



## ERITREAN COMMUNITY FESTIVAL IN SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES

The 26<sup>th</sup> Eritrean community festival in the Scandinavian countries was enthusiastically conducted from 25 to 28 July under the theme "Peace Anchored on Resilience," featuring various activities that depicted the noble Eritrean values.

The festival was attended by numerous nationals and friends of Eritrea from Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Germany, England, and Switzerland. Biniam Girmay's historic win

of the Green Jersey at the Tour de France 2024 and the 50th anniversary of the Bologna festival have added color to the event.

Mr. Mohammed-Ali Mohammed-Seid, head of Public and Community Affairs, conducted a seminar for the participants, focusing on the current situation in the homeland as well as on the ongoing and future national development programs. He also called on nationals to

strengthen their organizational capacity and contribution to national development.

Mr. Yemane Gebrekidan, head of Consular Affairs, also gave a briefing on the consular service provision and the guidelines that nationals should follow.

The festival was highlighted by performances from a cultural troupe from Eritrea and other Eritrean artists from European countries.

## NATIONAL MALARIA CONTROL WEEK IN CENTRAL REGION

The national malaria control week, organized by the Ministry of Health branch in the Central Region under the theme "Let's Strengthen Our Effort to Eradicate Malaria," concluded today with an event in Serejeka sub-zone.

Mr. Kibreab Tesfamicael,

head of malaria control at the office branch, indicated that the prevalence of malaria, which was about 0.4% in 2018, has declined to 0.08% in 2023. He also said that strong efforts will be exerted in accordance with the global plan to eradicate malaria from 2016 to 2030.

Mr. Kibreab also mentioned

that about 20 thousand impregnated bed nets have been distributed at the regional level, and malaria diagnosis has been conducted on 76,425 people, with 2,781 of them found infected by the disease.

Mr. Kiflemariam Gebremeskel, administrator of Serejeka sub-zone, highlighted the death and socio-economic harm caused by malaria on families and called for integrated efforts from the public and stakeholders to fully eradicate the disease.

Indicating that so far commendable efforts have been made to eradicate the disease, Mr. Tesfahiwet Abraha, head of health facilities in the sub-zone, called for reinforced participation from the public and partners in this effort.



## NEWS BRIEF

### CONTRIBUTION TO AUGMENT MARTYRS TRUST FUND

Nationals in Great Britain have contributed about 31 thousand Pounds towards augmenting the National Martyrs Trust Fund.

According to the Public and Community Affairs at the Eritrean Embassy, nationals in London contributed 17,537 Pounds, nationals in Cardiff and Newport 3,230 Pounds, nationals in Manchester 3,000 Pounds, nationals in Birmingham 2,290 Pounds, nationals in Liverpool 2,000 Pounds, nationals in Leeds 1,355 Pounds, nationals in Sheffield 677 Pounds, and nationals in Coventry 500 Pounds.

The contributions were made in connection with the ongoing support that nationals have been extending to the families of martyrs and towards augmenting the Martyrs Trust Fund.

### SEMINAR ON LABOR LAW IN GHINDA SUB-ZONE

The Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare branch in Ghinda sub-zone organized a seminar for owners and workers of social service provision institutions. The seminar focused on the rights and obligations of both owners and workers in these institutions.

At the seminar, Mr. Yasin Mohammed, a member of the office branch, gave an extensive briefing on Labor Law No. 118/2001. He emphasized the welfare and health of workers in the workplace, ensuring the safety of pregnant women at work, and rights related to pregnancy and delivery.

The seminar also covered topics such as weekly leave, public holidays, overtime work, and other related issues.

Mr. Ibrahim Omar, head of the office branch, stated that seminars have been organized for religious leaders, attorneys, village elders, and national associations. These seminars focus on the eradication of harmful practices, including underage marriage and female genital mutilation.

### MEETING ON ENSURING RIGHTS OF CHILDREN AND AVOIDING HARMFUL PRACTICES

A seminar focusing on ensuring the rights of children and avoiding harmful practices was organized in Mekerka, Logo-Anseba sub-zone. The seminar was attended by numerous public representatives and concerned institutions.

Mr. Hermon Teklemariam, head of Mekerka Health Center, said that the seminar aimed to address general prenatal and postnatal treatment, childbirth at health facilities, and community participation in health services.

Mr. Hermon indicated that, compared to last year, the number of pregnant women seeking treatment at health facilities has increased by 30%, and the number of pregnant women delivering at health facilities has increased by 29%.

Emphasizing the importance of prenatal and postnatal treatment, regular vaccination programs, and integrated efforts to ensure the health of children and food systems, Mr. Hermon urged pregnant women to regularly visit health facilities to monitor their condition.

