

## ERITREA FESTIVAL IN GERMANY AND ITALY

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Eritrea Festival in Germany opened on July 7 in the city of Giessen under the theme “Laying Pillars for Vibrant Growth”.

Foreign Minister Osman Saleh opened the festival featuring children’s programs as well as cultural and traditional performances of the 9 Eritrean ethnic groups at the opening ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Kahsai Tewolde, representative of Eritrean Public and Community Affairs at the Eritrean Embassy in Germany, noted that such gathering and contribution in state affairs have shown progress. Cultural troupes from Eritrea and Germany staged performances thus adding color to the event.

Likewise, the Eritrean



community in Italy has conducted annual festival in Rome from.

Foreign Minister Osman Saleh and Presidential Advisor, Mr. Yemane Gebreab, opened the festival in which Eritrean nationals from different Italian cities

participated.

Mr. Fesehatsion Petros, Eritrea’s Ambassador to Italy, said that the annual gathering attests to the strong unity of the Eritrean people and their attachment with the homeland. He further pointed out that the event creates forum for the nationals to follow-up development at home and bequeath societal values to the young generation.

Mr. Yemane Gebreab gave extensive briefing on the objective political, economic, social and diplomatic affairs at home. The festival highlighted programs regarding the unity and strong popular organization. Cultural programs, sports competitions and traditional fashion shows featured at the festival.

## NEW AGRICULTURAL LABORATORY

A new agricultural laboratory constructed at a cost of USD 5 million by the Government of Eritrea, Africa Development Bank (ADB) and the UNDP was inaugurated on 8 July.

Mister Arefaine Berhe, Minister of Agriculture, and Ms. Christine Umutohi, UN Humanitarian Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative, have inaugurated the agricultural laboratory in the presence of ministers, government officials and other international partners.

Mr. Semere Amlesom, Dean of Hamelmalo Agricultural College, explained the significance of research in developing agricultural activities and that the establishment of the laboratory with the necessary equipment would play a major role in producing select crop seeds.

Mr. Semere further noted that

agricultural development depends on scientific research and the laboratory will significantly to the practical theoretical teaching and learning particularly in the post graduate studies. He further said that the new building comprises ten laboratory rooms that will provide service to 30 students at a given time.

Mr. Semere also indicated that the College is planning to work on research activities in collaboration with Halhale Agricultural Research Center in a bid to play due role in the provision of select seed for farmers, the prevention of pests, the eradication of communicable animal diseases and in environmental protection.

Hamelmalo College of Agriculture graduated in its 10th commencement 236 students in degree and 204 in diploma.

## PRESIDENT OF NUEW HOLDS SEMINAR



Ms. Tekea Tesfamichael, President of the National Union of Eritrean Women (NUEW) has given a seminar on the efforts the union has been making in a bid to improve academic and professional skills as well as socio-economic status of women.

In the seminar conducted in Keren on 10 and 11 July which was attended by women from the Anseba region, took part, Ms. Tekea explained that extensive efforts need to be made so as to totally overcome traditional practices that have been impediments to women’s overall development.

It was also reported that the NUEW has been extending

financial and material support as well as playing significant role in the establishment of cooperatives of women farmers.

Ms. Amna Hassen, head of NUEW branch in the Anseba region, said that literacy programs, healthcare related seminars and vocational trainings as well as the establishment of training centers in Hagaz and Gheleb sub-zones are among the future plans of the union.

The participants of the seminar said that the financial and material support that has been extended to women need to be sustained to bring a difference in their living standards.

## SEMINAR ON CHINESE TRADITIONAL MEDICINE

The Chinese Embassy in Eritrea and Confucius Institute of Chinese Culture have on 10 July organized a seminar on Chinese traditional medicine.

The seminar, attended by Ms. Amina Nurhussien, Minister of Health, and Mr. Yang Zigang, Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to Eritrea, focused on Chinese traditional medication, their usage and curative power against various diseases.

Pointing out that the ancient cultural Chinese medication has now been adopted and being practiced in many countries, Ambassador Yang Zigang, said that this tradition would be extensively practiced in Eritrea through a skill transfer between Chinese and Eritrean professionals.

Dr. Habteab Mehari, Medical Director of Orotta Referral Hospital, said that efforts have been made to extensively introduce the Chinese traditional medical practice in the hospital.

According to a Chinese expert in traditional medicine, Chinese medicine (acupuncture) cures over 500 diseases including problems

related to respiratory system, blood circulation and digestion, depression headache among others.

The traditional Chinese medicine that has been practiced for over 2000 years is now extensively introduced and practiced in more than 160 countries around the world.



# Response to Al Jazeera

Asmara, 12 July 2017

Mr. Al Anstey

CEO

Al Jazeera Media Network

Dear Mr. Al Anstey,

I refer to a derogatory article: "Eritrea: Anecdotes of indefinite anarchy" that was posted in Al Jazeera's website on Thursday (July 6) last week. The article in question essentially dwells on a barrage of vitriol against Eritrea by a notorious author who routinely engages in a smear campaign against the country.

