

ASMARA SCHOOL OF ASSISTANT NURSES GRADUATES 348 STUDENTS



The Asmara School of Assistant Nurses, located in Adi-Halo, graduated 348 students, including 84% female graduates, at a ceremony held today at the Expo Compound. The students received both theoretical and practical training for 18 months.

Mr. Bereket Gebreselasie, director of the school, noted that the institution began providing training at the Teachers' Training Center in Asmara in 2023 before relocating to Adi-Halo. He added that the students had undergone practical training at various health facilities.

Sister Alganesh Teklegergis, head of the Human Resources Development Branch at the Ministry of Health, stated that assistant nursing schools in Mendefera, Ghinda, Barentu, and Asmara are making significant contributions to the country's healthcare system by producing skilled assistant nurses.

Dr. Berhane Debru, Acting Director General of Policy, Planning, and Human Resources Development at the Ministry of Health, noted that around 700 assistant nurses have graduated from the four schools this year alone. He emphasized that

the health profession requires skill, dedication, discipline, and integrity, urging graduates to continually enhance their knowledge and meet the expectations of the public that supported their education.

During the event, certificates of merit were awarded to graduates, with special awards given to outstanding students.

In related news, a four-month

sign language training program was conducted for youth and students in Barentu. The goal of the training was to equip them to assist citizens with hearing impairments in their daily lives.

Ms. Suzi Berhane, chairperson of the National Association of Hearing Impaired Branch in the Gash Barka Region, said the trainees came from across the region and urged them to

contribute actively to the program's success.

Mr. Franco Kubaba, Director General of Social Services in the region, and Mr. Markos Girmatsion, Acting Head of the National Union of Eritrean Youth and Students, called for the continuation of the program to help alleviate the challenges faced by people with hearing impairments.

SCHOOLS' INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEK COMMENCES IN THE CENTRAL REGION

Schools Independence Week in connection with the 34th Independence Day anniversary has officially commenced today at Deb'at hall in Akria sub-zone under the theme "Our Cohesion-Our Armour". The Schools Week has been formally opened by Mr. Fesehayle Haile, Governor of the Central Region.

Mr. Belai Habtegabir, head of the education office in the region, said that the commencement of Schools Independence Week, beyond providing academic education, has a significant contribution in nurturing competent students, inculcating nationalism, and preserving the noble societal values.

The event was attended by



Ambassador Zemed Tekle, Commissioner of Culture and Sports, Mr. Abraham Semere, chairman of the regional Assembly as well as other officials in the region.

Schools Independence Day Week in the Central Region will be conducted in 116 kindergartens, 79 elementary, 40 junior, as well as in 22 high schools, featuring various programs.

COMMISSIONER OF CULTURE AND SPORTS VISITS EGRI-MEKEL

Ambassador Zemed Tekle, Commissioner of Culture and Sports, visited the recently discovered ancient relic in Egri-Mekel, Emni-Haili sub-zone, on May 2 and held discussions with relevant bodies. The Ambassador was accompanied by the Governor of the Southern Region and other regional officials, who received a briefing from experts regarding the nature and progress of the discovery.

Noting that ancient relics should remain at their place of origin to enable thorough research and collection of complete information, Ambassador Zemed called on all citizens to preserve

heritage items, especially in areas where development programs are being implemented.

Dr. Tsegay Medin, head of Archaeological Research at the Commission of Culture and Sports, said that the human remains and their burial style are unique compared to findings from other areas, and that further study is required to determine their age.

Mr. Habteab Tesfatsion, Governor of the Southern Region, expressed the regional administration's and the public's readiness to support the initiative.

Egri-Mekel is located 7 km southwest of Mendefera.



MAY-NEPHI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY CELEBRATES ENGINEERING DAY

May-Nephi College of Engineering and Technology celebrated its first ever 'Engineering Day' on 8 May.

Speaking at the event, Dr. Araya Zera, Dean of the College, stated that the College is working to encourage excellence in engineering research and innovation, extending beyond its knowledge transfer mission.

Dr. Araya went on to say that the main objectives of the program are to provide opportunities for students to present their research results, enhance the contribution of engineering potential to national development, encourage practical cooperation between government agencies and community participation to ensure, and - to inspire future generations to take an interest in the engineering profession.

Dr. Yemane Keleta, Chairman of the Organizing Committee for the day,

stated that the event aims to strengthen ties among teachers, students, and professionals by facilitating the exchange of knowledge and experiences.