Mr. Abraham Hagos, administrator of the sub-zone, stated that ensuring the health of children and mothers is essential for ensuring the health of society. He called on pregnant women to strictly follow the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and deliver healthy infants. He also encouraged the public to strengthen contributions to establish maternity waiting rooms.

In the Logo-Anseba sub-zone, there is one health center, five health stations, and two pharmacies providing active health services to the public.

# Development

## Quality Medical Education for Securing the Health of the Society

*Lwam kahsay*

On 27 July, Orotta College of Medicine and Health Sciences held its 3rd commencement since its establishment in 2018 through the merging of Orotta School of Medicine and Asmara College of Health Sciences. The college consists of 11 academic departments composed of undergraduate and post graduate programs. This article delves into the college's overall activities and contribution on producing qualified health professionals, but first we need to shed some light over Eritrea's success in the health sector.

Eritrea as a developing nation has made impressive progress in assuring the wellbeing of its citizens. Over the past 30 years of independence, the ministry of health underwent a remarkable progress towards access and distribution of health services around the entire country. Consequently, the health sector has undergone major transformation within a relatively short time, attaining significant reduction in morbidity and mortality attributed to preventable diseases.

In line with Eritrea's longstanding commitment to equality, social justice and leaving

no one behind, health services are heavily subsidized, in which patients are required to make only nominal payments. On top of that, a wide range of essential health services including all public and preventive services, like immunization and growth monitoring, nutrition and supplementation, pre and post-partum care and health education are free of charge. In addition, all patients with chronic diseases and other disorders, such as tuberculosis (TB), HIV/AIDS, hypertension, diabetes, and mental disorders, among several others, are provided with free care and prescribed medications.

Alongside the above mentioned progress, the expansion of health infrastructure, and human capacity development have also been areas of major focus over the past 3 decades. The ministry made huge investment in constructing and renovating many hospitals, health station, health centers, clinics and waiting rooms including in very remote areas. According to data from the ministry, there are nearly 350 health facilities distributed across the country (comprising hospitals, health centres, health stations, and clinics) – which signifies 231% increase from 1991. More over 80% of the population lives within 10km radius of a health facility and more than 70 percent within a 5 km radius, representing major

improvements from just a few decades ago.

With all its internal resources and capacity the country has made an exemplary progress. The country has allocated a lot of its domestic resources, of course with full participation and support of the community, to achieve a lot of success in different areas. Eritrea is on the verge of eliminating HIV/ AIDS, malaria, and, hopefully, TB soon. There's considerable commitment at the central, regional and subzone levels to reach the strategic goals.

The Asmara College of Health Sciences was established in 1998 and the Orotta School of Medicine was established in 2004 and in 2008 the school of medicine started a new program of post graduate specialization under the supervision of the higher board of education and the Ministry of Health.

Human resource development policy in health sector is the cornerstone among the priorities of the country, and the Orotta College of Medicine and Health Sciences (OCMHS) is determined to produce competent, compassionate disciplined and knowledgeable healthcare professionals.

The mission of OCMHS is to produce health professionals whose knowledge, professional



skills, and practice in medical fields are in tune with society's needs, practice patterns and scientific advancements. The college strives towards developing the highest standards of academic and clinical excellence, a learning environment conducive to pursue professional competency of health workers, research and service to the community. The ministry of health in partnership with the board of higher education plays a

significant role in guiding the college produce human resources that meet the needs of the population and it underwent three major principles.

- Producing new health professionals by providing new infrastructures or renovating and expanding the existing ones and providing qualified lecturers.

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# OPINION

## Eritrea's Second Voluntary National Review of Progress towards the UN SDGs (Part VI)

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In addition to representing an important progressive milestone for the country, Eritrea's second VNR reflects the country's deep and enduring commitment to advancing the 2030 Agenda and its wide-ranging developmental ambitions, as well as to meaningfully working with the international community towards achieving a better, more sustainable future for all. The wide-ranging review seeks to build upon the momentum, gains, and lessons accrued from the country's inaugural VNR process, which was completed in 2022, and it also offers deeper insight into and injects further impetus for its nation-building and developmental efforts.

Eritrea's VNR preparation process is rooted in a strong commitment to inclusiveness, transparency, and a highly collaborative, participatory approach, serving as a clear reflection of its wider holistic, all-of-government and all-of-

This is the final article in a multi-part series that sheds light on Eritrea's participation at the 2024 High-Level Political Forum and the country's second Voluntary National Review of progress towards Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals. It offers short overview of the final major section of Eritrea's report, which concludes, notes challenges, and identifies steps for moving forward.

