tigre, Afar, Tigrinya and Rashya. What is more, the historic site of Adulis, Erafayle's hot spring and amazing remnants of volcanic eruptions are some of the assets of

the sub-zone.

A strategic Egila-Foro road is the best example of the efforts that are being exerted to connect all areas of the country with viable roads and transportation systems.

The sub-zone has an even distribution of schools in 14 of its 15 administrative areas. Apart from kindergartens, the sub-zone has 40 schools ranging from primary to secondary that have been serving 4,000 students, 33% of whom are girls.

Although schools have been built in remote parts of the sub-zone, enrolment has been few. "Even



Mr. Osman Arafu

healthcare centre in Emule have been providing effective service. There is also a plan for the opening of a new healthcare facility in Mahfide. The residents of Diot and Dag'a will soon become beneficiaries of the expansion of healthcare services.

People who live in the sub zone are aware of the benefits of



though promising outcome has been registered, nomadic lifestyle has been the main challenge. The number of students attending schools has been few compared to the availability of schools," said Mr. Osman Arafu, Administrator of Foro sub-zone.

Also, according to Mr. Osman, some students have not been able to pursue their junior schools due to lack of such facilities in their vicinity. To alleviate such challenges a boarding school needs to be established in the areas where such problems are prevalent.

Literacy program for adults has been introduced with the opening of new schools in different parts of the sub-zone. Currently there are 42 centres of adult education. The Ministry of Education has been playing an instrumental role in educating adults and in facilitating the program.

The provision of healthcare service in the sub-zone is commendable. Healthcare facilities in Foro, Robrobia, Erafayle, Lehaziem and a newly constructed

to give vaccination. As a result, there was 98% immunization coverage in 2019.

The sub-zone has registered remarkable progress in environmental hygiene, Mr. Osman said. Environmental protection has been carried out at community level. Encouraging outcome has also been registered in the eradication of FGM and other harmful practices that affect women's health.

Transport service has been one of the major developments in the sub-zone. Residents have been benefiting from ample services being provided via Massawa-Assab and Foro-Adi-Keyih routes. Other commercially strategic roads include Foro-Zula, Foro-Malka, Foro-Aligede and Foro-Robrobia.

The areas along Massawa-Foro and Adi-Keyih-Omarkabre routes have regular transportation service while the other areas have weekly services on market days.

The residents of the sub-zone also benefit from telecommunications service that has been provided in most areas that are equipped with such facilities. Solar powered public telephones have been installed in Foro semi-urban centre. CDMA service has also been provided in some areas. "I am very optimistic that expansion of telecommunication services to the remote areas will be implemented as soon as possible," Mr. Osman

Dnango, Gebgeb-Wasana and some parts of Ayromale and Malka administrative areas are dependent of streaming water for their day-to-day activities. Villages situated on plain land -- Robrobia, Gereleinde, Lehaziem, Afta, Zula, Kadra, Erafayle and Ayromale -- have access to potable water from the solar-powered distribution facilities.

Soil and water conservation activities have been carried out to enrich underground water resources in some areas. Water dams have also been constructed. Farmers in Foro sub-zone grow maize, sorghum some fruits and vegetables. The sub-zone has a total of 8,300 hectares of farm land that depend on seasonal highland and lowland rainfall. Wegenbo farm area is the bread basket of the sub-zone.

The soil and water conservation activities that have been carried out in the sub-zone include the construction of terraces, micro-dams and water reservoir tanks.

The sub-zone is also endowed with varied species of wild life including Ostrich, wild Ass and antelope.

Mr. Osman advises the residents of the sub-zone to make maximum use of the marine resources, particularly those who live around the coastal areas. Regrouping of villages giving utmost focus to the nomads living in scattered areas



of people about various healthcare issues has been highly instrumental. Health workers have been travelling to the remote parts of the sub-zone

said.

The residents of Kumhule, Mahfid, Arebto, Ruba-Hadas,

needs to be advanced to enable them have easy access to social services and facilities in the sub-zone.

