

PRESIDENT ISAIAS AFWERKI RECEIVES MESSAGE FROM GEN. ABDEL FATTAH AL-BURHAN

President Isaias Afwerki, yesterday received Ambassador Dafallah Alhaj, Special Envoy of General Abdel Fattah al Burhan, President of the Sudanese Sovereign Council.

At the meeting, Ambassador Dafallah Alhaj delivered message from General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan to President Isaias Afwerki.

In their meeting, the two sided discussed on the objective situation in Sudan and on ways and means extricating Sudan from the current situation and role of neighboring countries and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development.

President Isaias Afwerki

underlined the urgency of ceasefire. President Isaias further stressed that the problem in Sudan can be solved by the Sudanese people themselves without complicating extraneous interference and the function of Intergovernmental Authority on Development to be supportive and facilitating role.

President Isaias also clarified that deliberate disinformation disseminated by certain news outlets alleging, among others, that “Eritrea was cooperating with the United Arab Emirates to give sanctuary to the Rapid Support Forces” was utterly false and propagated as part and parcel of the usual smear campaigns against the

country.

The meeting was attended by Mr. Osman Saleh, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Mr. Isa Ahmed Isa, Eritrea’s Ambassador to Sudan.

Ambassador Dafallah Alhaj returned home concluding one day working visit to Eritrea.

INDEPENDENCE CUP IN SOUTHERN REGION

The Independence Cup that commenced its journey in the Southern Region from Kohaito on 7 May has toured in the 12 sub-zones of the region.

Upon reaching Mendefera city on 9 May, the Independence Cup was accorded warm welcome by the residents of Mendefera and members of the Defense Forces accompanied by military march and cultural and artistic performances.

In its seven days journey in the Southern region the Independence Cup toured the 12 sub-zones of the region including historical sites as well as trenches where the Eritrean Defense Forces demonstrated heroic feat in foiling the TPLF open aggression.

The Independence Cup completing about 500 km tour in the Southern Region will be handed over to the Gash Barka Region at the ceremony that will be organized in



AWARD TO OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

81 outstanding students, including 45 female, of Mai-Nefhi College of Social Science, who scored 3.5 GPA and above at the first semester of 2022/2023 academic year were awarded prizes.

Speaking at the ceremony organized on 10 May, Prof. Gebray Asgedom, Dean of the College, said that the letter of recognition is being provided to outstanding students for the 6th time and that

the awardees included 26 second year students, 22 third year students and 33 fourth year students and are about 8% of the college students.

Prof. Gebray also said that 55.5% of the awardees were female students and that attests to their competitiveness.

Indicating that the objective of the award was in recognition of the effort of the students and become role models to fellow students,

Prof. Gebray called on the students to concentrate on their education and preserve the achievements they have already registered.

The awardees on their part indicating that the secret for their success is using their time properly said that the award will have significant contribution in developing the competitiveness of students and called for its sustainability.

FESTIVAL OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

The 10th festival of the Higher Education Institutions that incorporates academic competitions, cultural and sports activities as well as exhibition among others continued in Mai-Nefhi Collages of Science and College of Engineering and Technology as well as Hmelmalo College of Agriculture under the theme “Knowledge Our Weapon-Development Our Objective”.

The festival that was conducted at Mai-Nefhi College of Science included educational photo exhibition as well as seminar by Mr. Daniel Woldeyohannes from Bish Mining Company focusing on Potential Mining Resource in Eritrea and its Contribution in the Development of the Country.

At the festival conducted at the College of Engineering and Technology on 8 May, Mr. Sertseyonas Negash from the Ministry of Information conducted seminar on ‘Media Outlets and their Positive and Negative influence.

Likewise, at the festival in Hamelmalo College of Agriculture, Mr. Solomon Tsehaye conducted seminar focusing on ‘Culture and Agriculture’.



Press Release

Disinformation that stems from and feeds Innuendos

On its online edition of 10 May this week, the private Ethiopian newspaper – BORKENA – published an article under the sensational title “Is tension building up between Ethiopia, Eritrea”.

The article is replete with presumptuous assertions, innuendos and outright falsehoods.