I will not waste your time here to respond to his unfounded and outrageous narrative. But what we find baffling is Al-Jazeera's evident preference to accommodate and disseminate innuendos and lies by obscure authors of dubious credibility and/or who harbor sinister agendas against Eritrea.

We had repeatedly urged Al Jazeera, on various occasions in the past, to refrain from this biased stance. But for reasons we fail to understand, this legitimate request continues to be ignored. Similarly, our repeated requests for the right of response and to be given equal space to rectify malicious propaganda against Eritrea seem to fall on deaf ears.

In this particular case, Al Jazeera has put a disclaimer pointing out that "the views expressed in this article are the author's own and do not necessarily reflect Al Jazeera's editorial policy". The disclaimer cannot, however, conceal Al Jazeera's transparent selection bias which is indeed amplified by the links to several, negative, stories it highlights in the same article.

From our perspective, Al Jazeera's insistence on this skewed approach will only undermine and corrode its professed claims of "neutrality, objectivity and professionalism" in its coverage of international news and events.

Sincerely  
Paulos Netabay  
Director  
Eritrean News Agency

## LOCAL NEWS

### OBSERVANCE OF WORLD POPULATION DAY 2017

World Population Day 2017 was observed at national level on 11 July in Serejeka under the theme "Family Planning Empowering People, Developing Nations".

At the ceremony in which Ms. Amina Nur-Husein, Minister of Health, as well as representatives of UN organizations in Eritrea and invited guests were present, Dr. Andebrhan Tesfatsion, Acting

Director General of Public Health, said that access to safe and voluntary family planning is a human right, and it is also central to gender equality and women's empowerment, and a key factor in reducing poverty.

Dr. Andebrhan pointed out that the Government and people of Eritrea, with the experience so far gained and the progress shown in the Millennium Development Goals will without a doubt succeed in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Mr. Ibrahim Sambuli, UNFPA Representative in Eritrea, underlined that better productive health care, including voluntary family planning, can bolster economies and contribute to sustainable development by

empowering women, and that the observance of the Population Day is to review the trends and create awareness on various aspects of the population.

Dr. Tesfai Solomon, Director of the Ministry of Health branch in the Central region, noted that the right of women to decide freely for themselves on their reproductive health is central not only to bring an array of benefits to the women and society at large, but also to sustain progress and help trigger a cycle of prosperity that carries well into future generations.

World Population Day is observed on 11 July, the day the world population reached 5 Billion in 1987.



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## Truth Triumphs Ultimately

Our local media outlets have, this week, presented a full translation of the reports issued by "Al-Ittihod", an Abu-Dhabi based daily newspaper, which based its story on an earlier post by the "Qatar Insider" website under the topic, Al-Shabaab: A gateway for Qatar to instigate chaos in the Horn of Africa". To mention some of the main points of the article:

1. Qatar Funds one of the terrorist groups, "Al- Shabaab;"
2. Qatar extends its support to Al-Shabaab with the tacit encouragement of Washington;
3. The United States offers military support to help the Somali government fight the Al-Shabaab group, while simultaneously encouraging Qatar to Fund the terrorist group;
4. The article also alleges that Qatar funnels its backing to Al-Shabaab through its investment companies in Eritrea

The validity and reliability of the report regarding purported US and Qatari support to Al-Shabaab, is a matter that must be addressed by these concerned parties. However, it ought to be categorically asserted that the allusions to Eritrea are utterly unfounded and part and parcel of the blatant lies against the country. First off, there is only a single Qatari investment company that is involved in the construction of a tourist site; not several as the article insinuates. And besides this obvious factual inaccuracy or discrepancy with the reality, the whole story provokes a number of substantive questions.

As it will be recalled, the UN Security Council imposed sanctions against Eritrea in 2009, (Resolution 1907) under the prodding of the US and by invoking the spurious allegation of its alleged "support to Al-Shabaab". Furthermore, Eritrea was falsely accused at the time of "sending 2000 troops to Somalia". In adopting the second sanctions regime (Resolution 2023) against Eritrea in 2011, its detractors again manufactured another false report alleging that "two planes full of arms were sent from Eritrea to Baidowa". Subsequent "investigations" by the "Somalia Eritrea Monitoring Group" have failed to find any supporting evidence to all these bogus allegations. Indeed, the people and Government of Eritrea have an impeccable record of fighting fundamentalist terrorism from the outset and their reputation cannot be sullied by hollow smear campaigns.

More precisely, who shoulders ultimate responsibility for the imposition of the unwarranted sanctions imposed and the damage inculcated on the innocent Eritrean people? What legal measures can be invoked to ensure accountability of the accusers and false witnesses? Based on international law, what is the compensation for the damages against Eritrea? And above all, what authority does the Security Council have to extend sanctions against Eritrea, when it has been proven time and again that the accusations against Eritrea are baseless and have never been supported by any evidence?

There are also other serious questions that must be raised if assume certain assertions in the report as true. If, as mentioned in the Al-Ittihod newspaper, the US and Qatar had channeled funds to Al-Shabaab, directly or through proxies; and if the transactions were effected by directly using "Qatari companies in Eritrea" as intermediaries, why were the sanctions imposed on Eritrea and not on the real culprits?