2030 Agenda, and strengthen progress on the country's pursuit of its ambitious aims.

### Challenges and Opportunities

In addition to the significant challenges posed by several destructive conflicts, a series of humanitarian crises, and an array of violent extremist threats across the region, a major impediment for Eritrea's nation-building, development, and achievement of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs continues to be the imposition of unilateral, illegitimate sanctions, as well as a broad array of hostile economic, financial, and trade restrictions and measures as a means of political and economic coercion. Collectively, these flagrantly contravene the UN Charter and the core tenets of international law. They also run contrary to the fundamental



planes to import lifesaving medical supplies, since many carriers have refused deliveries due to fear of cooperating with a sanctioned nation. As well, Eritrea has been blocked from SWIFT – a cooperative international payment system which is the financial artery of the global economy – thus severely disrupting trade and economic activities.

The numerous and variegated detrimental impacts across various sectors have been heavily compounded by unceasing efforts to prevent legitimate remittance transactions by Eritreans living abroad, thwart the nation's receipt of valuable investments or requests for lines of credit, and force the closure of Eritrea's diplomatic missions.

With specific regard to SDG 4, Eritrea continues to aim to raise general educational quality, incorporate ICT, digital learning, and innovative methods, and substantively enhance teacher training, qualifications, and professional development across all levels. Additionally, the government will continue to emphasize increasing access to comprehensive early childhood learning, care, and development, as well as raising retention rates, especially for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children. The country's continued efforts to widen access to and participation in technical and vocational education and training will help

range of vital skills and critical knowledge needed for decent, dignified employment and entrepreneurship. Encouragingly, the Ministry of Education,



society view of nation-building and the SDGs. Based on several different factors, such as the close interlinkages and tight synergies between them and the other SDGs, availability of valid, accurate data to support evidence-based reporting and defined requirements, the country's past VNR report, and Eritrea's existing national framework and domestic general context, the 2024 review details progress on SDGs 4, 5, and 6. Overall, Eritrea has achieved significant and notable progress over the years, helping it to establish a strong foundation for the future. At the same time, however, challenges remain and there is considerable room for improvements in the years ahead. Continued resolve and additional tangible actions are necessary in order to sustain positive momentum, further accelerate implementation of the

ethos of multilateralism, while additionally remaining inconsistent with the basic principles of the global trading system. What is more, they violate Eritrea's sovereignty and right to development, have a plethora of significant direct and indirect negative impacts on the realization of justice and fulfillment of all human rights, and considerably hinder the country's efforts to improve standards of living and attempts to promote sustainable development.

For instance, restrictions have extended to blocking the import of motor pumps for water and electrical schemes, as well as computers and technical systems used in the health sector and other areas. Shipping freight costs have been hiked up, while Eritrea has been forced to charter

to provide more youth and adults across the country with the broad

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# OPINION

## Summer Work Program: a Development Pathway to Development Initiatives and Sustainability

Simon Weldemichael

Since 1994, Eritrean secondary school students have been actively engaging in volunteering activities and community service during their summer break. Their early involvement in addressing societal and environmental issues is truly inspiring. According to the Ministry of Education reports, a commendable students' summer work program has been conducted across the country in the last 30 years. One part of the student's summer work program is afforestation, which is part of the national greening campaign and plays a significant role in improving environmental conditions and boosting agricultural production.

More importantly, it has contributed immensely to shaping students' attitudes towards volunteerism and community service. It's interesting for students to desire to have a positive impact and enjoy personal fulfillment out of giving service at an early age. In Eritrea, volunteerism is a well-established societal practice. In Eritrea, it's common for someone to provide support without hoping for any rewards. Volunteerism is considered a noble activity that benefits society and the individual.

The students' summer work program of 2024, a massive undertaking, has started on 8 July and will continue until 17 August throughout the country with the exception of Southern Red Sea region. The students of Southern Red Sea began early in June to cope with the unique climatic

conditions of the region. Mr. Fitiwi Woldegergis, director of the Students' Summer Work Program at the Ministry of Education, has stated that over 28,600 students and more than one thousand teachers and agricultural experts are involved in this year's summer work program.

The program will primarily focus on soil and water conservation, which accounts for 95% of the total activities. The remaining 5% includes traffic safety programs, road renovations, and the construction of water catchment schemes, among other tasks. Mr. Fitiwi further elaborated on the program's details, including planting 1.3 million tree seedlings, cultivating 330,000 trees, and participating in traffic safety initiatives in Asmara, Keren, and Mendefera.