1. BORKENA misquotes and distorts President Isaias's recent Interview on the tragic war in the Sudan to falsely claim: “President Isaias of Eritrea criticized that the one who is disturbing the people of the Sudan is the neighboring Bazaar Government”. These words were never uttered by President Isaias Afwerki. BORKENA could have easily checked the accuracy of this claim as the full English translation of the Interview is available in the public domain. In actual fact, President Isaias was referring to the proliferation of extraneous initiatives which may not be always constructive. In this sense, Eritrea was not interested in the Bazaar of competitive and multiple initiatives although it had maintained consultations with all the parties in the Sudan in a discreet manner from 2019 onwards. President Isaias also

underlined that the countries of the region – Ethiopia, Kenya, Eritrea, South Sudan etc. – in brief IGAD, were best placed to facilitate, within a collaborative framework, a solution to the problem of the Sudan – which must be primarily resolved by the Sudanese people themselves – as they remain the countries most affected by the situation.

2. BORKENA dwells on baseless and ill-intentioned innuendos to claim that Ethiopian Prime Minister Dr. Abiy Ahmed was not given “the greenlight to fly to Asmara two times and was waiting for the permission for his

request for a third time”. This claim is absolutely false and too ludicrous to merit any response here.

3. BORKENA further alludes to obscure sources to speculate: “The Eritrean President is accused of interfering in the affairs of Ethiopia and Sudan and deploying his military force.... It goes on to say (the President) is blamed by cadres of Abiy for providing Fano with military training”. Again this is absolutely false. Eritrea and Ethiopia duly cooperated in the counter-offensive operations to thwart the huge threat that both countries faced when the TPLF regime unleashed its

unprovoked War of Insurrection in November 2020. The cooperation freely agreed and worked out by both countries had various components at the time. To stretch this cooperation and peddle false allegations is factually wrong and morally deplorable. There are of course various forces, especially outside the region, which were perturbed by the historic Eritrea-Ethiopia Peace Agreement of 2018 and who continue to leave no stone unturned to scuttle the process. BORKENA may have unwittingly fallen into their trap; or it has all along belonged to the same league, although this has remained under the surface until this latest

publication.

4. Finally, BORKENA claims that “Eritrea has embarked on new military exercise in all corners of the country”. Again this is pure hyperbole that stems from ignorance; if not driven by outright sinister agenda. The Eritrean army conducts a couple of days' refresher exercises – mostly physical exercises – of its reserve army every six months or so. The recent physical exercises are the routine norms carried out in peace time.

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12 May “International Day of Plant Health” Message of the Ministry of Agriculture of the State of Eritrea

The UN, on March 29, 2022, decided for the observance of 12 May as the International Day of Plant Health (IDPH). The IDPH, by enhancing global awareness on plant health can help end hunger, reduce poverty, protect biodiversity and the environment, and boost economic development.

This year, the International Day of Plant Health is being remembered worldwide, as well as in Eritrea, for the second time, under the theme “Plant Health for Environmental Protection”. Plant health and the environment are closely linked. Without healthy plants, the world is unthinkable to live in. Healthy plants provide us the oxygen that we breathe in, the food that we eat, the ecological service that we get, etc. The combined effect of human activities and climate change, however, is putting an enormous pressure on the environment, plant health, agriculture, and the food systems that we depend on. It is therefore critical that global effort is needed to combat these challenges.

The International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), working under the aegis of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the UN, is a global treaty for protecting

plant resources (including forests, aquatic plants, non-cultivated plants, and biodiversity) from damage by plant pests and for facilitating safe trade through common and effective action. To achieve these objectives, the IPPC has put in place over 40 International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs), which member states can use for the movement of plant and plant products in international trade. It is known that Eritrea is a member of the IPPC since 1995.

In the Eritrean context, plant pests cause serious damage to crop production. Particularly, some plant pests like leaf minor or (*Tuta absoluta*) on vegetables, and fruit fly on orchards, which were introduced to Eritrea recently, can be mentioned in this regard. Furthermore, the frequent outbreak of desert locust in Eritrea is successfully controlled by the Ministry of Agriculture in collaboration with concerned Zoba administration, defense forces, farmers and DLCO. More efforts and organizational efficiency are needed, however, to prevent the introduction of quarantine pests.

The Ministry of Agriculture is making every effort to join hands with FAO, the IPPC and



other plant health communities to share experiences and knowledge to combat any pest threats to crop production. The MoA takes the opportunity of the International Plant Health Day to reiterate its commitments to strengthen its collaborative efforts with

the international plant health community in general, and with the IPPC in particular, to meet the challenges posed by plant pests.

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Consumer Medicines Take-Back Scheme

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Medicines have changed the life of mankind. From drugs to treat severe illnesses to vitamin and mineral supplements to bolster the immune system, they have undoubtedly decreased morbidity and the risk of death. Parallel to this, there has been an increase in medicine use over the past few decades, and this trend is anticipated to continue. However, easy access to and availability of medicines can result in improper storage of drugs, which can lead to health-hazardous behaviors, including drug abuse and self-medication, non-adherence, anti-microbial resistance, and inappropriate and unsafe disposal of these stored drugs.