All these questions lead to one truth. That the sanctions imposed on Eritrea had no basis on fact and law; that they were principally concocted to advance a malicious political agenda.

# Eritrean Colleges Strive to Meet the Demands of National Appetite

Today, more than ever before in human history, the wealth and poverty of countries depend on the expansion and quality of higher education. In fact, according to Richard Wolff, a respected scholar and economist, “the single most important factor shaping the future of any economy in the world is the quality and the quantity of the educated, trained labor force it produces” (Wolff 2013). The knowledge, skills, and inventiveness of people are increasingly critical to the socio-economic growth and development of a nation. High quality human capital is developed within high quality education systems, and tertiary education provides the requisite advanced skills. Most developed countries have seen a substantial rise in the proportion of their young people receiving higher education.

In this case although many capable youth are receiving free educational opportunities, Eritrea is far from reaching its vision. According to the “State of Education in Africa Report” of 2015, only about 6 percent of the young people in Sub-Saharan Africa enrolled in higher education institutions (compared to a global average of 26 percent). Higher education in Eritrea is becoming increasingly necessary and perceived as mandatory; moreover, institutions seek to translate the dreams of the country. To this effect, in 2004 and 2005 the Government of the State of Eritrea made a decision to expand tertiary education and established seven colleges throughout the country. The

institutions are now striving to produce men and women willing to fight an academic battle for national reconstruction and social justice and be confident players in the globalized world. Currently, Eritrea is reaping substantial socio-economic benefits from increased investment in improved and expanded higher education.

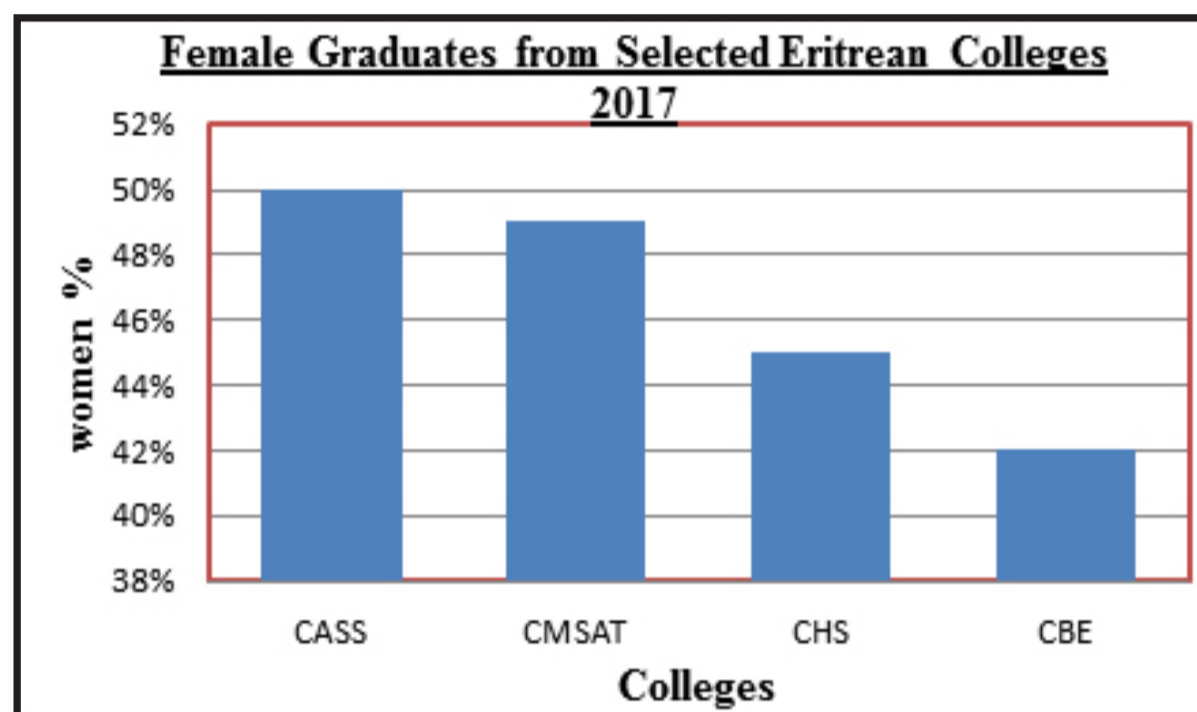
Higher education simultaneously improves individual lives and enriches wider society, indicating a substantial overlap between private and public interests in higher education. Higher education raises wages and productivity, which makes both individuals and countries richer. Developing countries are currently under great pressure to meet increased demand for higher education. An important element in the public interest in higher education is its role in creating a meritocratic society that is able to secure the best leaders and civil servants such as doctors, teachers, lawyers, engineers, businessmen, and civil servants.

Higher education holds the potential to be an agent of equalization through its capacity to empower marginalized or disadvantaged groups. For example, women almost everywhere find it difficult to compete in the labor market. They have usually received inadequate primary and secondary schooling and been faced with obstacles to higher education. Importantly, during the 10th commencement ceremony, the Adi Keih College of Arts and Social Sciences illustrated a positive gender

balance in graduates. This reflects the tremendous effort made by Eritrea – individuals, families, communities, and the

On the occasion of her graduation, Sabrin Abdu, a graduate from the College of Arts and Social Sciences, noted that “the time

development cannot be realized without the full participation of women, which comprise half of the population. The policy



state – toward improving higher education and gender parity. Remarkably, women were over 50% of graduates.