Dr. Seife Berhe, Executive Director of Andiamo Mining Company in Eritrea, presented a paper titled "Integration of Geological Engineering and Environmental Sustainability."

Established in 2004, the College of Engineering and Technology currently offers agricultural engineering, chemical engineering, civil engineering, computer science and engineering, electrical and electronic engineering, marine engineering, mechanical engineering, and mining engineering. It offers five-year degrees and three-year diploma programs.



Development

Habtom: A Young and Beyond-a-model Farmer



The story of Eritrea's agricultural advancement is incomplete without highlighting the role of dedicated farmers whose unwavering commitment aligns with the nation's broader developmental priorities. One such figure is Habtom Gebremichael Gebreyesus, a young entrepreneur who has successfully transformed small farming practices into a modern and diversified agricultural enterprise.

The drive behind the determination

When it's said that Mr. Habtom, a young and exemplary farmer, plays a key role in supplying a

substantial portion of Eritrea's banana market, with over 34,000 banana plants under cultivation, it isn't a tale born from wishful thinking. It's a testament to vision, discipline, and hard work.

Habtom was born in Tera-Emni, a suburban area within the Dubarwa Sub-zone of Eritrea's Southern Region. As a teenager, he was passionate about cycling and even represented the Southern Region in several competitions. After serving in the 21st round of national service, he was demobilized in 2010. He soon redirected his focus to agriculture—a field he was already familiar with, having assisted his father during his childhood.

Journey to Hashakito: A Strategic Move

In 2012, Habtom made a decisive move to Gash Barka Region, Eritrea's acknowledged agricultural heartland. This relocation was no coincidence; it was a strategic decision to position himself in the region with the most significant agricultural advantages. Initially, he operated under a 'torbal' agreement – a

customary practice that allows for new farmers to share a farmland, gain experience, and, critically, accumulate capital with minimal initial risk. This served as a critical hands-on learning phase.

By 2016, equipped with practical knowledge and improved financial capacity, Habtom established his independent farming operation. His prior years of intensive learning laid a solid foundation, enabling a smooth and rapid scale-up of his agricultural endeavors.

A Model of Diversification: The Hashakito Farm Today

Habtom manages a 90-hectare agricultural farm in Hashakito, within the fertile Mogorayib area of the Dige Sub-zone. His farm exemplifies strategic crop diversification, with three key components: Bananas (30 hectares), tomatoes (25 hectares), and onions (20 hectares). The cornerstone of his farm, banana cultivation is tailored to meet national demand, demonstrating his specialization in this high-value crop.



Currently, his output plays a crucial role in stabilizing local markets. Tomatoes are a staple market vegetable, and large-scale tomato farming addresses steady consumer needs, demonstrating its responsiveness to market dynamics. Onions are another essential crop, helping to diversify revenue and further strengthen his market presence in crucial food commodities.

By integrating a variety of crops, Habtom mitigates market risks and maximizes land use throughout the year. This approach reflects a deep understanding of agricultural economics and sustainability, thereby heading to a more resilient and market-responsive model.

Historically, Gash Barka's lowland climate was deemed unsuitable for so-called 'highland' crops like carrots, potatoes, and teff. Determined to challenge this narrative, in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) experts, Habtom experimented with potato



practical exchange of knowledge, encouraging the adoption of successful techniques across the sector. Meanwhile, looking to the future, Habtom is not resting on current successes. His strategic planning incorporates further diversification into high-value crops aligned with market demand and ecological suitability.

Hashakito's climate is well-suited for date palm cultivation. Habtom's plan to introduce selected date varieties strategically targets a



cultivation. By documenting yields during the region's cold season, he demonstrated that these crops could thrive in the area.

Inspired by these results and guided by pragmatic analysis of market opportunities, he ventured into ginger cultivation in 2022. The early outcomes were promising, prompting him to expand this operation. This deliberate and calculated decision-making exemplifies a modern and agile mindset in farming. Habtom affirms that the MoA senior experts have consistently supported him throughout his successes.

Habtom underscores the importance of creating platforms for continuous assessment, innovation, and farmer-to-farmer learning. He advocates for the

growing market for this valuable commodity, both for local consumption and potential export markets.

Mango Orchard Development

Mango is another high-value fruit crop well-adapted to most parts of Eritrea's climate. Integrating mango production into his diversified farm portfolio represents Habtom's further step towards responding to market demand for diverse fruit and vegetable offerings.

Finally, it is worth noting that Habtom's venture has become a significant source of job creation and a valuable inspiration for farming in his area.