There may be different reasons why patients store medicines at home. They include improvement of patient's medical condition, adverse drug reactions, change in dosage/regimen, medicine expiration, prescription of more drugs than necessary (polypharmacy), change in prescription due to lack of therapeutic effect, poor adherence due to patients doubting the need for medication, patient death as well as lack of proper disposal mechanism at hand. Patients may also keep medicines at home because they need to use them in the future. This unnecessary storage of medicines increases the size of pharmaceutical wastes to be disposed of.

Pharmaceutical wastes include expired drugs and nutraceuticals; unused and leftover medicines; discarded wellness products; medicines that are no longer needed because patients have either passed away or have recovered from illness; and sera that are no longer required and need to be disposed of. This waste category also includes all related accessories such as bandages, plastic spoons and related utensils, syringes, injection needles, elastoplastic, and even solid materials such as packaging plastic and paper materials.

Pharmaceutical residues that are excreted or disposed of in sewers have the potential to reach wastewater treatment plants. Unfortunately, studies have found that not all wastewater treatment plants can efficiently remove pharmaceutical residues. This practice is potentially health-threatening and hazardous to the environment as it can escape into water bodies, vegetation, and air and land surfaces.

Pharmaceutical residues that are excreted or disposed of in sewers have the potential to reach wastewater treatment plants, can flow into surface waters and reach seawater and/or end up in the sludge.

The impact of improper disposal of pharmaceutical wastes is not limited to ecosystem disruption and environmental contamination but can also lead to accidental medication poisoning, misuse and/or abuse of children and adults.

The World Health Organization issued a directive to all member nations in 2015 to start initiatives that can assist address this issue, and Eritrea has since begun to work with various stakeholders to increase public knowledge of the safe usage, storage, and administration of medications.

Despite all this, pharmaceutical waste management has not been getting sufficient attention by the healthcare system as it should. Most developing countries do not have clear guidelines on the safe disposal of unused or expired household pharmaceuticals and are lagging in doing empirical studies on the management of pharmaceutical wastes.

Like most developing countries, Eritrea is no exception. There are currently no proper disposal guidelines or practical means to implement them. There are also no household medicine take-back

programs or standard systems for accepting and collecting unused and expired pharmaceuticals. As a result, it is critical to establish a household medicine take-back system, create a national guideline for safe and effective pharmaceutical waste management, and raise public awareness about the proper disposal of unused and expired medications. In response to this need, the Eritrean Pharmacists Association (ERIPA), in collaboration with the National Medicines and Food Administration, is establishing a household medicine take-back system that allows for unused or expired medicines to be returned to local community pharmacies.

Mr. Eyasu Bahta, chairman of ERIPA, said that the Association has launched a "consumer medicines take-back week" from May 7 to 11, 2023 to collect unused and/or expired and accumulated



medications from households in Asmara and its surrounding areas. ERIPA launched this initiative and other parties are actively participating.

Many people, including some professionals, believe that flushing unneeded medications down the toilet is the right way to dispose of them. A nationwide population-based KAP survey on antibiotics and antibiotic resistance conducted by Mr. Mulugeta revealed that more than 50% of the respondents had no understanding of "disposal of leftover or expired medicines." Eventually, those drugs find their way outside, where they risk contaminating the ecosystem. Bacteria can be found everywhere, and they can become resistant to medications when they are exposed to them. Both humans and animals are susceptible to infection by the resistant bacteria. In such a situation, common illnesses can no longer be treated with the use of antibiotics.

According to a 2019 ERIPA study,



65.6% of respondents who were asked where they usually disposed of their unwanted medications said they usually dumped them in public trash cans, 15% said they flushed them down the toilet/sink, 41% said they kept them for future use, and only 1.5% said they returned them to a healthcare facility or pharmacy. According to a later study, 66% of respondents said they throw them away in public trash cans, 15% said they flush them down the toilet,

awareness of the hazardous impact of improper use and disposal of medications. Hence, a project was launched by the National Medicines and Food Administration, Ministry of Health, to take these medications back to where they belong.

This program is being launched as a pilot project in Asmara and the adjacent areas before being extended to the rest of the nation. Community drug stores are designated as authorized collection centers and special collection bins, modified with a one-way S-tube inlet mechanism that doesn't allow retrieval of dropped medicines from the bin, have been provided to effectively collect unused household medicines and ensure their safe disposal.