Beyond their attainment of individual progress, women’s participation in tertiary education has also proven to be an effective catalyst for social development and economic growth. The recently concluded Millennium Development Goals, signed in September 2000, sought “to create an environment which is conducive to development and the elimination of poverty.” Goal three of the MDGs states, “Eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education preferably by 2005 and to all levels of education no later than 2015.”

that I spent in Sawa and later in College helped turn me into a full, competitive and confident being. Young girls must benefit from the educational opportunities given by the government for their development.”

The figure below illustrates the percentage of female graduates in four out of the nine Eritrean institutions of higher education:

The figure is a positive reflection of Eritrea’s aim to ensure females’ full and equal access to and achievement in all levels of education. Eritrea has worked hard towards the elimination of gender disparity in all areas including education. Sustainable socio-economic

direction of Eritrea on higher education is also anchored on expansion and sustainability. The strategic principles which define the core policies of higher education include relevance, access and equity, quality, sustainability and research and development (NBHE 2013).

Globally, but especially in developing countries, many high achieving and talented students face difficulties in gaining access to higher education when the costs of education exceed their limits. In Eritrea, education is regarded as a basic human right of all citizens; education is free from primary through to tertiary levels (including post-graduate studies). Eritrean students and their families have no fears of the many challenging questions about higher education related to its cost. Eritrea, well aware of the importance of education to nation building, has made considerable investment in higher education. By making free education for all, the expensive college education has become accessible to students from low-income families. With college cost being one of the most recognized barriers to college



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# Landscapes worth Appreciation

Eritrea is endowed with a variety of spectacular topographic landscapes. This allows not only three seasons in two hours but also diverse landscapes within a few hours' distance. This includes the highlands, eastern escarpments, eastern and western lowlands, coastal areas and islands. Eritrea is endowed with rivers and river beds and natural harbours. The vibrant landforms offer the most distinctive destination for tourists. Its natural topography which is composed of volcanic mountains, flat topped hills, wide plateaus, marvelous escarpments, rugged topography, undulating plains, unspoiled and spectacular coasts and pleasing islands provide great potential for tourism industry.

Eritrea's landscape is naturally decorated with various rock types, fogs and mists and varied climate. It has a breathtaking beauty accompanied by clean, cool fresh air. There are volcanic landforms which include unmodified lava sheets, created lava cones, old dykes and volcanic mountains in different corners of the country. There are also numerous mountain features which are natural reservoirs of resources as they are made of rocks of several mineral deposits.

Eritrea's mountains provide ample opportunity for hiking, photographic tourism and landscape appreciation. In addition, they are very good grounds for sport-based tourism like mountain athletics and biking. Furthermore, they are prominent for their historical importance during the armed struggle for independence.

One of Eritrea's natural attractions, the Eastern Escarpment, is found to the east of the central plateau, eastern highlands and upper Anseba highlands. The eastern escarpment is characterized by two rainy seasons and is thus inhabited by the Green Belt whose scenery is stunningly beautiful. It is ever-green and provides excellent scenes for biodiversity based tourism and bird watching. The ever-green tones of the Green Belt vegetation overshadow the earth colors on the steep slope platforms of the eastern escarpments. The play of light and shade on the landscape etches the shapes in relief, enhancing their coloration and making the escarpment landforms look somehow even more grand and monumental.

The other main attraction of



Eritrea is its coastal area bordered by flawless and unspoiled beaches. It is defined by the presence of extensive visible corals and shells. As a result, it is a perfect venue for snorkelers. It is endowed with all the essential properties of serene and beautiful holiday destination. Parallel to this are the naturally beautiful and striking group of islands that are dispersed along the Red Sea. The Eritrean islands offer a convenient environment for scuba diving, snorkeling, yachting, itinerating, and fishing. Thus, the Red Sea remains "the world's unspoiled tropical paradise".

The Danakil Depression is also another prominent feature of Eritrean landscape wherein the lowest point on earth is found. There are various landform features along the Danakil Depression such as headlands of lava rocks and crater of an extinct volcano.

Eritrea's terrain features provide a great potential for the tourism sector. It offers plenty of opportunity for appreciative experiences for tourists because it is highly convenient for ecotourism, hiking, bird watching, and wildlife enthusiast and terrain

appreciation.

Landform scenery of Eritrea is, therefore, one of the most natural endowments with the most powerful potential for tourism. The breath-taking mountains and coastal configuration exerts great fascination for tourists. It creates pleasure and happiness. The magnificent topography provides an atmosphere of peace and tranquility. The landform belongs to its owners but the beauty of landscape belongs to those who behold it and appreciate it.

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## Photographers Corner

*Photo: Saleh Abdelkader  
Massawa*



## Eritrean Colleges Strive . . .

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access and success elsewhere in the world, it is encouraging that Eritrea - a young, developing country - provides free education to its citizens. In Eritrea, a graduate leaves schools free of any debt and imbued with a sense of commitment and service to the society.