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Marriage, Family and Country

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Marriage is one of the few things that do not require actual experience to know their benefits. Being the product of marriage alone gives one the right to speak about marriage. The purpose of this article is to highlight the importance of marriage in the creation of strong families and country.

Marriage is one of the most celebrated, honored and valued cultural institutions in Eritrean society. It is considered a source of supreme fulfillment and happiness. Traditionally, in the Eritrean society marriage is viewed as a requirement for adults to join the community of families. Marriage is every one's business. When you reach a certain age your acquaintances often try to persuade you to get married.

The customary laws of Eritrea that shaped the legal, socio-cultural and intellectual life of the Eritrean society have invested great interest in marriage. The details of the ceremony and content of the marriage contract are clearly stated in all the customary laws of Eritrea. In the Eritrean society marriage is not an affair of the couples only; it is a familial, communal and societal affair. Traditionally, marriage is meant to create a bond and lasting relationship between families. The marriage is usually celebrated a long time after betrothal. The betrothal, as the solemn exchange of promise, is the first act in the celebration of marriage.

The coming together of a man and a woman in marriage creates the greatest companionship in this world. There is a growing consensus among scholars that marriage is important for the wellbeing of a family and country. Families formed based on marriage are, on average, healthier, wealthier, and more stable than other families formed outside of marriage. Marriage is an important social institution that has remarkable array of positive outcomes. The social good of marriage is not limited to the territory of a single family.

Every child has a fundamental right to grow in a family that constitutes a mother and a father. The best way to secure this right is to establish a lifelong, loving



and stable marriage between a responsible man and woman. A Child is the greatest gift to a family and country. Children are the sons and daughters of a country and its citizens. If we are concerned about the future, then we must look at the way children are raised today. The best way to protect and support children is to protect and support marriage. Therefore, marriage should be encouraged, supported and protected in every possible way. Eritrea became a signatory to the international Conventions on the Rights of the Child (CRC) as early as 1994 following its independence. As one of the first state signatories to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Eritrea remains fully committed to its operationalization. The new civil and penal code of Eritrea has many good qualities in relation to the rights of a child. Art 567(1) of the civil code specifies that "the spouses shall cooperate ...to ensure

the moral and material direction of the family, the upbringing of the children and the preparation of the children for their place in society".

The greatest resource we have lies in the families that produced children. The national charter of Eritrea (1994) recognizes the strength and quality of our nation's families that will determine the development of our nation. It states that "Our vision is for Eritrea to preserve its identity and uniqueness, develop commitment to family and community care...". Therefore, if the quality of a family has the power to determine the success of our nation, then the marital quality will determine our nation's destiny. For this reason, marriage needs full legal protection. In Eritrea, two kinds of marriages are legally approved and protected. Marriages may take place before a civil-status officer or in accordance with the religion or local custom

of the parties. In both forms of marriage a man and a woman who are below eighteen years of age are not allowed to enter the contract of marriage.

Eritrea has sufficient human and material resources for its development. However, a nation is built on and secured by values other than these resources. The family is the first place where values are acquired, nurtured and transmitted. The first task of the family is to be the first good school where a child learns important social values. The family is the first school in Eritrea to teach and pass on our rich cultural heritage and the progressive values developed during our liberation struggle such as love of country, respect for humanity, solidarity between men and women, love of truth and justice, respect for law, hard work, self-confidence, self-reliance, open mindedness and inventiveness. A

healthy and stable marriage is the key to the formation of a viable nation. A healthy marriage adds important ingredients to nation building, peace and prosperity. Our country becomes great only by the efforts of stable, responsible and faithful men and women.

Good marriages are the bedrock of strong societies, for they are the foundations of strong families. The strength of the nation depends on the strength of its families and the strength of families depends on the strength of marriage. So the quality of marriage has an upper hand in influencing the success of a nation. Therefore, the society and the government must promote and defend marriage and the family from every possible misrepresentation of their true nature.