ERIPA has taken the lead in developing innovative technology for unused medicine disposal, a medicines take-back system guidance document and standard procedures, as well as identifying key stakeholders and proposing a national coordination mechanism. It has also established a household medicines take-back system and developed promotional materials and directives on the disposal of unused household pharmaceuticals.

ERIPA emphasizes the importance of ongoing public awareness campaigns in addressing this issue and achieving a complete shift in public perception of the usage and disposal systems through clear information on the harmful effects of pharmaceutical residues.

ERIPA was founded in 1992, and its primary duties include promoting professional ethics, guaranteeing effective and efficient use of medications, and fostering positive working relationships with other associated organizations. The Association, which will hold its 18th scientific conference this month in Asmara, has been working over the past few years to increase public knowledge of appropriate use of medications.





MEMOIR IN FRAMES:

Art Exhibition

Sona Berhane

Eyob Michael's latest collection of paintings, entitled *Memoir in Frames*, was showcased at an exhibition held from April 27th to May 4th at The Gallery in Asmara. As expressed in his statement at the exhibition, Eyob Michael's *Memoir* is concerned chiefly with his revision and reevaluation of elements of his past. The total of 32 paintings show a break from the artist's leanings towards realism seen in his earlier works.

In Eyob's *Memoir in Frames*, one can trace three persistent features.

First is that the artist is concerned almost exclusively with a female subject, save his self-portrait, which could be suggestive of a tentative experimentation with personified abstractions. Self-portrait (oil on canvas 45x45) has a gloomy, ominous feel and is composed entirely of muted shades of brown. It is unsettling to find the figure obscured by densely packed strokes of such a heavy color. With the artist placed somewhat on the foreground, there is a conspicuous image of a black oval mass that hovers slightly behind him. One may imagine it is the artist's desire to understand this black patch of his past that precipitated this collection.

Another feature is the notable absence of an elaborate background

scene in most of the paintings, rendering them, strictly speaking, not as works of realism but as episodes of personal experience preserved on canvas. In the *Nostalgia* series, for instance, one can observe the absence of background noise, so to speak, silently directing the eyes to the expressions of the central figures. In this way, the importance of personal recollection dominates visual objectivity.

The last and most curious feature of this collection is the thematic preoccupation with the simultaneous use of hair and sources of light as a constant installment. Eyob appears to be using these two elements in a personal way to state an understanding of his past. Much attention is given to the length, texture and appearance of the hair. It becomes evident that the hair is depicted as more than merely decorative – as though to convey an extension of the subjects' feelings or ideas. Similarly, Eyob's repeated preference for motifs of illumination (and to a lesser extent, reflection) seems to signify that, for the artist, the past is not just an experience to long for but something to learn from.

Beside the artist's self-portrait, there is but one painting with a male subject who is portrayed as only half-present. *Voluntary Oppression* (oil on canvas 60x80), a study of a complicated relationship, seems to be comparing both figures in

various ways. The man (or the artist) is tucked away at the top right margin of the canvas. Yet his hand and, notably, his



paintbrush are visible. The figure of the young woman takes up the center of the canvas. She sits barefoot with her hands empty as if she is in no hurry to be or to do anything. By comparison, the artist with his shoes and paintbrush at the ready appears to have been literally interrupted while he was in the middle of something. Despite her largeness in this placement, however, the woman is at his feet. But she could also be interpreted as obstructing the course of the man. *Voluntary Oppression* suggests that one is being oppressed by the other but which one is which is left for the viewer to decide.

Nostalgia, the main theme of this collection, comes from the Greek word *nostos*, which means to return home. The longing that is noticeable on the faces of the figures, especially their eyes, seems to express a quiet sorrow because of the absence of something – a feeling that is no longer alive, or a person that is no longer with them.

A point that should be praised is that the concept of nostalgia is not transmitted using obvious indicators like tears. The gentle sadness of longing for the past, for someone, for oneself is not told but only hinted. As always, this restraint enhances the sentiment.

All three of the artist's paintings on *Nostalgia* depict their subjects in profile, implying only a partial involvement with the present and the content indulgence in one's past. The situation is best represented by the

The sky-blue backdrop of *Nostalgia No.1* is representative of the calm pull that is nostalgia. Like the sky and the sea and everything else associated with the color blue, nostalgia is a deep and absorbing emotion. On canvas, Eyob's rendition of nostalgia takes on the color blue, a soothing consuming vastness that one can drown in if one is not careful. This he conveys by the wistful figure's partial immersion in blue.

