

**RE: Annual Report of Ethiopian public Health Association**

Period covered: 2008.

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***Ethiopian Public Health Association (EPHA)***

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Membership (number at the end of the last year):

**2997**

List of publications during the reporting period (full references incl. ISBN, ISSN):

<b>Publications</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Volume and No.</b>	<b>ISSN or ISBN</b>
The Ethiopian Journal of Health Development: 2 Regular issues	2008	Vol 21 No 3, 4 Vol.22 No. 1,2	ISSN 1021-6790
Newsletter of the EPHA: 2 Regular issues	2008	Vol.18 No. 1,2, 3	-
Health Digest: 3 Regular issues	2008	Vol. 3 No 1,2,3 -	-
Extracts of EPHA sponsored researches: 1 issues	2008	Extract No. 4,5	-
HIV/AIDS Behavioural Surveillance Survey (BSS) Ethiopia 2006	2008	-	-
Syndromic Management of Sexually Transmitted Infections	2008		
2007 EPHA Annual Conference Proceeding	2008	-	-

List of conferences and public meetings during the reporting period (dates, locations, themes, attendance):

The 19<sup>th</sup> EPHA Annual Public Health Conference  
Date: 23 - 25 October 2008  
Place: Hawassa, Southern Nations Region, Ethiopia

Main theme: **“Renewing commitment to Sanitation in the new Ethiopian Millennium: Aligning with the International year of Sanitation (IYS)”**

Sub-themes:

1. **Primary Health Care – Thirty years after Alma Ata Declaration**
2. **Public Health Activities in Southern Region, Ethiopia**
3. **Podoconiosis- Research and Management**
4. **Emerging Non-Infectious Disease in Ethiopia – The case of cancer**

Oral presentations – 40 Paper presentations on HIV/AIDS, TB, Malaria and other vector borne diseases, Reproductive Health ...etc.

Poster presentations – 37 presentations

Attendance: 506

List of ongoing Research & Development projects during the reporting period (Topics, donors, names of principal investigators incl. their contact details esp. e-mail):

<b>Topics</b> (major undertakings)	<b>Donor</b>	<b>Names of PI</b>	<b>e-mail</b>
<i>Addis Ababa HIV/AIDS Mortality Surveillance Surveys</i>	CDC	Sr. Tekebash Araya	tekebash_a@yahoo.com
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<i>Dabat AIDS Mortality surveillance</i>	CDC	Takele Tadesse	takele_tadesse@yahoo.com
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<i>Kersa AIDS Mortality surveillance</i>	CDC	Nega Assefa	negaassefa@yahoo.com
<i>The magnitude of risk factors for HIV infection for HIV/ infection among most at risk populations(MRPS) in Amhara regional state</i>	CDC	Dr. Yared Mekonnen	Kidusyared2004@yahoo.com
Promote HIV/AIDS/STI/TB related public health practices	CDC	EPHA officers	epha@ethionet.et
social mobilization intervention on EPI by graduating medical sciences students	CPHA	EPHA/ Univ. of Gondar	<a href="mailto:epha@ethionet.et">epha@ethionet.et</a>
FP/RH repositioning through strengthening HEW	David & Lucile Packard Foundation	EPHA/ Regional Health Bureau	<a href="mailto:epha@ethionet.et">epha@ethionet.et</a>
Leadership in Strategic Information Training Program (LSITP)	CDC	EPHA, Addis Ababa University	<a href="mailto:epha@ethionet.et">epha@ethionet.et</a>
Field epidemiology and (lab) training program (FELTP)	CDC	EPHA, Addis Ababa University	<a href="mailto:epha@ethionet.et">epha@ethionet.et</a>
Funding research thesis for MPH program student for generating strategic information on TB and HIV/AIDS	CDC	EPHA, Addis Ababa, Gonder Jimma and Haramaya University	<a href="mailto:epha@ethionet.et">epha@ethionet.et</a>
Strengthen Advocacy on infection prevention (IP) in health care facilities in close collaboration with other professional associations;	CDC	EPHA/Ethiopian Medical Association, Ethiopian Nurses Association, Ethiopian Nurse Midwife Association	<a href="mailto:epha@ethionet.et">epha@ethionet.et</a>
Conduct Research Methodology training;	CDC	EPHA, Ministry of science and technology	<a href="mailto:epha@ethionet.et">epha@ethionet.et</a>
Enhance capacity of the Ethiopian Public Health Laboratory Association (EPHLA), establish effective lab network in the country and finalize the national lab policy & guideline;	CDC	EPHA, EPHLA	<a href="mailto:epha@ethionet.et">epha@ethionet.et</a>
Expansion of PMTCT services at the private Hospitals and special MCH clinics;	CDC	EPHA and Ethiopian Society of Obstetrician and Gynecologist(ESOG)	<a href="mailto:epha@ethionet.et">epha@ethionet.et</a>
Establishing EPHA Public Health Library	EPHA/CDC	EPHA	<a href="mailto:epha@ethionet.et">epha@ethionet.et</a>

Demand Creation on Pre-packaged STI treatment kit	CDC	Population Service International (PSI)	Daniel@PSI.org.et
Online training on MCH Leadership	APHA	EPHA	<a href="mailto:epha@ethionet.et">epha@ethionet.et</a>
<i>The magnitude of risk factors for HIV infection for HIV/ infection among most at risk populations(MRPS) in Ethiopia</i>	CDC	Dr. Yared Mekonnen	Kidusyared2004@yahoo.com
<i>Formative assessment of Men having Sex with Men</i>	CDC	Dr Getnet Mitikie	Getnet_m@yahoo.com
<i>Assessment of quality and utilization of VCT services in Ethiopia</i>	CDC	Dr Michael Dejene	mikedejene@yahoo.com
<i>Evaluation of the effect of PEPFAR Interventions in the health sector of Ethiopia</i>	CDC	Dr Yayehyirad Kitaw	yayehyirad@ethionet.et
<i>Baseline Evaluation of pain management in Ethiopia</i>	CDC	TBD	
<i>Assessment of couples utilization of VCT services in Ethiopia</i>	CDC	TBD	
<i>Strengthening Tobacco control in Ethiopia</i>	CPHA	EPHA	<a href="mailto:epha@ethionet.et">epha@ethionet.et</a>
Preparation to host the next World Congress on public Health in 2012		EPHA	<a href="mailto:epha@ethionet.et">epha@ethionet.et</a>

List of activities prepared/planned for the next reporting period:

1. Continue supporting HIV/AIDS Mortality Surveillance to regions
2. Continue supporting funding research thesis for MPH program student in generating strategic information on TB and HIV/AIDS in 3 Universities.
3. Continue supporting Leadership in Strategic Information Training Program (LSITP) and Field epidemiology and (lab) training program (FELTP)
4. Development projects on Environmental Sanitation, Health, and Protection
5. Continue Leadership training program on MCH
6. Human Resource for Health Research
7. Continue supporting EPHA Chapters
8. Continue with current projects
9. Continuing to work with stakeholders in strengthening Tobacco control in Ethiopia

Expectations and proposals regarding the WFPHA:

1. Supporting EPHA in its preparation to host the next World Congress on public Health in 2012
2. Link EPHA with organizations and institutions that can support project activities of EPHA
3. Support establishment of Forum for East African Public Health Associations
4. Support EPHA capacity building

Additional comments:

No.