30% of Eritrean land used to be covered by forest a century ago. Due to successive wars, colonization, frequent drought, and other factors, those thick forests were reduced to 1% coverage over the decades. The summer campaign is one of the various initiatives the government took to restore the natural vegetation. After the completion of the academic year, secondary school students are deployed to different activities to participate in afforestation activities, which include planting trees and water and soil conservation. The summer work campaign brings together students and allows them to share their values and experiences. The program also provides a suitable environment for the youth to apply the theories



they have learned in class and instill a habit of work.

The summer work program allows the students to unleash their potential, become agents of change, and explore ways for their development. It also provides students with opportunities to use newly acquired academic skills and knowledge in real-life situations in their communities. It enhances what is taught in the classroom by extending students' learning beyond the school and into the community, and it helps foster a sense of caring and responsibility. A summer work program is expected to promote a general understanding of social responsibility, build strong social ties, and contribute to a healthy society.

Eritrea believes any development program should be people-centered and create a sense of ownership. The National Charter of Eritrea stipulates that "without public participation, there cannot be development; it is vital for people to participate at all stages of development

projects." Thus, the summer program was implemented in 1994, aiming at reconstructing a war-torn country by including the community in cleaning the environment, afforestation, terracing, and reversing the critical environmental situation,

with only 1% of thick forest coverage countrywide as well as water and soil conservation activities. Among other initiatives, this immense project was possible through a summer campaign, with a first phase focusing on reconstruction and protecting the environment through afforestation, micro-dams in rural areas, and renovation of roads.

Education can only be the backbone of development if it prepares students for collective action. The summer work campaign helps young Eritrean students become active development participants. Thus, the summer campaign is a development pathway that prepares adolescents for development initiatives and sustainability.

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alongside other government institutions, is working towards improving access to education for learners with special needs and better integrating them into the mainstream educational system.

Despite notable strides registered, gender equality and empowerment remain a national priority for Eritrea – which is positive. Through combined efforts of the government, the National Union of Eritrean Women, and other institutions and stakeholders, the country will continue to support women and girls to exercise autonomy, agency, and control over their own lives, help them actively engage and fully participate as decision-makers in their homes, communities, and all spheres of life, and foster an inclusive, enabling environment to allow them to equally contribute to and benefit from sustainable development and prosperity.

Similarly, while important improvements have been made with regard to SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), Eritrea remains committed to improving the supply, reliability, and quality of water and sanitation, including

expanding infrastructure and facilities, particularly within rural areas, as well as enhancing access to and practice of improved hygiene among the population.

Importantly, forging strong partnerships and effective collaboration will continue to be an integral element of Eritrea's multifaceted approach to development and advancing the 2030 Agenda. Consolidating and further strengthening strategic cooperation among various domestic entities, international partners, and a diverse range of other stakeholders will help the country build capacity, more effectively mobilize crucial finances and technical resources, and scale up successful interventions.

Notwithstanding the various challenges and obstacles that it has encountered over the years, Eritrea has made progress. Importantly, it remains resolute and steadfast in its commitment to consolidating its past gains, addressing outstanding gaps, and driving forward progress towards forging a nation of sustainable growth and prosperity, social justice, harmony, inclusion, dignity, peace, and environmental resilience, while leaving no one behind.



## "I'm Ready to put Forth my Very best Effort at the . . ."

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When you're able to achieve that inaugural triumph against your top peer competitors, your confidence really takes a big leap forward. Your whole mindset and approach changes. Earlier, the mentality might be to just try and follow the wheels of the best riders and hope for a good result.

But after surging to those initial victories, the self-belief really starts to build. That's what happened for me. After winning that third stage, I was convinced that I had the ability to keep going and getting more. The confidence was there, so I went for it wholeheartedly.

The pressure of trying to break through and get that first win is immense. But once you've cleared that hurdle, the remaining triumphs feel more natural and achievable. The uncertainty is replaced by a steely self-assurance. And that makes all the difference in your mentality and performance.

**How would you describe Mathew van der Poel's lead-out for your peer competitor Jasper Philipsen in the sprint finishes?**

In sprint finishes, the final lead-out rider is absolutely critical for the success of the sprinter they are supporting. Having a lead-out man like Mathieu van der Poel, who is a world-class sprinter in his own right, is a huge benefit for Jasper Philipsen.

To have a rider of van der Poel's caliber dedicated to setting up the sprint is undoubtedly valuable, but it also comes at a significant cost for the team. That's why he earns a better salary compared to Philipsen.

It's clear that Philipsen's team came to take the green jersey, not just a stage win. Van der Poel's incredible all-around abilities make him the ideal lead-out man to achieve that goal.