The *Three Luminaries* (oil on canvas 138x55) represents the three points or persons in the artist's life that, in keeping with the running theme, he looks back on as sources of enlightenment. The disappointment of the figure in *Failed Anticipation* (oil on canvas 74x105) is almost unbearable. (See if you noticed what the densely entangled afro of the woman suggests.)

While these compositions are rarely placed in settings that resemble conventional backgrounds, it is heartwarming to find Asmara constantly in the backdrop: in the urban outline, in the glass reflection, in the radio, in the empty tea glass.

As for the cryptically titled trio *Arrangement of a difference* and the richly bare *Provenance of my Ideas*, the artist will shed some light on their meaning in the next edition of *Eritrea Profile*.



VOLUNTARY OPPRESSION



NOSTALGIA

Gash Barka: Community Involvement in the Construction and Expansion of Schools

Simon Weldemichael

The Government of Eritrea recognizes the central role of education in achieving the overall goal of improving the quality of life of the people. It sees the provision of education as the most reliable way of building a sustainable future.

In Eritrea, education holds a central place in its fight against ignorance, diseases and poverty. According to the National Education Policy, “the provision of sound basic education is both a human right and a tool that raises the overall awareness of citizens, which in turn enhances productivity.” The government has been providing equitable access to schools to all citizens free of charge.

Education should be treated as a strategic agent for the transformation and creation of a nation of well-educated citizens, sufficiently equipped with the knowledge needed to competently solve the development challenges of Eritrea. The goal of education, as stipulated in the Macro Policy of Eritrea, is “to produce a population equipped with the necessary skills, knowledge and culture for a self reliant and modern economy.” Eritrea has come a long way in its efforts to make the objective a reality but it still needs to do more to achieve its ideals.

Community engagement in education is widely recognized as a vital force in helping make “education for all” possible. Community participation in Gash Barka region has played a great role in solving problems related to the expansion of schools. Gash Barka is the largest region in the country, comprising 16 sub-zones and around 1000 small and big villages and towns. Overall, there are 612 schools in the region, and they include kindergartens and primary, junior-high and senior-high schools. In the current academic year, more than 173 thousand students are enrolled in schools ranging from kindergarten to high school.

During my visit to Gash Barka, I was impressed by the energy of the local community who were involved in the construction and expansion of schools. I became

acquainted with the schools built by the community through interviews of educators and educational administrators. I had an occasion to learn firsthand about the participation of the community in Barentu, the capital of the region and Habereda’e, Hamid Idris Awate’s birthplace. During my initial tour, I was immediately impressed by two things: the students and teachers looked engaged and happy, and the people assumed the responsibility of constructing and managing the schools at a level that I hadn’t seen in other places. The people identified the problem and then designed and implemented programs for development.

Eritrea has a long history



have taken initiatives to open new schools and renovate and expand existing schools. In their initial stage, most schools were community-initiated and received

Now, due to the concerted efforts of the people and the government the number has risen to 24.

The importance of community

2030. Although sharing the responsibility with the community has many benefits, the government must increase its expenditure on school infrastructure to alleviate the burden on the poor and remote communities.



in participatory development. Starting from the time of the armed struggle for independence, the focus of the government has been on enhancing people’s participation in development projects. Efforts to promote public participation is reflected in various policies, including the National Education Policy (2003), which seeks to “empower the community in the management of schools to cultivate ownership and partnership.” The people, particularly those who live in remote areas, treat the schools as their property and take care of them.

Local communities in different areas have been involved in building infrastructure for schools. The declared policy of the government in the field of education is to give equal access to quality education and to improve the management of schools.

People who live in Gash Barka

different kinds of contributions from the community, including money, construction materials and free labour. In the past two decades, people who live in the region have contributed 37,578,256 Nakfa for the construction of classrooms as well as residence for teachers and other purposes pertaining to teaching and learning. In Molqui sub-zone, where there are 61 small and large villages, alone the

involvement has been highlighted in various documents of the Ministry of Education (MoE). The MoE has identified the challenges and gaps in terms of quality and accessibility of education. Eritrea Education Sector Plan (2018), for instance, identified that “Many schools operate under community provided shades or tents.” Therefore, the importance of engaging communities



people have recently constructed 17 classrooms and one school compound. Before independence only three elementary schools were operating in the entire subzone.

in addressing barriers to the construction of schools has come to the forefront as the government strives to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education by

There is no doubt that community participation is crucial for the success of community development programs. Development projects and programs with strong popular participation can enhance ownership and sustainability in development. In the construction of schools, the entire community made up of parents, students, elders, women, local authorities, and relevant stakeholders have made their contribution. During the construction period, students were fetching water from the spring and carrying sand and gravel for the construction workers. Local materials are used to build structures suitable for the climate and environment. The community-based approach reduces construction costs and time while ensuring that communities take ownership of the schools and are committed to their protection. More importantly, in almost all cases, members of the Eritrean Defence Forces stationed in the area gave valuable technical and material assistance to the local people.