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A Story of Dedication and Progress: Combating Malaria in Eritrea

Recently, countries across the globe commemorated World Malaria Day – an annual observance first established nearly two decades ago to underscore the need for continued investment and sustained political commitment in the fight against malaria. As one of the world's most devastating infectious diseases, malaria continues to claim hundreds of thousands of lives each year. This article highlights Eritrea's longstanding and evolving efforts to control and ultimately eliminate the disease.

A formidable global challenge

Despite decades of progress, malaria remains a formidable global health challenge. According to the World Health Organization's (WHO) latest report (2024), an estimated 263 million malaria cases occurred in 2023 – representing an increase of 11 million from the previous year. The global incidence rose from 58.6 to 60.4 cases per 1,000 people at risk.



Africa continues to shoulder the overwhelming burden, accounting for 94 percent of global cases and 95 percent of malaria-related deaths. The five countries most affected in 2023 were Nigeria (26 percent), the Democratic Republic of the Congo (13 percent), Uganda (5 percent), Ethiopia (4 percent), and Mozambique (4 percent). Deaths from malaria totalled 597,000 globally.

The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly disrupted malaria control efforts, exposing fragile health systems and exacerbating challenges like drug resistance, invasive mosquito species, funding shortages, and weak disease surveillance. These are compounded by conflict, climate change, and global economic strain.

Addressing a longstanding national public health challenge

Eritrea has long battled malaria as a serious public health issue. Risk levels remain moderate to high across much of the country, with 41 out of 58 sub-zobas classified as malaria-endemic. Regions such as



Gash Barka, Debub, and Semenawi Keih Bahri bear the brunt of the national disease burden, accounting for more than 90 percent of all cases.

As elsewhere, vulnerable groups – especially pregnant women and young children – are disproportionately affected. Children under five lack sufficient immunity, while pregnancy reduces a woman's

monitoring and re-treatment of these nets have ensured their continued effectiveness in preventing mosquito bites. Additionally, indoor residual spraying has been important in reducing malaria transmission in areas with intense seasonal surges. Historically, campaigns have been conducted in high-risk areas during peak malaria transmission seasons, especially in the lowland regions.

Alongside the above, Eritrea has invested in improving its healthcare infrastructure, with an emphasis on ensuring that diagnostic services for malaria are available at health centers and remote outposts. Furthermore, the country has made significant progress in improving the availability and accessibility of drugs and treatment, which are critical to reducing the severity of malaria and preventing deaths. What is more, in addition to vector control measures, Eritrea has also implemented environmental management strategies aimed at reducing mosquito breeding sites, while also working to raise awareness about malaria prevention and treatment through public health campaigns, including radio programs, community meetings, and outreach by healthcare workers. By involving local communities, Eritrea has fostered a greater sense of ownership over malaria control measures.

The impact of Eritrea's coordinated response has been substantial. In terms of cases, between 1998 and 2016, malaria incidence in Eritrea dropped significantly, declining from 157 to 34 cases per 1,000 people. Following further reductions to 18 cases per 1,000 in 2018, there has been a slight increase in cases in recent years (although steps are being taken to address this). Shifting to reported malaria deaths, they have been low and continue to fall, dropping from 405 in 1998 to 21 in 2016 and 4 in 2023 (an overall reduction of approximately 99 percent). Notably, in recent years, only a small percentage of all malaria

cases in the country were in highly vulnerable populations, such as children under five years of age or pregnant women.

Of note, the country's progress over the years made it one of a small number of countries to achieve the United Nations Millennium Development Goals target related to malaria (Goal 6, which it met ahead of the 2015 target date). In 2016, during the 26th Summit of the African Union (AU), it even received an award from the African Leaders Malaria Alliance in recognition of its, "commitment, innovation, and progress in the fight against malaria." (The African Leaders Malaria Alliance is a coalition of AU Heads of State and Government established to drive accountability and action for results against malaria and neglected tropical diseases, and to promote reproductive, maternal and child health.)

Looking ahead with confidence

Looking ahead, despite progress achieved, challenges persist. Alongside a recent rise in cases in some areas of the country, resistance to insecticides and antimalarial drugs – a looming global challenge – poses a threat to long-term malaria control efforts. However, local health authorities remain committed to ensuring that Eritrea transitions from pre-elimination toward elimination of malaria, with the long-term goal of ultimately eliminating and preventing the reintroduction of malaria by 2030. (The path to malaria-free status is characterized by four distinct programmatic phases: control, pre-elimination, elimination, and prevention of

reintroduction. Subsequently, once a country has proven, beyond a reasonable doubt, that the chain of local malaria transmission by Anopheles mosquitoes has been interrupted nationwide for at least three consecutive years, it is then granted a certification of malaria-free status from the WHO.)