In addition to van der Poel, the team also has other strong riders providing support. This collective strength and sprint-focused approach makes them a formidable opponent. Beating this team in the sprint finishes is an incredible feat, especially given their substantial budget advantage.

While I certainly admire the lead-out capabilities of van der

Poel, I don't want to understate the crucial role my teammates play in my successes. Someday, I hope to have that caliber of lead-out, but I'm grateful for the team that I have now.

**In every post-race and podium ceremony, you were seen chatting with Tadej Pogacar, the general classification winner of the tour. A lot of people here began to suspect that he might have been trying to lure you join his team. What do you say about this?**

Tadej pogajar is really one of the amazing and humble guys I have ever met. He is a good person on and off the bike. I knew him since two years ago and we have the same manager. In every race he would encourage me, saying that "be strong, we have got only three-days left or two days left". He was cheering on me to give morale. And I am thankful for that.

In the world of cycling, the big-budget teams are the most sought-after. The budget of my team, Intermarché, is significantly smaller compared to that of Team UAE.

However, there are factors

beyond just money that need to be considered. The prestige and successes I've achieved with Intermarché at the Tour de France would likely not have been possible had I been with teams such as UAE. A team's plan from the onset differs, and I don't believe I would have achieved what I have had I been with other teams.

After my successes, I obviously attracted a lot of attention from different teams, and there were big teams keen to buy out my contract and sign me. Tadej and I also share the same manager.

All these factors combined, it was natural for my team to feel uneasy. But eventually, my team and I reached an agreement that is beneficial to both of us. And I didn't want to turn my back on the team that has given me so many opportunities and trusted me even during the most difficult times.

Being a leader in the major races is a huge opportunity in itself, and that's precisely the role I've been able to fulfill with Intermarché. This is why I'm thrilled to have extended my contract with the team. They have nurtured me and provided

the platform for me to grow as a rider, through both the good and bad times.

At the end of the day, the choice to continue with Intermarché was a simple one for me. The team has made me who I am today, and I'm grateful for the chance to repay their faith in me by continuing to represent them to the best of my abilities.

**You had a bad crash on stage 16. Can you tell me a bit more about what happened and how it affected you?**

It was a terrifying crash to watch, especially since I was wearing the leader's jersey. Thankfully, my injuries weren't as bad as they could have been. I was in pain, but I could manage it. My team doctor has been fantastic, checking on me even late at night. The incident occurred when an EF Education rider's handlebar made contact with mine. Trying to avoid me, he unfortunately collided with a roadside barrier. It was a pure racing incident; no one was to blame.

**This Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, you'll be competing in the grueling 277km road race at the Olympic Games. How prepared are you feeling for that challenge?**

The Olympic road race has a unique nature to it. Given that it's a one-day event, I need to be especially careful with my tactics. I'll also be competing alone against national teams that will have their full squads of top cyclists. In cycling, we know that even just one teammate's assistance can make a huge difference. And the sheer distance of this race will certainly add an extra layer of difficulty.

However, with the good form I'm in right now, I'm hopeful that I can still deliver some strong results. One thing I can assure you is that in the future, as our country's cycling prowess continues to grow, we'll have an increasingly competitive national team with talented riders like Henok Mulubrhan and Natnael Tesfazion supporting the effort.

While the circumstances will be challenging, I'm ready to put forth my very best effort and see what I can achieve. It's an honor to represent my country on the biggest stage, and I'm determined to make the most of this opportunity.



## Quality Medical Education . . .

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- Providing further education in abroad for specialization and for some special field of study which cannot be given in the country or provide them distance education.

- The third principle is continuing of education to health professional be doctors, nurses and technicians to upgrade their level of knowledge. This principles helped to promote all health workers to be scientifically and technologically equipped.

Since its founding, the Asmara College of Health Sciences has graduated 5,727 high and mid-level health professionals. Of these graduates, 2917 are from the degree programme, while the remaining 2810 are from the diploma programme. The Orotta School of Medicine and Dentistry also graduated 556 doctors that include 83 doctors of dentistry and 473 doctors of general medicine.

Currently the college is responsible for undertaking post graduate clinical specialists training programme in seven clinical disciplines namely pediatrics and child health, obstetrics and gynecology, general surgery, internal medicine, radiology and diagnostic imaging, pathology and ophthalmology.

The OCMHS like any other higher learning institution has a well-defined academic calendar, structured curriculum of all departments and programs, syllabus that also emphasizes the course structure, students evaluation methodology, and academic regulations. The college operates its functions through a defined college philosophy, mission, vision, goal and learning objectives articulating graduates profile and impacts. The academic activities are carried out by a total of 96 faculty members, of these 75 are Eritreans.