The right to marry and found a family is affirmed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948). Article 16 (1) states that 'men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family'. Eritrean customary and modern laws also affirm the truth that marriage is a life-giving union of a man and a woman. Chapter 5 of the new penal code of Eritrea condemns the offences against marriage and the family. Fraud and deceit in marriage are severely punishable crimes in Eritrea.

Whether we like it or not the future strength of Eritrea will depend on the quality of the present marriages and families. The religious and political communities as well as the society as a whole have to bear their responsibility adequately to honor and protect marriage and family and ensure their sustainability.





Chinese Spring Festival in Eritrea

Ruth Abraham



Have you ever come across something you thought you knew so well but you actually don't? Well, I did. It was on 25th of January 2020, the spring festival

festival, is the biggest and oldest festival in China with a history of about 4000 years.

Following the speeches, a list



of China. It is the lunar new year of the Chinese people and in addition to the celebrations held by the Embassy of China in Eritrea for its citizens, there were concerts organized by Eritrea's Commission of Culture and Sports and the Confucius Institute at the National Higher Education and Research Institute of China in Eritrea, as an exchange of cultures between Eritrea and China.

Right from the entrance to the cinema hall, where the celebration took place, there were ladies dressed in Chinese and Eritrean cultural outfits. By the time we got in, the seats were almost full. The program began with an opening speech by the director of the Confucius Institute, Ms. Liu Liyin, which was followed by a speech from the Chinese ambassador to Eritrea, Mr. Yang Zigang. The Chinese New Year, Chinese spring

of programs was introduced and Eritrean students at Confucius Institute presented a number of performances. The first performance was Chinese dance, "Jasmine flowers", which expresses the beauty and fragrance of the jasmine flower. The dances and karate moves were as impressive as a jasmine flower. A Chinese woman wearing an Eritrean traditional dress (zuriya) and the Confucius institute's dance group, who are mostly below the age of 18, dressed in Chinese traditional clothes and their fluid movement were worth all of the audience's attention. The beautiful young performers looked perfectly Chinese in their dresses and their innocent smiles.

In addition to the Chinese performances, an Eritrean dance group named Miras performed a dance show about the Eritrean

traditional hairdo. Another band known as Kewakbti Rim (rim stars) sang the famous Eritrean song Fshk beli. Most of the dance performers were assisted by Chinese and Eritrean trainers who made the show spectacular.

The audience at the show was Chinese expatriates in Eritrea and Eritreans, mainly young people and family and friends of the performers. The hospitality of the Eritrean people, as noted by the Chinese ambassador and the director of the Confucius Institute, were clearly demonstrated in the celebration. The spring festival is one of the most important holidays in China when people get together and spend the day in union with their families to start the New Year wishing good luck and prosperity. The New Year's wishes were further demonstrated by the calligraphy show, as the artistic expression of five good wishes for the New Year. The characters include fortune, prosperity, longevity, happiness and wealth, everything one person may wish for a fresh start. The calligraphy characters were handed out to the audience as an expression of the Chinese people's good wishes and gratitude for the audience's attendance.

For someone who has already celebrated a new year on January 1st, the occasion was another

chance to start afresh. It is a privilege only the people present at the cinema last Saturday had have, and lucky me for being one.

The performance that attracted me the most was the song by Ms. Danait Afewerki and Mr. Li Zhiwen, a Chinese teacher.

countries' cultures brought its own colorful side to the scene. Knowing multiple languages and cultures helps a person to have one body that can be flexible with as much as the languages the person masters. From the sound of it, Chinese sounds too difficult to master, but while I watched all the



They sung famous Eritrean singer Haile Gebru's "ab tsimtsm bereka". Their moves and the Tigrigna pronunciation of Mr. Li's demonstrate how far the Cino-Eritrean cultures fit each other.

For the program to come out so well, the good will of the Eritrean and Chinese people as well as the organizers of the occasion played a vital role.