Encouragingly, in recent years Eritrea has sustained efforts to achieve the vision of a malaria-free future. Steps have been taken to address factors that increase malaria risk and the country has worked to promote malaria control interventions. As well, entomology laboratories for research have been established in parts of Gash Barka, such as Elabered and Tesseney, helping in identification of species and parasites, while efforts continue to ensure early diagnosis and treatment, as it prevents deaths and contributes to reducing transmission. Additionally, progress is being made on the development of a refined sub-national stratification map based on epidemiological data triangulated with appropriate metrics, namely entomological, ecological/demography, and interventions coverage data, to better disaggregate the malaria situation and inform targeting of interventions.

Aiming for a malaria-free future

Eritrea's progress against malaria demonstrates the power of integrated public health strategies, community engagement, and sustained political will. While the path to elimination is complex and evolving, the country's record and renewed commitments offer a hopeful vision for a malaria-free future. This will not only be a great success for Eritrea, but also offer a viable model for other nations battling this deadly disease.



OPINION

Simon Weldemikael

Children Celebrating Independence Day

As they have always done, Eritreans at home and abroad are preparing to celebrate the 34th anniversary of Eritrea's Independence colorfully.

Eritreans celebrate Independence Day with great enthusiasm, remembering the ordeals and sacrifices of those who fought for independence and to protect Eritrea's sovereignty. The perseverance and determination demonstrated by the Eritrean people during the struggle for independence has been replicated in the post-independence era to secure the nation's sovereignty. The celebration of Independence Day by citizens serves as a moment to remember the hardships and the resilience of the people.

Independence Day theme of the year and other national symbols using materials available in their surroundings. Independence Day is a festive occasion for them as they participate in singing, dancing, and drama that highlight Eritrea's history and independence struggle at public gatherings. The festivities are filled with patriotic activities that help instill a sense of national pride and unity among young people.

The activities of the children make the celebration very engaging and help them

opportunity for them to learn and reflect on their national history and helps them develop an appreciation for history and the struggles that led to freedom.

More importantly, the children's activities can instill a sense of responsibility that values and honors the deeds of previous generations. Participation in and exposure to national holidays encourages children to become responsible citizens who can contribute positively to society. It helps children and young people understand their country's history, struggles, and achievements.



Eritrea's Independence Day celebration lasts an entire week leading up to May 24th. Throughout the celebration, at community and national level, children, too, celebrate it in their own creative and meaningful ways. The most popular activities performed by children are singing the national anthem and other patriotic songs and reciting poems that honor the country's struggle for freedom. Schools also organize parades with children marching in their school uniforms, demonstrating discipline and unity.

In the weeks prior to May 24, children that live in the same neighborhood come together to make posters and drawings, which are related to Independence Day themes, that they display on the streets. They usually draw the map of Eritrea, the national flag, the

understand the significance of independence in a fun way. Their enthusiasm and creativity can have a significant psychological impact, shaping their understanding of patriotism, history, identity, and community. Their crafts demonstrate their sense of identity and belonging vividly, and they make them feel connected to their country, history, and culture. Their participation in the celebration of Independence Day fosters a sense of pride and belongingness, contributing to their emotional development. Additionally, it helps them to develop social skills and teamwork. The group activities encourage collaboration and communication among the children of the same age.

Becoming part of the celebration by itself is rewarding for the children. It creates an

The crafts of the children allow them to express their thoughts and emotions creatively. It also goes so far as to contribute to their psychological well-being and confidence. Independence Day celebrations can have lasting effects on the children's values, identity, and social awareness. They reinforce a sense of patriotism in the children. They teach children about their shared history, culture, and values. National symbols such as flags and anthems that take center stage during the celebration strengthen their emotional connection to their history and homeland. Through their participation in parades, dramas, recitation of poems, and crafts they learn a lot about the significance of their country's journey to independence. These activities inspire future generations to uphold the ideals of independence.



Placing children at the center of celebrating national holidays such as Independence Day is an important tradition that has far reaching effects. It ensures that the sacrifices

of the past generations that stood bravely in the liberation struggle are never forgotten and that the ideals of freedom fighters continue to inspire generations to come.