Thanks to the government's commitment and the college's relentless effort, there has been considerable increase in the number of health professionals. The number of nurses from 625 in 1997 to 1,474 in 2021, in the same course of time the number of assistant nurses raised from 1,220 to 2,918, dental therapists from 11 to 165, pharmacists and pharmacy technicians from 97 to 486, laboratory technicians from 99 to 517, radiologists from 28 to 132, physiotherapy technicians from 6 to 140, and specialized doctors from 5 to 74. Notably, the government covers the full costs of education, training, and salaries for all health workers.

# ADS

## VACANCY NOTICE No. 2024/05

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Eritrea is inviting applications from suitably qualified Eritrean nationals for the post of Health Officer, NOB, IMIS No.20351

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: Fixed-Term

DURATION: Two years

LEVEL: NOB

DUTY STATION: Asmara

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How can you make a difference?

The health program is a major component of the Country Program (or UNSDCF). UNICEF acts as the co-convenor to the health and nutrition Sector in Eritrea. The health Officer reports to the Immunization Specialist at Child Survival and Development Section, UNICEF Country Office, Eritrea.

The Health Officer will focus on Maternal, Neonatal, Child Health and Immunization programs and will be the main focal point for Community Health Services, working closely with Immunization Specialist as well as the Nutrition and WASH teams and in collaboration with all the other sectoral and cross cutting programme officers to ensure programme convergence at community level.

Summary of key functions/accountabilities:

Project Planning, and Development

- Participate in the development of Maternal, Neonatal, Child Health and Immunization programs work plan; ensure compliance to Maternal, Neonatal, Child Health and Immunization program objectives.
- In consultation with the Immunization Specialist and in collaboration with all the other sectoral and cross cutting programme officers, prepare the Maternal, Neonatal, Child Health and Immunization program documents for the Country Programme Development and Plans of Action, Programme Strategic Note, etc.
- Contribute to the development/establishment of sectoral program goals, objectives and strategies and results-based planning through research, collection, analysis and reporting of education and other related information for development planning and priority and goal setting.
- Provide technical and operational support throughout all stages of programming processes by executing/administering a variety of technical, program, operational and administrative transactions, preparing related materials/documentations and complying with organizational processes and management systems, to support program planning, results-based planning (RBM) and monitoring and evaluating results.

Program management, monitoring and delivery of result

- Design, prepare, implement, monitor and evaluate activities for Maternal, Neonatal, Child Health and Immunization in consultation with the Immunization Specialist as well as the Nutrition and WASH teams and in collaboration with all the other sectoral and cross cutting programme officers. In particular analyze and evaluate granular data to ensure achievement of Maternal, Neonatal, Child Health and Immunization objectives with the principle of leaving no child behind and/or take corrective action when necessary to meet relevant child health and community systems objectives.
- Assist in the development and/or introduction of new approaches, methods and practices in project management and evaluation to meet Maternal, Neonatal, Child Health and Immunization
- Further promote knowledge management by drafting or finalizing sectoral documents and reports such as the Country Programme Recommendation and Plans of Action as well as through orientation and training programs targeted to Government authorities. Ensure exchange of knowledge, information, experience, or lessons learned; provides solid technical recommendations on major programme directions and on introduction of new initiatives in the country.

Technical and Operation support to program implementation

- Undertake field visits to monitor programs, as well as conduct periodic Maternal, Neonatal, Child Health and Immunization programs reviews with government counterparts and other partners.
- Propose and/or undertake action on operational procedures affecting community based Mater-

nal, Neonatal, Child Health and Immunization implementation and management.

- Assist in providing logistical and supply management support to the Maternal, Neonatal, Child Health and Immunization programs.

Networking and partnership building

- Participate in inter sectoral collaboration with other programme colleagues such as Nutrition, Education, WASH, Child Protection and Communication for Child Rights. Assist in development of appropriate communication and information strategy to support and/or advocate programme development.
- Build and sustain effective close working partnerships with government counterparts and national stakeholders through active sharing of information and knowledge to facilitate program implementation and build capacity of stakeholders to achieve and sustain results on health programs.
- Draft communication and information materials for CO program advocacy to promote awareness, establish partnership/alliances and support fund raising for health programs.
- Research information on potential donors and prepare resource mobilization materials and briefs for fundraising and partnership development purposes.

Innovation, knowledge management and capacity building

- Contribute to identifying, capturing, synthesizing and sharing lessons learned for knowledge development and capacity development of stakeholders.
- Apply innovative approaches and promote good practice to support the implementation and delivery of concrete and sustainable program results.
- Research and report on best and cutting-edge practices for development planning of knowledge products and systems.
- Participate as resource person in capacity building initiatives to enhance the competencies of clients/stakeholders.