Despite the Eritrean government’s commitment, over the last three decades, to providing equal educational opportunities for all, the reality is that accessibility is still a challenge. While significant achievements have been made in terms of access thanks to the principle of social justice, the results are far from being satisfactory.



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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Bisha Mining Share Company is inviting interested applicants to apply for the following position for Bisha site project:

1. **Position: Project Planner**
Department: Process Plant/Engineering Projects
Number required: One (01)
Contract Type: Indefinite

Primary Purpose

- Provide effective project planning and scheduling, by maintaining an accurate project schedule that outlines the tasks, timelines, and resources required to complete a project. It involves working closely with the project team to identify the scope, define the deliverables and establish the project timeline. This role is a key driver for effective and efficient project delivery.

- Main functions & responsibilities:**
- Creating a detail project plan that includes the following:
 - ✓ Project detailed Tasks, Dependencies and Milestones.
 - ✓ Identify potential risk or issues that can impact project timeline.
 - ✓ Develop project contingencies plans in mitigating those risks.
 - ✓ Ensure project progress is monitored and tracked ensuring project stays on track.
 - ✓ Provide progressive report to project team and stakeholders on updates and progress, addressing concerns or issues.
 - Interact with project team and task managers to define scope of work, define deliverables, update detailed schedules, cost information and identification of variances from original plan.
 - Evaluate project schedule progress and performance and identify developing problem areas.
 - Analyze critical path and constraints to determine effect of changes to schedule and recommend work-around.

- Essential Functions**
- Design all project schedule and contract agreements and ensure integrity of data in all project life cycle and prepare required reports to provide support to all project stakeholders.
 - Prepare an efficient Project Master Schedule and maintain knowledge of all key project milestones.
 - Administer project from conceptualization to implementation and evaluate all planning issues, Design all planning controls for various levels with all resources.
 - Design an efficient engineering project schedule and prepare all vendor packages in coordination with project technical plans.
 - Ensure compliance to schedule and manage all project deliverables and recommend increase in all engineering processes.
 - Evaluate all man hours spent for various activities and prepare accurate reports for same and maintain record of all project progress.
 - Evaluate all fabrication site and vendor schedule and ensure adherence to contract master schedule.
 - Collaborate with all cross functional team to maintain quality assurance for all activities.
 - Assist to identify and resolve all issues in normal operations and manage all communication for all schedule disruption.

- UNIQUE REQUIREMENTS/ OTHER INFORMATION**
- Candidate must be able to work under pressure to meet critical deadlines on project matters.
 - Candidate must have an exceptional skill in public speaking.

Qualification
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tertiary qualification in Engineering
Knowledge and Experience

- At least 2-year experience in planning,
- Good understanding of MS Project or similar tool for project scheduling
- Good understanding of project work sequencing and activity dependencies for project scheduling

Technical Skills	Behavioral Skills
Advance MS Project user or other scheduling tool	Assertiveness
Advance MS Office user with at least mid to advance knowledge on Microsoft excel and PowerPoint	Good communication skills with excellent ability to communicate in English
Good understanding of project management principles as it relates to project scheduling and planning	Team player, Goal oriented

2. **Position: Occupational Health Nurse**
Department: ES/ Medical Service
Number required: One (01)
Contract Type: Indefinite

- Primary purpose: -**
- Patient Care.
 - Work on shift bases and on call emergency response.
 - Perform medical examination to sick or injured patients according & Escort patients with Ambulance.
 - Conduct full medical examinations for “pre-employment”, as well as periodic medicals to employees.
 - Follow up in-patient cases and quarantine cases of Covid-19 & Perform RDT for Covid- 19.

TASK DESCRIPTION EXPANDED TO CORE PERFORMANCE AREAS

- Document work related accidents for insurance.**
- Record details of accident on insurance notification form.
 - Document and register all medical service provided.

- Admission of Patients**
- Examine patient, Consult Doctor, Provide Necessary therapy.

- Maintain sensitization of medical equipment**
- Daily cleaning and disinfecting of the clinic and equipment, follow Covid-19 disinfection protocols.