NEWS

TRAINING ON ADMINISTRATION AND LEADERSHIP

As part of efforts to expand and strengthen the youth workers' organization the National Union of Eritrean Youth and Students branch in the Anseba Region has organized a training program on administration and leadership for 80 youth workers, including 30 females.

The training, conducted from 1 to 3 May, covered knowledge and experience in capacity development, institutional and social capacity building, the significance of youth organization, technology and artificial intelligence and its influence, as well as leadership and administration concepts.

Mr. Merhawi Zera, Head of Organizational Affairs of the union branch in the region, said the

training aimed to enhance youth organization and productivity, foster synchronization among youth structures, strengthen institutional capacity, and promote voluntary youth participation in union programs.

Mr. Azazi Bereketab, Head of the union branch in the region, noted that more training programs will be organized and called on trainees to practically apply the knowledge they gained.

Mr. Saleh Ibrahim, Head of Political Affairs of the PFDJ in the region, emphasized that the training aims to boost both individual and group productivity, and urged youth to develop awareness of societal values and work to preserve them.





Vacancy Announcement

Position:	Heavy Duty Mechanic
Number required	05
Location:	Koka Gold Mine (Site)
Reporting to:	Maintenance Supervisor
Primary Responsibility & Scope of Work	To diagnose and complete repairs on all Mining heavy Mobile Equipment (Excavators, Haul trucks, Bulldozers, FR Wheel Loaders, Graders, Mobile truck Crane, Supportive Trucks (Fuel truck, Water truck, Lowbed Trailer trucks), Compacting Rollers, Forklifts etc.)
Duties:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Inspect, test, and diagnose faulty operations and parts including electrical systems to identify issues or potential malfunctionsPerform regular equipment safety, maintenance inspections of all systems (Lubrication and cooling fluid level and quality checkups, tires rotation for wheeled equipment, Under carriage inspections, Electrical systems etc.) and major and minor repairs including PM tasks as requiredUse Diagnose tools to test and repair malfunctioned systems (Engine, Hydraulic, Brake, Transmission, Ground engaged tools, electrical system and other components of HME)Disassemble and reassemble heavy equipment, components and installing new electrical parts and accessoriesReading and interpreting technical manuals, diagnostic charts, electrical circuit diagrams and schematics to repair existing equipment defectsOrder necessary parts and tools for equipment repair and maintenanceWork and communicate effectively with equipment operators to identify equipment faults, plan necessary repairs and provide estimated maintenance timeTest repaired equipment to ensure proper operational performanceKeep logs of work and report any issues to respective supervisorsKeep accurate and detail records of serviced machines to maintain a history of repairs and parts used for each piece of equipmentComply with safety procedures to maintain a clean and safe work environment
Formal Education, Certifications or Equivalents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">12th Grade Completion certificateVocational Certificate in Heavy Duty Mechanic and/or Auto ElectricianMust have valid driving license (Grade 3 and above)
Working Experience – Nature & Length	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minimum 3 years work experience as a Heavy Equipment Mechanic and Auto electrician, Mine related experience an assetKnowledge of mechanical, electrical, and hydraulic systems of heavy mobile equipmentWillingness to observe all safety precautions for protections against accidents, dangerous fluids, electric lines, chemicals etc.
Leadership Experience - Nature & Length of time	No leadership experience is required but candidate must be self-motivated.
Other skills and abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ability to work independently or as part of a team to complete repairs in a timely and efficient mannerAble to meet all safety requirements and policies and apply accordingly in any working condition and placeKnowledge of safety procedures to prevent accidents during repair and maintenance workWork overtime as required

Salary: according to the Company’s salary scale.

Place of work: Zara Mining Share Company
Koka Gold Mine
Zoba Gash Braka

Additional Requirement for nationals: Having fulfilled their National Service obligations, provide evidence of a release paper from the Ministry of Defence. Having present the release paper or registration card issued by the reserve Army. Provide a Clearance paper from the office of the Eritrean Police and present a Medical Certificate from the Hospital.
Present clearance paper from the current/last employer.
Short-listed applicants are only considered as potential candidates for the interview.
Please mail your applications to the Zara Mining Share CO, P. O. Box 2393. Asmara, Eritrea.
Please send a copy of your application to Aliens Employment Permit Affairs P.O. Box 7940 Asmara, Eritrea.
The Company will not return Application documents to the sender.