Undertakes any other duties assigned by the supervisor.

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

- Education: University degree in Social Sciences, Public Health or other relevant discipline(s).
- Experience: Two years progressively responsible experience in public health and or community development programme management, monitoring and evaluation in related field.
- Language: fluency in English and the local language required. Knowledge of other UN working language is an asset.

Core values and Competencies

- UNICEF's values of Care, Respect, Integrity, Trust, Accountability and Sustainability.
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Remarks:

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Qualified Female Candidates and persons living with disability are highly encouraged!

Closing date of application: 14 days from the date of advertisement

CANDIDATES SHOULD PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF COMPLETION/EXEMPTION FROM NATIONAL SERVICE. PLEASE NOTE THAT COMPLETION/EXEMPTION OF NATIONAL SERVICE IS A REQUIREMENT. COPY OF CARD/EXEMPTION MUST BE ATTACHED. APPLICATIONS WITHOUT THIS REQUIREMENT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and advance to the next stage of the selection process.

Please note that UNICEF is a smoke-free environment.

Candidates should submit their application by following the below link:

<http://surl.li/qjddzb>

In the online application, candidates should complete the online P11, upload their recent CV, highest academic qualifications, and other relevant qualifications.



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# VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

**1. Position: Senior Mining Project Supervisor**  
**Department: Mining**  
**Number required: One (01)**

**Primary Purpose**

- Specialize in project execution and responsible for project engineering planning, procurement, and execution of projects for expansion capital works. Knowledge transfer and mentoring is a must in this role to Engineers, Supervisors, Crew Leaders and Project Crew.
- Manage the setup of mining projects operations, crews, structure, project systems, and mining equipment.

**TASK DESCRIPTION Expanded TO CORE PERFORMANCE AREAS**

- Project Planning and Implementation
- Manage Mining Project Team, Structure, and systems
- Reporting
- Manage mining capital project operations

**UNIQUE REQUIREMENTS/OTHER INFORMATION**

- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Ability to manage various mining projects at once
- Strong open pit wall knowledge and skills
- Tough minded, strong leadership ability
- Attention to detail and ability to enforce engineering standards as required by specifications
- Excellent understanding of quality management systems on complete project life cycle
  - Acting in Mining Operations Superintendent as required
  - Shotcrete, grouting, and cable bolting experience in the open pit highwall
- Candidate must be physically and medically fit.

Qualifications:	Knowledge and Experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bachelor's degree / Diploma in Civil/Mining Engineering or 10 to 15 years of Machinery experience of which 10 years Projects and Supervisory experience.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10-15 years of experience in large open-pit mining especially in Projects</li> <li>Ability to lead and co-ordinate a multi-disciplinary team</li> <li>Mine Project, Drilling, Blasting, Loading and Hauling experience and able to show delivery of performance.</li> <li>10-15-year experience of leading and managing project planners, project cost controllers and project estimators/QS.</li> <li>Experience in Capital Expenditures Preparation</li> <li>Ability to formalize engineering procedures, templates, and structures on projects</li> <li>Advance understanding in project engineering and project life cycle management</li> </ul>
Technical Skills	Behavioral Skills

- Leadership skill in multi-disciplinary environment, Analytical skills, Project management skills, Attention to detail, Report Writing skills, Decision making skills, Plan, organise and execution skills, Understand Machine capabilities and deliverables, Problem solving skill, Able to use GEMCOM software to review designs, Able to read maps and plans, Able to breakdown Monthly plans to deliver day to day mining strategy, Valid Drivers License, Open pit wall stability knowledge, Shotcrete, grouting, and cable bolting experience in the open pit highwall, Good knowledge in tailings facility construction Good knowledge and experience with project cost control systems and processes, scheduling and planning software including Primavera and Microsoft Project. Risk analysis, High level expertise and knowledge of Microsoft Office suit of application, specifically MS Excel, Strong understanding of construction safety and project execution, Strong Knowledge in mining capital project preparation and process Office suit of application, specifically MS Excel, Strong understanding of construction safety and project execution, Strong Knowledge in mining capital project preparation and process.
- Strong Supervisory skills. Get things done attitude, Interpersonal skills, Ability to work under pressure, Ability to work toward strict deadlines, Assertiveness, Results oriented, Ability to multitask, Ability to work in multi-disciplinary 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.
  - Mineral Resources Management  
 P. O. Box 272  
 Asmara, Eritrea



Q and A

# "I'm Ready to put Forth my Very Best Effort at the Olympics and See What I can Achieve," Biniam Girmay

Habtom Tesfamichael



*Biniam, I appreciate you taking the time to talk to me. Your Tour de France victories were met with extraordinary enthusiasm in Eritrea and around the world. What was it like experiencing that level of support and celebration?*

I'm short of words to describe the emotions I felt on the day I won a stage at the Tour de France for the first time. It was the happiest moment of my life. But in the days that followed, as I called my family back home in Asmara and saw the incredible enthusiasm and pride being shared on social media, I was overwhelmed with joy. Witnessing the celebrations happening in the cafes and bars, where people were glued to the race coverage and honking their horns on the streets, chanting my name - it was an unforgettable, truly incredible experience.