The phrase “education for all” represents the world’s commitment to provide education to all who are qualified. The global commitment to the provision of education to all has a long history. The first such commitment was perhaps begun in 1948, when the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was established. In that declaration, education was recognized as a fundamental human right for the multifaceted development of individuals and society. In particular, it was declared that elementary education should be free and compulsory and that higher levels of education should be accessible to all on the basis of merit (Article 26). In 2000, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Millennium Development Goals. The MDGs are “a set of time-bound and measurable goals and targets designed to decrease poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy, environmental devastation and discrimination against women.” All governments agreed to ensure achievement of the MDGs by

2015. Thanks to the commitment of the Government of State of Eritrea, the goals related to education, health and others were successfully achieved and the country was positively described as having “achieved the most from the least.”

Higher education is a critical focal point in the socio-economic and political development of any nation. Education is also an important tool for the formation of citizenship. Education helps to inculcate civic responsibility to its entire people, especially the youth. In short, education is one of the best vehicles to promote sustainable development, and investing in education has both private and social rates of return.

In Eritrea, the mandate of the colleges includes teaching, development and research. Generally, Eritrean colleges strive hard to be centers of innovation and knowledge incubation needed by the country and aim to provide research to solve societal problems. Every summer, our colleges pour talented and qualified graduates into the labor force to bring about a positive difference. In response to the growing demand for human resource development in our country, the Adi Keih College of Arts and Social Sciences is at the forefront of contributing to

the growth of highly qualified learners which will address the scarce and critical skills in the country.

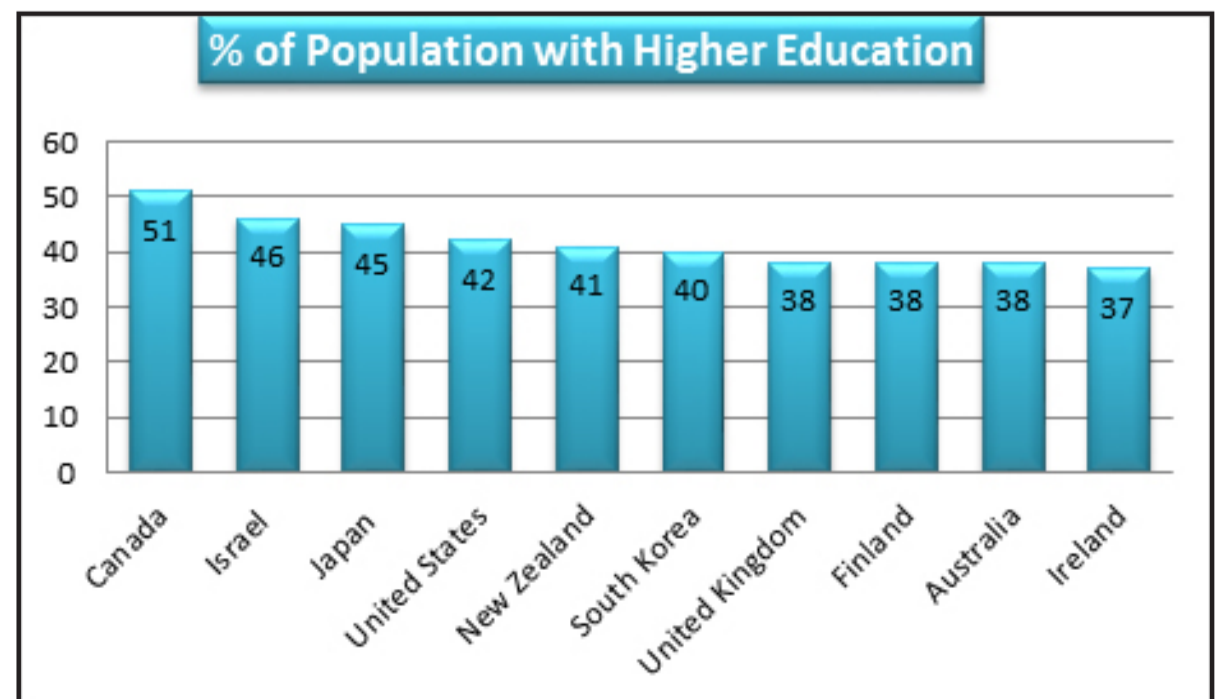
Last week, on July 4th, the school held a ceremony to celebrate and confer to its young students their degrees, diplomas, and certificates. The hard work and resilience of the young and energetic graduates had finally culminated in this momentous occasion. The smiling and beaming faces of graduates and their families and the cheerful and proud faces of their instructors brightened the CASS auditorium. The graduates collectively pledged

their commitment to their society and communities, stating “there is no greater calling than to serve our society and there is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well.” During the event, Ms. Natran Leake, a History graduate who recently concluded one year of community service as a teacher at the Warsay Yikealo Secondary School in Sawa, pointed out that “I have been the recipient of love and service from the people and Government of Eritrea; therefore, I happily love and serve them to my full potential.”