Apart from the organization, the synchronization of the two

performers dancing and singing Chinese, I thought "Ow, this looks fine". Being an Eritrean myself, I thought I knew what it means to be part of the society, but maybe I didn't. It was after I saw those Eritrean students singing and dancing as if they were Chinese and the Chinese people singing as if they were Eritreans that I realized one can learn a new culture so long one has the will to embrace new things, which I believe the performers and organizers of the event have shown.





This Week in Eritrea's History

Approvigionamenti -Azienda
Miniere Africa Orientale (AMAO)
-Azienda Autonoma Strade Statali
(AASS);

The Res. stated that it did not restrict the right of the Admin Power (Britain) to make, during the period of its admin, such dispositions of property whether limited to that period or otherwise, as may be required by law or may be appropriate for the good government. ...of the territory, or may be necessary for the implementation of the present resolution. However, the Resolution did not give Britain the power to dispose what the British Mil Admin disposed between 1941 and 1952 which is worth around 3 billion pounds in today's value.

The UNGA Res required Italy to continue to be liable for the payment of civil & military pensions or other retirement benefits earned as at the date of coming into force of

the Treaty of Peace with Italy and owed by it at that date.

- On Jan 26, 1943, a US War Department Disposition Form was issued for the establishment of a War Department Fixed Radio Station in Eritrea and Kagnaw Station was opened. The US spent 77 million USD to build the Station. Kagnaw Station was originally an Italian naval communications center. In 1941, the British took over the center from the Italians and gave the naval station to the US and the US used it as a naval station at first. The Base was re-designated the 4th USASA Field Station in 1958. Kagnaw Station was used to monitor nuclear explosions in the Soviet Union & was a good relay station for the military system across the world because of its location. It had provided the communists relay for Kissinger's early trips to China (1st the secret mission) and then the Nixon visit. It had the capability to

communicate directly to Beijing from Asmara and then relay to Europe and then to the US. The rock-and-roll programming on Kagnaw's 1,000-watt AM station was heard as far away as Australia, Finland and Brazil.

At its peak in the mid-1960s, there were 6,500 Americans at Kagnaw Station in Eritrea with massive operation with 13 sites. It did telecommunications relay and tele-intercept work. It had huge dish antennae that were some 80 feet across.

In April 1977, Derg's Mengistu ordered the expulsion of several Americans in Eritrea and Ethiopia and the closure of Kagnaw Station by April 29. Over time the US paid Ethiopia more than \$360m in military aid as rent for Kagnaw, billions of USD in today's value.

Sources: twitter.com/eritreanhistory

- On Jan 31, 1975, EPLF & ELF launched an attack on Asmara. A number of battles in nearby villages & on the outskirts of the city were fought. The Ethiopian/Derg government soldiers went on the rampage through Asmara & surrounding villages as retaliation and killed hundreds of civilians.

- On Jan 29, 1952, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted Resolution A/RES/530 on "Economic and financial provisions relating to

Eritrea." The Res. decided that Eritrea shall receive, without payment, the movable and immovable property located in Eritrea owned by the Italian State.

The property the UNGA referred in this Resolution included; -The public property of the State; -The inalienable property of the State; -The property of the Fascist Party and its organizations -The alienable property of the State; The property belonging to the autonomous agencies (aziende auto-nome) of the State which are: -Ferrovie dell'Eritrea -Azienda Speciale

LOCAL NEWS

FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO FAMILIES OF MARTYRS

Over 71 million Nakfa has been disbursed to families of martyrs in the Central region in the year 2019, the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare branch in the Central region reported. The statement was made during the annual activity assessment meeting the branch conducted on 30 January.

Ms. Jimi'a Ibrahim, director of the branch office, outlined the various activities the branch has been involved in support of the families of martyrs, disabled nationals, as well as disadvantaged citizens.

According to the report, 61 families supporting orphans and disabled children were beneficiaries of material and livestock support worth 10 thousand Nakfa each to help them start businesses; educational opportunities have been created to 540 homeless children and other disadvantaged citizens with 200 thousand Nakfa investment.