*But you had also a stage win in the Giro, which is also a grand tour? What makes this so special?*

Growing up as a cyclist in Eritrea, our ultimate dream has always been to compete at the Tour de France. Personally, it's been my aspiration ever since I first started riding a bike. I used to have photos of cycling legends such as Mark Cavendish and Peter Sagan hanging on the walls of my room.

The Tour is simply the biggest event in our sport - nothing else

*Eritrea is participating in the 33<sup>rd</sup> Olympic Games, which officially opened in Paris on June 26, 2024. Eritrea is represented in cycling, athletics, and swimming. So far, in addition to the Individual Time Trial cycling event, featuring Biniam Girmay, swimming and 10,000m race in athletics competitions have taken place.*

*Due to the qualification system, which determines the number of riders a nation can enter based on its ranking before the previous September, Biniam is Eritrea's only cycling representative at this year's Olympic Games.*

*Tesfaldet Mebrahtu, a sports journalist for Hadas Eritrea Newspaper, interviewed Biniam Girmay, this year's triple Tour de France stage winner and winner of the overall points classification.*

even comes close in terms of its prestige and grandeur. Not even the World Championships or other major races can match the sheer scale and significance of the Tour.

What makes this all the more special is that my team and I didn't expect to reach this level of success. Last year, when I first participated in the Tour, my best result was a top-three finish. Just completing the race itself was an immense source of satisfaction.

Even my fellow Eritreans would say that a podium finish at the Tour is an incredible accomplishment in itself. But this year, the results have been a true milestone. I'm incredibly proud of what I was able to achieve, knowing how

much it means to the cycling community back home.

*When you won the first stage, I heard your team's plan was for you to be a lead-out for your teammate but you ended up winning the stage. How?*

Originally, the team's plan was for me to be a lead-out rider for my teammate Gerben Thijssen on the flatter stages. But on the hillier days, I was supposed to be the one going for the stage win.

However, that all changed on stage 3 when Gerben and I got separated in the hectic final corners. I was suddenly told to just go for the sprint at that point.

To be honest, in the final kilometer, the situation didn't look very promising for me. I wasn't in an ideal position and I was just hoping for a decent result, not necessarily the win.

But then in the final meters, I was able to follow the right wheels and thankfully I was able to win the stage.

*Did you have any thoughts of making a hat-trick?*

Honestly speaking, our goal from early on the Tour was to seek for a stage win if possible.

In a race like this, getting a win early on can really change the whole atmosphere and dynamics of the team. Our team has been competing in the Tour since 2016 but had never managed a stage win until this year. In fact, after my stage win, my teammates were joking that I could just go home at that point, since I had delivered everything they had hoped for.

The eighth stage where I got my second victory was a good opportunity for me, as it finished on a slight uphill. But my third stage win was actually the one that surprised me the most. I was able to beat out the pure sprinters, who generally have a weight advantage and can produce more watts when peddling.

In flat sprint finishes, body weight can play a factor, since the heavier riders are often able to put out more raw power. So to be able to overcome that and get the win against those pure sprinters was especially satisfying.

*How about winning the points classification jersey?*

Wow, this accomplishment is even bigger than we had anticipated as a team. When I



was going for the intermediate sprint points in the early stages of the Tour, I was just targeting the accumulation of some UCI points, but the green jersey wasn't necessarily the primary objective.

Even when I took over the green jersey on the fifth stage, I was just thinking it would be nice to hold onto it for maybe three or four days. But winning the full points classification jersey outright wasn't something I had set out to do from the start.

However, as the race went on and the final stages approached, the circumstances and dynamics changed. At that point, I decided to go for the green jersey with everything I had. The closing stretch of the Tour became the focus, and I put in my full effort to try and secure the overall points title.

So while it wasn't the initial goal, as the race unfolded, the green jersey became a much more prominent objective that I was determined to achieve by the end. The team and I are thrilled to have pulled it off in the end.

As the saying goes, securing that very first win is often the toughest challenge. The subsequent victories that follow are in a sense just numbers.

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