Eritrea’s institutions of higher education, despite all of their

limitations, aim to produce responsible, adaptable, creative and productive citizens that unlock the door of modernization and sustainable development. Higher education is believed to be the best remedy for societal transformation and national reconstruction. Our colleges are the trusted institutions that rinse the society from the filth of ignorance and make visible the bright, harmonious future of Eritrea.

*Simon Weldemichael  
Adi Keih College of Arts and  
Social Sciences  
July 2017*





# Invitation for Bids (IFB)

Name of Country: Eritrea  
 Name of Project: Global Fund  
 Grant No: ERT-M- HOH  
 Dated: July 13, 2017  
 IFB Title: - procurement of Hospital equipment (Diagnostic Equipment)

IFB Number: GF/NFM/MA-ICB 003/2017

1. The Ministry of Health of the State of Eritrea has received a grant from the Global Fund towards the cost of HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and TB Project. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this grant will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for procurement: Hospital Equipments(Diagnostic Equipment for Ministry of Health)

2. The Project Management Unit of the Ministry of Health now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of Hospital Equipments (Diagnostic Equipment for Ministry of health )

3. Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the Global fund Guidelines:

4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from PMU, Ministry of Health and inspect the Bidding Documents at the Procurement Office, PMU, Ministry of Health, Denden Street No.82, Asmara, Eritrea; Tel: 291-1-122978, Fax: 291-1-124357 from 08:00 to 12:00 hours.

5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written Application (if agents, presentation of authorization and renewed license) to the address and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee USD fifty (50.00) or equivalent. The method of payment will be cash or Bank transfer to the credit of our account No. 120-122-0169 with Bank of Eritrea through GAZPROMBANK (OPEN JOINT STOCK COMPANY) MOSCOW, RUSSIA SWIFT: GAZPRUMM FOR THE CREDIT TO : ACCOUNT NO. 30111840300000005791 OF BANK OF ERITREAS.W.I.F.T. BOERERAI ASMARA, ERITREA (WITH THEM) IN FAVOR OF BENEFICIAREY: - NAME: PROJECT MANAGEMENT UNIT MISTRY OF HEALTH A/C NO. 120-122-0169. The document will be sent by DHL/Express mail or by your email address.

6. Bids must be delivered to

PHARMECOR – ERITREA  
 DENDEN STREET No. 84  
 ASMARA – ERITREA  
 PO.Box 2000  
 Tel. No. 291-1-127700/115144  
 Fax. No. 291-1-126455

on or before 15:00 Hours on August 4,2017 All bids must be accompanied by a bid security to be not less than two (2) percent of the bid amount in a freely convertible currency which should be submitted sealed within the bid offer envelop.

7. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 15:05 hrs on August 4,2017.

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES)

### STATE OF ERITREA

#### PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND STATISTICS CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT

**Consultancy Services to Provide Technical Assistance Services for Household Expenditure Survey, the Production of Consumer Price Index, Updating the Business Register and Establishing Business Register Database for Asmara**

**Sector: Governance**

**Financing Agreement reference: 5900155010251**

**Project ID No.:P-ER-KF0-003**

The Government of State of Eritrea has received financing from the African Development Bank towards the cost of the Public Financial Management and Statistics Capacity Building Project. The government intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this Grant for payments to build capacity in the relevant ministries to conduct activities of household income expenditure surveys for Asmara, Consumer Price Index for Asmara and update statistical Business Register database.

The services included under this project are to contribute to the building of an effective and efficient national statistical system by strengthening the capacity of the National Statistics Office to produce and disseminate reliable and timely economic statistical data and information for evidence policy and decision-making. Ministry of Finance is the Executing Agency for the project.

The State of Eritrea Ministry of Finance now invites eligible firms to indicate their interest in providing technical assistance services for household expenditure survey for Asmara, the production of Consumer Price Index for Asmara, updating the Business Register and establishing business register database. Interested consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). Consultants may constitute joint-ventures to enhance their chances of qualification.

Eligibility criteria, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's Procurement Policy, October 2015, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>.

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours 08:00 to 17:00hrs from Monday to Friday.

Expressions of interest must be delivered to the address below by 25 July 2017 at 15:00 and mention "Technical Assistance Services for Household Expenditure Survey, the Production of Consumer Price Index, Updating the Business Register and Establishing Business Register Database for Asmara".

Attn: Ministry of Finance  
 P.O.Box 198, Asmara – ERITREA  
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# VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Bisha Mining Share Company PLC is inviting interested applicants for the following positions.

## 1. POSITION: HME (HEAVY MOBILE EQUIPMENT) MECHANIC

**Department: Engineering**

**Number Required: (1)**

**Type of Contract: Indefinite Period**

### MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

#### Planning

- Follows the daily work reports/job cards.