- Escorting referral patient via ambulance to Asmara**
- Assist in ensuring patient is stable.
 - Ensure all necessary medical equipment and supplies/medicine are available for the trip.
 - Travel with patient on ambulance, monitoring condition.
 - Administer Doctor’s order while transporting & Give Report of the trip.


- Preparation of medical equipment and supplies**
- Preparing medical dressing materials for patients as required.
 - Prepare antiseptics as required & Check equipment on a daily basis.

- Report Writing**
- Compile weekly reports for Supervisor & Superintendent.
 - Complete other reports as requested, Daily activity registration and report.

- UNIQUE REQUIREMENTS/ OTHER INFORMATION**
- High level of Professional Ethics and integrity in patient information Confidentiality

Qualification
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Diploma / Degree in Nursing
Knowledge and Experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2-years experience as clinical nurse or at least 6-months work experience in a Mine Clinic / Occupational Health Clinic• Knowledge of infection prevention of Covid-19 & currently working as Clinical Nurse

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Technical Skills	Behavioral Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Computer skills (Microsoft)• Health center experience recommended.• Safety aware• Knowledge of utilization of basic medical equipment• Covid-19 RDT testing skills.• Taking ECG	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication – basic English / local language• Good Ethical practice and discipline with patients• Good Interpersonal Relations• Motivated to help sick patients and to rescue in accidents.• Work in flexible shift works.• Ability to work towards strict deadlines & Team Player

General Information and other requirements:

- Place of Work: Bisha.
- Salary: As per Company salary scale.

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.

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Note to Eritrean applicants:

- Please send a copy of your application to
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P. O. Box 7940 Asmara, Eritrea.

Vacancy Announcement

Position-17: Quantity Surveyor

Department: Processing Plant and Tailings Storage Facility

Number Required: 01

Contract Type: Indefinite

Major Duties and Responsibilities

- ❖ Responsible for the quantity survey according to milestones.
- ❖ Be in charge of interim application to the Client.
- ❖ Measuring construction works on-site
- ❖ Cost forecasting-It's vital that a client knows how much each phase of a project will cost. Quantity surveyors gather information about everything that needs to be paid for - from staff time to materials and equipment - and create cost plans to predict the overall budget required, as well as the price of each contract involved.
- ❖ Monitoring profit and loss-Every project is different and some areas of a build may end up coming in above or below the predicted budget. Quantity surveyors monitor spend regularly throughout a build to ensure that costs are on track.
- ❖ Identifying and weighing up commercial risks
- ❖ Ensuring projects meet legal and quality standards
- ❖ Submitting regular budget reports

Qualification Requirement

Education:

Bachelor degree or above in related fields

Work experience:

- ❖ Over 5 years of working experience in the quantity surveying in field of nonferrous mining area.
- ❖ International Engineering, Procurement and Construction project, overseas project management experience is preferred.
- ❖ Applicants who can speak and write in good Eritrean/English or Chinese/English is preferred.

Additional skills and abilities:

- ❖ Excellent language expression skills
- ❖ Excellent communication, coordination and project management skills
- ❖ Assertiveness
- ❖ Good interpersonal skills

Position-18: Materials Controller

Department: Processing Plant and Tailings Storage Facility

Number Required: 01

Contract Type: Indefinite

Major Duties and Responsibilities

- ❖ Put forward the materials requisition plan supplied by the Owner according to drawings and project schedule.
- ❖ Review the materials requisition plan supplied by other party according design drawings and project schedule.
- ❖ Be accounted for any gaps or omissions on the materials requisition plan.

Qualification Requirement

Education:

Bachelor degree or above in mining/mineral processing or related design specialty.

Work experience:

- ❖ Over 5 years of working experience in the field of nonferrous mining area.
- ❖ International Engineering, Procurement and Construction project, overseas project management experience is preferred.
- ❖ Applicants who can speak and write in good Eritrean/English or Chinese/ English is preferred.
- ❖ Have a good knowledge of logistics and transportation specifications.

Additional skills and abilities:

- ❖ Excellent language expression skills
- ❖ Excellent communication, coordination and project management skills
- ❖ Assertiveness
- ❖ Good interpersonal skills

General Information and Other Requirement

- ❖ Place of Work: Asmara Project Sites
- ❖ Salary: As per Company salary scale
- ❖ Type of Contract: Definite

Additional Requirement for Nationals:

- ❖ Having fulfilled his/ her National Service Obligation and Provide evidence of Release Paper from
- ❖ Ministry of Defense.
- ❖ Present Clearance from current/ last employer or Unemployment card from Labor office.
- ❖ Testimonial documents to be attached (CV, work experience credential, 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 application should be sent through the post office.
- ❖ Deadline for application; 07 days from the date of publication on the newspapers

Address: Please mail your application to;

Eritrea Sichuan Mineral Construction CORP. LTD (ESMC)
P.O. Box. 4832 Asmara, Eritrea

Note to None Eritrean applicants:

Please send a copy of your application to
Aliens Employment permits Affairs,
P.O. Box 7940 Asmara, Eritrea



“Whoever Tries hard Will Surely Succeed” Mrs. Rosina Mebrahtom

Mussie Efriem

How did you get involved in farming, and how does your experience as a woman farmer looks like?