Col. Gebrehanes Weldegiorgis, Director General of Social Services in the Central region underlined the significance of the integrated effort and contribution of various Government institutions to the successful implementation of programs and activities aimed at ensuring social welfare.

TRAINING FOR CIVIL SERVANTS AND STUDENTS

A three-month long vocational training was organized for civil servants and students in Mendefera, report indicated.

At the inauguration ceremony conducted on 28 January, it was stated that the aim of the practical and theoretical training was to upgrade the professional capacity and political awareness of the youth and thereby improve their livelihoods.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mr. Habteab Tesfatsion, Governor of the Southern region, pointed out the significance of vocational training in upgrading the skills and boosting the morale of civil servants, and called on the youth trainees to continuously upgrade their capacity.

As the 'Bad News ...

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Did you expect to win first prize?

I didn't. The IndieFEST is competitive. I knew our work was good but we kept our hopes just for finals and semifinals. When on November 7th the movie got nominated I stared at my computer's screen for a long time in silence. And for more than two hours I didn't share the news. I was not in disbelief but I guess I was feeling joy because the award means a lot. It means more to other filmmakers than what it means to me. It means more to my students than it means to me, and it means more to the Eritrean people as well.

Yes, in that perspective, what does this award mean to you and your colleagues?

Like I said this was a test for us. We wanted to know what we are capable of and now we know.

This means a lot to my colleagues, but it also means much more to my student and professionals in the field. This is a chance for us to boost our energy for further creativity. It was definitely a confidence booster. Can't wait to see what will come out of our young aspiring filmmakers. The film is now in the finals in The Depth of Field International Film Competition along with three other movies: 'Another Yesterday' from the USA, 'Chasm' of the UK, and 'Starting at the Sea' of Spain. And yet again we aim to further learn about our aptitudes in terms of filmmaking.

Well, good luck. If you were to give credit to anyone for this glory who would it be?

Everyone involved in the making of the film. Everyone. And also Eritreans abroad who submitted the film on our behalf and extended a helping hand when needed. The glory is for all.

Thank you and, again, congratulations.

VACANCY Notice No. 2020/01

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Eritrea is inviting applications from suitably qualified Eritrean nationals for the post of Education Specialist (NO-3), TA, #103528, Asmara-Eritrea

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: Temporary Appointment

DURATION: One year (364days)

LEVEL: NO-03

DUTY STATION: Asmara

UNICEF works in some of the world's toughest places, to reach the world's most disadvantaged children. To save their lives. To defend their rights. To help them fulfill their potential. Across 190 countries and territories, we work for every child, everywhere, every day, to build a better world for everyone. **And we never give up!**

For every child, EDUCATION.

The fundamental mission of UNICEF is to promote the rights of every child, everywhere, in everything the organization does - in programs, in advocacy and in operations. In UNICEF Eritrea the Basic Education, Child Protection and Participation (BECPP) programme works towards the following outcome: By 2021, Eritrean girls and boys in 4 disadvantaged Zobas have expanded access to and participate in quality basic education and child protection services. Overall, the programme component supports the Government in expanding access to quality basic education for all children, protecting children from violence, exploitation and abuse and in enabling children to participate meaningfully in interventions intended to benefit them as well as in decision making processes that affect their lives. The programme is aligned with the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), and the Sustainable Development Goals on social inclusion (Goal 1), inclusive and equitable quality education and promotion of lifelong learning opportunities (Goal 4), achievement of gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls (Goal 5), and elimination of child marriage and violence against women and children (Goal 16).

How can you make a difference?