Deadline for application: 10 days from the day of advertised



STATE OF ERITREA

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

Integrated Agricultural Development Project (IADP)

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

- 1 The Government of Eritrea has received a Grant from the International Fund for Agricultural Development towards the cost of Integrated Agricultural Development Project (IADP) and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this Grant will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for the: - Procurement of Publication and printing of periodic agricultural publications and manuals on IADP by National shopping (NS)
- 2 The Eligible bidders should have a renewed License for 2025 appropriate for these supplies.
- 3 Bid shall be Valid for a Period of 90 days after Bid opening and delivered to Procurement and Supplies Management Unit Office on or before 27/06/2025 local hours 09:30 AM and will be opened on the same date at 10:00 AM Local hours.
- 4 A complete set of bidding documents may be collected by any interested Eligible Bidders from the address below.
- Ministry of Agriculture, Procurement and Supply management Unit,

Sawa Street,
Tel: 189266
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P.O.Box:1048,
Email;-Lidyarusomlidu1221@gmail.com
Asmara, Eritrea.

The Ministry of Agriculture reserves the right to accept or reject this bid fully or in part. If it finds any option better than this IFB without needing to justify the grounds for it doing so and Compensation which the bidder may incurred in Preparing its bid.

Ministry of Agriculture

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public that “CAMELS Private Limited Company” has been formed among the following members.

A) Shareholders

S/N	FULL NAME				NATIONALITY	ADDRESS	NO. OF SHARES	VALUE OF SHARES
1	Mr.	Biniam	Kibrom	Ghebrezghi	Eritrean	Asmara	27	270,000
2	Mr.	Sador	Daniel	Berhane	Eritrean	Asmara	27	270,000
3	Mr.	Natan	Yirgaw	Ghebresellassie	Eritrean	Asmara	06	60,000
	Total						60	600,000

- B) The head office of the company will be in Asmara and branch offices may be opened anywhere within and outside Eritrea.
- C) The total fully paid up capital of the company is Nakfa six hundred thousand (600,000.00) divided in to sixty (60) shares at par value of Nakfa ten thousand (10,000.00) each and fully paid up in cash and in kind.
- D) The business purposes of the company shall be:

To engage in the production of any kind of food processing among others edible oil, animal feed, extraction of essential oils, milk & milk products, etc.

To engage in the production of cosmetics, cleaning materials, chemical products and related ones.

To engage in integrated agricultural activities like crop production, dairy farm, poultry farm, fattening and related activities.

To engage in the business of service industry like hotels, guest houses, bar and restaurants, resorts, recreation center, and related ones.

To engage in the business of general trade retail and whole sale, import/export, commission agent or representation of manufacturer and traders, clearing and forwarding, brokerage, etc.

Generally to carry out any other activities related to its object and purposes or any profession or services connected with or ancillary to the general business of the company.

E) Mr. Sador Daniel is appointed as the general manager for unlimited period of time.

F) The company is established for unlimited period of time.



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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Position: Clinical Laboratory Officer

Department: Employee Services

Section: Medical Service

Number Required: One (01)

Contract type: Indefinite

Primary Purpose

- Performs all levels of laboratory tests, supervise the medical laboratory section, supervise and train mine clinic staff on routine laboratory tests like RDT for malaria, Glucose in blood etc.

Main Functions

- Perform high level Blood Chemistry analysis.
- Conduct Hematology & Immunology tests.
- Supervise clinic staff on handling and performing lab tests.
- Conduct microbiology tests.
- Conducting Urine tests.
- Digital data archiving and reporting.
- Plan and perform other mine related blood test.
- Report writing.

Task Description Expanded to Core Performance Area

Conduct Blood Chemistry tests

- Conduct LFT, RFT, lipid panel, and other necessary tests.
- Register the results daily, supply info to medical staff and patients.
- Keep records for clinic.

Conduct Hematology tests

- Conduct tests such as: blood grouping; CBC; RBC and other related tests.
- Registration for tests.
- Results given to patients to give to medical staff

Conduct Immunology tests

- Conduct pregnancy tests; hepatitis A, B.
- Conduct Pylori tests; RDT; Malaria.
- Registration for tests.

Conduct microbiology tests

- Conduct Sputum tests; gram stain tests and other related tests.
- Registration for tests.
- Patients take the results to medical staff.

Conducting Urine tests

- Conduct Albumin; Glucose; Ketones and other related tests.
- Registration for tests.
- Patients take the results to medical staff.

Conduct stool exams

- Conduct OVA & Parasite; occult blood tests.
- Registration for tests.

Another mine related to mine

- Conduct Lead and other required tests.
- Registration for tests.