#### Implementation of the Plan

- Identify the highest priority for each day and focus on completing relevant tasks.
- Ensures good housekeeping.
- Carries out actual maintenance and repairs of HME in an efficient and effective way in order to minimize downtime.
- Performs regular inspections in order to detect potential problems before they cause breakdowns.
- Minimizes downtime by ensuring the best techniques are being used to repair breakdowns.
- Ensure safety requirements are fulfilled at the work place, including leading Field Level Risk Assessment (FLRA) and proper use of the appropriate PPE. Report any safety issues/incidents.
- Comply with mine's cardinal rules and other safety, environmental or other rules and standards as directed. Identifies any hazards in the work place.
- Conducts preventative maintenance on the HME by checking engines; motors; pneumatics; hydraulic systems by following diagrams, sketches, operation manuals, manufacturer's instructions and engineering specifications. Troubleshooting malfunctions.
- Carries out "Fault finding" by using precision measuring and testing instruments.
- Removes defective parts by using hoists, cranes and hand and power tools. Examines form and texture of parts to determine causes of failure.
- Determines changes in dimensional requirements of parts by using rulers; calipers; micrometers; and other measuring instruments.
- Understands and is familiar with basic hydraulic systems.
- Attends technical and other training as required by supervisor.

#### Reporting

- Compile daily; progress reports as requested (completing Job Cards).

### KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

- **Qualifications:**
  - Grade 12 for locals
  - Formal Trade for Ex-Pats (Diesel Mechanic/Auto electrician)
  - Grade 2 or higher driving license
- **Knowledge and Experience**
  - 3 - 5 years relevant experience
- **Technical Skills**
  - Computer Literacy (MS Office – Intermediate, )
  - Attention to detail
  - Analytical skill
  - Mechanical & Electrical experience
  - Problem solving skill
- **Behavioral Skills**
  - Communication (English)
  - Prioritizing skills & multi-skilling
  - Ability to work towards strict deadlines
  - High level of accuracy
  - Self-motivation

## 2. POSITION: HIGH DENSITY POLYETHYLENE (HDPE) BOILERMAKER/WELDER

**Department: Engineering**

**Number Required: (1)**

**Type of Contract: Indefinite Period**

### MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

#### Planning

- Follows the "Planned Schedule". Follows Job Cards.
- Makes a list of parts and equipment required.

#### Implementation of the Plan

- Identifies the highest priority for each day and focus on completing relevant tasks.
- Ensures good housekeeping
- Lays out, positions and secures parts and assemblies according to specifications, using "straight bridge"; combination square; callipers; and ruler.
- Operates manual and automated welding units and equipment.
- Uses facing tool to smooth out, weld, or grind parts prior to welding.
- Heat up pipes and press together to join.
- Fabrication of new or replacement parts for equipment.
- Assembles component parts, using hand and small power tools.
- Follows other instructions relating to the position.
- Ensure safety requirements are fulfilled at the work place, including leading

Field Level Risk Assessment (FLRA) and proper use of the appropriate PPE. Report any safety issues/incidents.

- Comply with mine's cardinal rules and other safety, environmental or other rules and standards as directed. Identifies any hazards in the work place.
- Attends technical and other training as required by supervisor.

#### Writing Reports & Data Control

- Compile daily; progress reports as requested

### KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

- **Qualifications:**
  - Grade 12 (Technical School)
  - Technical College Mechanical Certificate
- **Knowledge and Experience**
  - 3 - 5 years relevant experience
- **Technical Skills**
  - Fit and Healthy
  - Attention to detail
  - Boilermaker and Welding experience
  - Problem solving skill
- **Behavioral Skills**
  - Communication (Follow instruction)
  - Prioritizing skills & multi-skilling
  - Ability to work towards strict deadlines
  - High level of accuracy
  - Self-motivation

## 3. POSITION: PROJECT CONTROLS & PROCUREMENT ASSISTANT

**Department: Engineering**

**Number Required: (1)**

**Type of Contract: 6 months**

### MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Become familiar and adhere to the project health, safety & environmental regulations/procedures
- To enforce the BMSC HSE policies and procedures.
- All project related administration work,
- All project related document control, including filing printing and archiving of documents.
- Liaisons with the financial department and facilitating payment of suppliers,
- Updating of the relevant financial control documentation and files,
- Preparation, submission and filing of all required project payment documentation,
- Assistance with preparation of the project cost report,
- Preparation of all documentation for project department employees, contractors and vendors as per BMSC policies and procedures including business visas, travel permits and arrangements, site entry forms, hotel and flight bookings, expat drivers licenses, leave request forms, Bisha identity cards, etc.
- Assistance in the development of all procurement related documentation;
- Assistance with managing logistical matters on all imports for the project;
- Expediting of all on-shore and off-shore orders and contracts;
- Capture, checking and submission to payroll department of employee timesheets.
- Liaise with project personnel in Asmara office to submit, expedite and issue all project related documentation required by Governmental Departments.
- Internal purchase requisition for office items required by project team,
- Liaisons, organizing and booking of inductions and FLRA training with the Training and Development department for project personnel, vendors and contractors.

### KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

- **Qualifications:**
  - Accounting Diploma or equivalent.
- **Knowledge and Experience**
  - Minimum 1 year experience in a project environment on large projects with project controls, document control and administration.
  - Sound knowledge and experience of the BMSC project execution systems and procedures.
- **Technical Skills**
  - Computer Literacy (MS Office – Intermediate)
- **Behavioural Skills**
  - Communication (English and Local language)
  - Team player while being able to work individually and without supervision.
  - Good interpersonal skill, communications skill, fluent in English

#### 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 would 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**



# Celebrating Our 2017 Graduates

**Billion Temesghen**

*Some 30.000 students graduated this year from Eritrean institutions of higher education. Yet, another testimony to how the Government and People of Eritrea strive in providing equal and wide access to education for young students. Also, a discernible proof of how the students appreciate the opportunity and strive to do their best. Our message of congratulations goes out to the graduates of 2017 and the people of Eritrea. Here are statements from some graduates of EIT and young department heads.*

## HELEN EYOB, MSC in IT

It was definitely the most exciting two years of my life! I graduated with a MSC in IT and I am feeling over the moon! The importance of education is great not only at an individual level but also at national level. What our country needs the most is tons of educated people who are capable of accelerating the national development drive. And it gives me the greatest pleasure to see thousands of students graduating every year.



I honestly believe this country and people rightfully deserve to rejoice in the success of young students. There seriously is no other community that supports each other as much as ours. I mean look at me, I am plainly the product of my society. Several people supported me in overcoming my disability and achieve my desire. Starting from my wheelchair to everything else I would possibly ever need; it is all the generosity and concern of friends, family and my community.

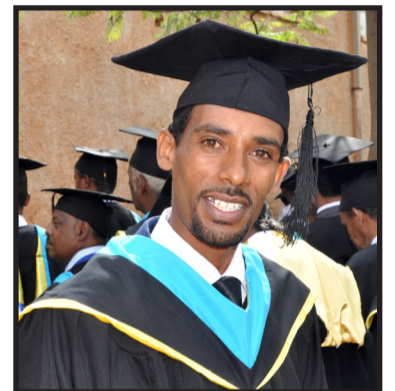
I want to especially dedicate this glory to my father. He passed away last year. I think of him constantly in gratitude, recalling how big of a role he played in making me the educated and confident woman I am today. He kept telling me that, given my disability, my only way out in life is education. So he carried me and he pushed my wheel to school tirelessly until the end. Thank you father!

## SAMUEL ISAAC Department Head Electrical and Electronics Engineering

I am overly thrilled to see yet another year of merriments to our deserving young students. The passion and dedication our students have is beyond explainable. They are keen to their studies and always trying to experiment new things. They aspire to actually have a hand in nowadays technological advancements our world is evolving on. In few words I am proud of Eritrean students; and especially, of the graduates of Electrical and Electronics Engineering. I wish for them to achieve their dreams and be influential persons not only in our country's advancements but also at regional, continental and global levels. They honestly make me proud.



EIT has laid out plans to assist the keenness of our students; similarly our department will be able to hosting the visions of many Electrical and Electronics engineering Students in the coming academic year. Congratulations to the graduates of 2017 in every college nationwide and also the people of Eritrea.



**ISAYAS KIFLE, MA in Financial Management.**

I feel great to be part of EIT's 10<sup>th</sup> commencement. It is truly a glory to the people of Eritrea. We have had shortages of MA programs. However, now here we are being one of the first batches of post graduates. It is definitely a key to the acceleration of our growth at a national level. It is certainly expensive to send students abroad for post grad studies, and certainly not everyone would be accommodated. However, funding institutions for post graduate studies would be a feasible and reasonable endeavor.

Now that we have started I don't think we will stop, I am sure national plans are laid out in collaboration with international universities to ensure the establishment of post grad educational facilities within the country. My desire is for everyone to have access to post grad studies. Of course, our country has done excellent in adjusting educational right of entry to every national; Eritrea has been an exemplary African country to that end. So I have no doubt that the future holds further progresses.

family, friends and especially our professors.

And Feven's professor, Mussie Tewelde, department head of English language teaching added further saying: "I am honored to have been part of my students' journey. They make us feel fulfilled of our work. Congratulations to them for their hard work... We really are proud of you!"



**FILMON OKBAMIHAEL, Physics Teaching**

I was born and raised in a village in the Southern Region. I grew up to an agrarian life; however, I have dreamt of being an educated member of the society since a young age. Which is why I studied hard from the beginning. Luckily, education is available for everybody who wants to

study. Schools and colleges are not concentrated in the main cities of the country. Therefore, anybody can join. I guess we are really lucky to be part of a people that sacrifices a lot to grant education to every national.

I studied Physics Teaching because I want to give back to my society by teaching Physics, my favorite field of study and one of the most essential for technological and scientific advancements. I am extremely happy to have come all the way to eventually finish a chapter of my life with great success. Of course, I do want to continue my studies, but for now all I want to express is my gratitude for my people. Thank you for making education possible!

## FEVEN FANUEL, English Language Teaching

College is definitely not easy, especially in the beginning. The diversity and number of the students here might alarm a new student. In time, however, you grow to learn to live and study together. We became a big family. Our common interest in education has made our bond stronger. So, I feel extremely happy to be celebrating our graduation with every student of EIT.

I want to be able to get there ... that place and time in which I will make the paramount use of what I learned. We have been granted with the possibility of dreaming, study for it and eventually live in one day. Congratulations to the



**Department Head Mussie Tewelde and Feven**