Under the overall guidance and direction of the Chief, Education, Child protection and Participation Section, the post incumbent will be responsible for the Access to education component of the programme, providing leadership to the GPE programme as well as supporting the Chief in managing the other components of the regular programme. The incumbent will also contribute to the Quality Education

Key functions/accountabilities:

- **Support to programme development and planning**
- **Programme management, monitoring and delivery of results**
- **Technical and operational support to programme**

implementation

- **Networking and partnership building**
- **Innovation, knowledge management and capacity building**

Summary of major activities

- Manage the GPE (Global Partnership for Education) supported project as per the stipulated workplan and in line with the agreed priorities, targets and monitoring and evaluation schemes. Coordinate and provide operational support throughout the project period and ensure proper implementation of activities as per schedule and performance standards. Provide technical advice to key government officials, NGO, UN system and other country office partners on policies, strategies, best practices and approaches on education.

- Manage the Access output of the Basic Education, Child Protection and Participation programme component of the Country Programme

- Take part during the strategic program discussions and prepare programs/projects proposal for the sector and the required documentations for program review and approval.

- Play a role in program management, monitoring and quality control

of results along with government and other counterparts to assess progress and engage stakeholders to take required action/interventions to achieve results.

- Contribute to innovation, knowledge management and capacity building geared to establish sustainable education programs and projects.

To qualify as a champion for every child you will have:

- An Advanced University Degree in education, economics, psychology, sociology or other social science field is required.
- Minimum of 5 years of progressively responsible relevant work experience in programme planning, management, and/or research in education at national or international level, some of which preferably in a developing country is required. Experience working in the UN system agency or UN organization is an asset. Familiarity with emergency response is an asset.

- Fluency in English and the local language is required. Knowledge of another official UN language is an asset

Core values and Competencies

UNICEF's values of Care, Respect, Integrity, Trust, and Accountability (CRITA) and core competencies in Communication, Working with People and Drive for Results.

The functional competencies required for this post are...

- Leading and supervising (I)
- Formulating strategies/concepts (II)
- Analyzing (III)
- Relating and networking (II)
- Deciding and initiating action (II)
- Applying Technical Expertise (III)

View our competency framework at: http://www.unicef.org/about/employ/files/UNICEF_Competencies.pdf

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Bisha Mining Share Company is inviting applicants for the following position for Bisha site project.

Position: Maintenance Planner

Department: Engineering and Maintenance

Number required: One (01)

Primary Purpose

- Contribute to the Operations by ensuring that all maintenance activities are planned and completed in a cost effective manner with minimal disruption to ore processing and mining activities.

Main Functions

- Purchasing and Supply chain
- Contractors
- Work Management Process
- Administration
- Health and Safety Environment

Unique requirements / other information

- Must have a proven track record and reference

Qualifications:

- Diploma/Degree in Mechanical or Electrical Engineering,
- Minimum Education: Tech/Vocational Certificate Education followed by additional Mechanical/Electrical Trade Training with significant experience in the Mechanical/Electrical engineering discipline.
- Certificate in Management/Business Management will be an added advantage.

Knowledge and Experience:

- Trade certificate as a Fitter or Electrician
- 2+ years proven experience in the mining sector(Maintenance planning and scheduling capacity)
- 4 years’ experience in mechanical or electrical maintenance as a fitter or electrician or supervisor’s role.

Technical Skills

- Computer literacy (MS office – Intermediate, In-house software)
- Time management and mechanical/electrical skill; Project management and risk assessment.
- Logical thinker and project management.

Behavioural Skills

- Communication (English, Local language advantage); Innovative and efficiency.
- Cultural diversity sensitivity and coach/mentor; Accountability and team player.
- Handling of pressurised environment.

General Information and other requirements:

- ☐ **Place of Work:**
- Bisha.
- ☐ **Salary:**
- As per Company salary scale.
- ☐ **Type of Contract:**
- Indefinite

Additional requirement for Nationals:

- ☐ **Having fulfilled his/her National Service obligation and provide evidence of release paper from the Ministry of Defense.**
- ☐ **Present clearance paper from current/last employer.**
- ☐ **Testimonial documents to be attached (CV, work experience credentials, a copy of your National Identity Card etc.).**
- ☐ **Only shortlisted applicants will be considered as potential candidates for an interview.**
- ☐ **Application documents will not be returned to sender.**
- ☐ **All applications should be sent through the post office.**
- ☐ **Deadline for application: 10 days from the day of publication in the Newspaper.**
- ☐ **Address: Please mail your applications to;**
Bisha Mining Share Company,
P. O. Box 4276 Asmara, Eritrea
- ☐ **Note to Non-Eritrean applicants:**
Please send a copy of your application to
Aliens Employment permits Affairs,
P. O. Box 7940 Asmara, Eritrea.