Report Writing

- Compile weekly; monthly; quarterly; bi-annual; annual laboratory activity reports.
- Complete other reports as requested.
- Supervise, plan, liaise with local regulatory body on Food handler’s medical laboratory tests.

Qualifications
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Degree in Clinical Laboratory Science
Knowledge and Experience:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum of 3-years working experience as medical laboratory technician
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knowledge and experience in operating modern automated blood chemistry machines
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knowledge and experience in operating modern automated CBC machines
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knowledge and experience in digital laboratory data processing, documenting, archiving & reporting
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knowledge and experience in procuring routine laboratory reagents and instruments

Technical Skills	Behavioural Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proficiency in Computer skills (Microsoft)• Knowledge of First Aid• Knowledge of medical ethics• Supervisory skills• Attention to detail and analytical skills• Proficiency in lab instrumentation• Plan, organize and execution skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication – Good command of English / local language• Assertiveness• Interpersonal Relations• Aware of cultural sensitivity• Demonstrate team leadership capability• Ability to work towards strict deadlines• Multi- tasking and organizing skills

Unique requirements / Other information

- Well-disciplined with excellent professional Ethics.
- Mentally and physically heathy.

2. Position: Physiotherapist

Department: Employee Services / Medical Service

Number required: one (01)

Contract Type: Indefinite

Place of work: Bisha

Primary Purpose

- Perform physiotherapy to patients as ordered by attending physician.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Provide physiotherapy to patients. Prepare and properly maintain physiotherapy equipment.

MAIN FUNCTIONS

- Examination of patients before physiotherapy.
- Preparation of essential Physiotherapy Equipment and supplies.
- Perform ordered physiotherapy.
- Report writing.

UNIQUE REQUIREMENTS / OTHER INFORMATION

- Candidate must be medically and physically fit.

Qualifications:	Knowledge and Experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diploma in Physiotherapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experience in a physiotherapy centre
Technical Skills	Behavioral Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Computer skills (Microsoft)• First Aid certified• Safety experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication – basic English / local language• Interpersonal Relations and Team player• Ability to work towards strict deadlines

General Information and other requirements:

- Salary: As per Company salary scale.
- Type of Contract: Indefinite
- Place of work: Bisha
- Additional requirements 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 Eritrean applicants:
Please send a copy of your application to
 - 1.Aliens Employment permits Affairs,
P. O. Box 7940
Asmara, Eritrea.
 - 2.Mineral Resources Management
P. O. Box 272
Asmara, Eritrea



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Asmara's Marketplaces: Vibrant Hubs Reflecting Eritrea's Rich Heritage

While Asmara, Eritrea's captivating capital, is often lauded for its striking modernist architecture and verdant, tree-lined boulevards, the city's true vitality pulses within its bustling marketplaces and close-knit neighborhoods. Each of these distinct areas serves as a living testament to Eritrean culture, community spirit, and remarkable ingenuity. This exploration delves into four noteworthy locales—Idaga Leka, Inda Verdura, Medeber, and Idaga Ikli—unveiling their unique character and profound significance.

Idaga Leka: Where Tradition Finds Expression

Idaga Leka, a neighborhood steeped in Eritrean heritage, exudes a palpable sense of tradition. Here, stalls overflow with meticulously crafted handicrafts: earthy-toned woven baskets, intricate pottery, and dazzling handmade jewelry. Each piece embodies the enduring artistic skills passed down through generations, captivating both locals and visitors.

The name itself, meaning “market of raffia,” hints at the array of traditional raffia tools available. Textiles are a prominent feature of Idaga Leka, showcasing vibrant shawls and scarves woven with exquisite patterns that echo the warm hues of Eritrea's landscapes. Traditional attire, proudly displayed as a symbol of cultural identity and often worn during festive occasions, adds to the neighborhood's rich visual tapestry. Beyond its crafts, Idaga Leka is a haven for coffee enthusiasts. Beautifully crafted jebenias, the traditional Eritrean

coffee pots, and delicate cups are readily available, epitomizing the nation's celebrated coffee culture. Witnessing a traditional coffee ceremony in Idaga Leka offers a profound glimpse into the heart of Eritrean hospitality.

More than just a marketplace, Idaga Leka narrates a compelling story of community and pride. The artisans here are not merely vendors; they are custodians of their heritage, sharing tales of resilience and creativity that define the Eritrean spirit. Idaga Leka stands as a vibrant cultural tapestry, intricately woven with the threads of tradition.