When my late husband and I decided to expand our farm, we realized that the salinity of the soil would not make it suitable for farming. So, we had to do something to turn it into a beautiful fertile farm that it is today. We improved the soil by applying a lot of natural fertilizers and sand and other types of soil we brought from

Our guest today, Mrs. Rosina Mebrahtom, is a hardworking and successful farmer. She was given an award as an exemplary potato seed producer at the National Potato Conference held in Asmara in September 2022. Mrs. Rosina lives in Tekonda’e administrative area, Adi-Keih sub-zone, Southern region. The program she is involved in is the integrated family farm program which has been developed by the Ministry of Agriculture since 2013.



from agronomists, we were able to grow sufficient amount of potatoes that we began to distribute for use

example, a farm that has been used to grow potatoes in the last growing season is turned into a peanut

in the next season. We also apply manure before we sow. we spread fresh manure and sand on the farm and plow it two months prior to the sowing season. In short, crop rotation, tillage and fertilizers are very important in farming.

season. In short, the Ministry of Agriculture means everything to me because they have helped me to be self-sufficient, improve my life, and raise and educate my children as a single parent without worrying.

What are your future plans?

My future plan, God willing, is to have a truck that would help me transport my products easily. I want to be completely self-sufficient, reduce my transportation cost and deliver my products at the time and place I want.

Is there any message you would like to convey at the end?

I would like to urge women like me who are involved in agriculture to work hard and never give up.

Source: Hadas Ertra, 1st April 2023



other places. In a short time we saw a lot of improvement and started to successfully grow vegetables such as collard green, cabbage, cauliflower, tomatoes, and radishes. Unfortunately, while we were in the middle of all this my husband passed away. Although that wasn’t easy for me to deal with, my children and I continued to work on the farm. There were a lot of ups and downs to get where we are today. We’ve learned that whoever tries hard will surely succeed.

You were given an award as an exemplary potato seed producer at the National Potato Conference held in September 2022. When and how did you start potato seed production?

Speaking of potatoes, at the beginning I was growing just enough for my own family’s consumption. But then we saw improvements in production when we started to use potato seeds that the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) was providing. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the MoA. Afterwards, based on the experience we gained and the professional advice we got

as seeds. As a result, I’ve made a big difference in my life and have been encouraged to set higher goals.

You also grow gesso (a tree whose leaves are used in brewing Siwa, a traditional drink). Tell us more about that?

I planted gesso initially for household consumption. But when I saw the result, I planted a couple of hundred seedlings. I am now harvesting twice a year and am making good money.

You are also raising cattle. How did you get started?

I started off with a cow given to me by the MoA. I now have four cows. I am just a beginner in raising cattle but am planning to do more in the future. Cows have dual benefits: they give us milk and milk products, as well as manure that we can use as fertilizer for our farm.

What methods do you use to maintain the fertility of your soil?

Crop rotation is one. For

farm this season and wheat farm

NEWS

ERITREAN NATIONALS IN GERMANY HOLD SEMINAR

The offices of Eritrea’s Consul General and Public and Community Affairs in Germany organized meetings to nationals in the German cities of Nuremberg, Munich and Karlsruhe from 30 April to 7 May focusing on strengthening organizational capacity.

At the seminars that were conducted under the theme “Heroic Feat Anchored on Cohesive Ranks”,

Mr. Kibreab Tekeste, Eritrea’s Consul General, gave extensive briefing on the objective situation in the homeland as well as on the significance of strengthening organizational capacity.

Reminding the participants to become visionary, to adhere to the noble societal values and exercise technology in improving their capacity, Mr. Kibreab called

for strengthening organizational capacity and participation in the national affairs.

Pointing out that the Eritrean history is history of challenges and resilience, as well as heroism and perseverance, Mr. Kahsai Tewolde, head of Public and Community Affairs, called on the youth to comprehend their history and adhere to the noble societal values.

The participants on their part indicating the importance of the seminars in raising their understanding on the objective situation in their homeland called for its sustainability.