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As the 'Bad News' Climbs the Ladder of Accomplishments...

At the end of last year Eritrea's short film got gold at the and has now reserved a spot at the "Best Shorts Film Festival (DOFIFF) in seven categories: Original Score and Award of Excellence in acting.

The writer and director of this multiple-filmmaker in the Eritrean film industry, Efriem "encouraging". "The world will from now on he said. As a tribute to the film's success Eritrea Bad News claimed its first gold at the IndieFEST.



IndieFEST. The short film climbed on the ladder of accomplishments Competition" and won awards at the Depth of Field International Award of Exceptional Merit, Award of Exceptional Merit for cinematography, script writing, directing, editing and best lead

award-winning short film is non-other than the famous Kahsay, aka Wedi Quada. Efriem refers to this moment as begin to see wonders of young Eritrean filmmakers and artists," Profile recaps an interview the filmmaker gave to Q&A when

Congratulations on your win!

Thank you! Congratulations to us all. This is a trophy for the nation.

It is indeed. How has the people's reaction been since the news broke out?

Huge! It has been some humbling couple of weeks for me and the team involved in the making of our short film, 'The Bad News'. Everyone is proud of the nomination and local filmmakers as well.

Tell me, please, about this specific work. What was the inspiration for the film and what is it about?

It started as a poem that I

wrote in 2003. I later on posted it on my social media page and had a number of comments that inspired me to transform it to a short film. It is about a man who is about to commit suicide but he doesn't want to bother anyone. So, he bought his own casket, paid for his burial ground and even bought a bouquet of flowers for his funeral. He was also a type that would normally buy lottery tickets. He bought one as his last souvenir.

He saw the prize money of 500,000 and didn't bother even to look. But as lady luck works in mysterious ways, when he hanged himself and people rushed to help they noticed that he had actually won the lottery.

Let's speak on the technical aspect now. In these 35 minutes

you tell a life story of a man who tried to beat life in every aspect but never had anything good happen to him till he won the half of a million he didn't have a chance to get the prize money. This man raises a philosophical approach related to death as well. He dies gloriously after personally setting his own funeral before he even died. How did you manage to tell the story in 35 minutes and still keep the depth of it, using obviously limited resources?

We first filmed it to last one hour and a half. But then the idea of entering a competition had us work on the film all over again. The requirement for the IndieFEST Short Film Awards and most of the prestigious film awards is 30 minutes minimum and almost one hour maximum.

Our aim was to present our film according to known standards. Film making is all about team work; so if I am to answer how we maintained the depth of the story in that amount of time and our limited resources, I would say, it needed the creativity, talent and goodwill of everyone involved.

What made you think that the movie was worth a shot for IndieFEST?

I would say the urge of having recognition for our work. Normally our products are meant for our local audience. Trying to enter the competition with this specific short film meant testing ourselves in a bid to learn what the international public thinks of our technics and our stories. Filmmaking is a language that needs no translations. Filmmakers,

actors, editors and others know what cinematic language a movie uses just by looking at one. So I can say that we have been very eager to have our movies read and understood by professionals like us to ultimately know where we, Eritrean filmmakers, stand. We keep in touch with films from around the globe. We follow international awards starting from BAFTA to ACADEMY awards and more. After the film was made, we knew, at least we hoped, that our film too was well made and, therefore, capable of communicating with the world through the cinematic language filmmakers use worldwide. That being said, our main goal was to simply test ourselves.

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