Inda Verdura: The Dynamic Heart of Commerce

Inda Verdura, aptly named the “Central Market” or “veg's place,” serves as Asmara's dynamic commercial heart. Here, the daily rhythms of life unfold in a lively symphony of trade and community interaction. The market explodes with color—fresh fruits and vegetables are artfully piled high in dazzling arrangements. Vendors call out with cheerful enthusiasm, beckoning shoppers to their overflowing stalls, creating an infectious energy that permeates the air.

The offerings at Inda Verdura are as diverse as its vibrant atmosphere. Handcrafted treasures, including woven baskets, pottery, and unique

souvenirs, vie for attention alongside practical necessities like tools and household goods. A distinctive feature is the prominent display of upcycled items, such as sandals ingeniously crafted from old tires, embodying Eritrea's resourceful spirit. These eco-friendly creations add a layer of charm to the market, seamlessly blending functionality with ingenuity.

A visit to Inda Verdura transcends mere shopping; it's an immersive experience. The market teems with life and connection, where locals gather not only to trade goods but also to socialize, exchange news, and share stories. Inda Verdura encapsulates the essence of Eritrea—a spirited and dynamic interplay between enduring traditions and modern life.

Medeber: A Crucible of Ingenuity and Sustainability

Medeber, the self-proclaimed “creative workshop of Eritrea,” stands as a powerful testament to ingenuity and sustainability. This bustling open-air workshop, once a vital caravan trade post, has been transformed into a remarkable space where discarded materials are reborn, skillfully reimaged by talented artisans into practical and aesthetically pleasing creations.

Stepping into Medeber feels like entering an artisan's sanctuary. The rhythmic sounds of hammers and welding fill the air as skilled craftsmen transform scrap metal into an array of tools, essential kitchen appliances, and even the iconic shida sandals, fashioned from repurposed tires. Every corner of Medeber reflects the deep-seated resourcefulness and resilience that define Eritrea's national character. Visitors are invariably captivated by the skill and boundless imagination evident in each piece, gaining a profound appreciation for the artistry embedded in everyday objects. Adding to the sensory experience is the constant hum emanating from the grinder shops, where the fragrant aromas of berbere, shiro, and other spices fill the air.

Beyond its industrial marvels, Medeber offers a diverse selection of aromatic spices, beautifully handmade scarves and bags, and traditional clay coffee pots, providing a rich sensory journey through Eritrea's cultural treasures. Medeber is far more than just a market; it is a living monument



to the boundless creativity and unwavering determination of its people.

Idaga Ikli: The Warm Embrace of Community

While neighborhoods like Idaga Leka and Medeber shine with their artistic and innovative spirit, Idaga Ikli, meaning “crop's market,” radiates the comforting warmth of community. Though it may lack the grand scale of the Central Market or the industrial dynamism of Medeber, it offers something equally compelling: genuine authenticity.

The stalls of Idaga Ikli feature a diverse array of fresh produce, fragrant spices, handmade textiles, and traditional goods. Agricultural produce that is in constant demand by the inhabitants, such as taff, sorghum, barley, lentils, and various other crops, is displayed in the stalls. What truly distinguishes Idaga Ikli is its intimate atmosphere—a palpable sense of familiarity and connection that naturally draws people together.

For the residents of Asmara, Idaga Ikli is more than just a place to purchase goods. It serves as a vital social hub where stories are exchanged, cherished traditions are celebrated, and meaningful

relationships are nurtured. It gently reminds visitors that the true essence of Asmara extends beyond its architectural beauty or artisanal crafts, residing deeply within its people and the vibrant life they cultivate within these cherished neighborhoods.

Together, Idaga Leka, Inda Verdura, Medeber, and Idaga Ikli paint a vibrant and multifaceted portrait of Eritrean life. Each neighborhood offers a unique and enriching experience, whether it's the artistic mastery of Idaga Leka, the bustling energy of Inda Verdura, the innovative spirit of Medeber, or the heartfelt communal warmth of Idaga Ikli. These markets are far more than mere places of commerce—they are living reflections of Eritrea's soul, intricately weaving compelling stories of tradition, ingenuity, and enduring resilience.

Exploring these remarkable neighborhoods is an open invitation to connect with the very essence of Eritrean culture. It's a captivating journey through history, boundless creativity, and strong community bonds, where every corner holds a story waiting to be discovered. Asmara's marketplaces are not simply spaces for trade; they are vibrant, living embodiments of Eritrea's rich heritage and unwavering pride.

