

ETHIOPIA

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IN 2020

The year 2020 was characterised by the Covid-19 pandemic, causing restrictions on movement and reduced availability of air flights, which in the first phase resulted in a **major reduction in the presence of our operators** at Wolisso Hospital, where it wasn't until August that international staff were restored to support critical services, such as internal medicine and paediatrics.

Moreover, as in many countries, the effects of the restrictions in Ethiopia meant admissions to the hospital were significantly reduced, resulting in reduced revenue.

The challenging financial situation had to be addressed through the use of extraordinary aid, which was made available to support the wage increase for health workers as decided by the country's health authorities. Despite these difficult circumstances, in 2020 the **new neonatology department at Wolisso Hospital** was completed.

The effects of the pandemic have also been felt, albeit to a lesser extent, in the other more isolated regions where Doctors with Africa CUAMM operates, which faced difficulties in implementing activities on schedule. In **South Omo Zone**, the maternal and child health intervention continued, with support for **Jinka Hospital and Turmi Hospital**. In the Gambella region, the project to reduce unequal access to health services, particularly for mothers and

children ended at the end of the year in the Gambella region, and work continued for **South Sudanese refugees at the Nguennyiel camp** to improve infrastructure, equipment, staff training and the referral system. Project activities continued to develop national neonatal intensive care guidelines, and improved diabetes services in 15 national hospitals in partnership with the Ethiopian Ministry of Health, the Ethiopian Society of Paediatrics, the Ethiopian Diabetes Association and St. Paul's University Hospital in Addis Ababa and the Tulu Bolo District Hospital in the Southwest Shewa Zone. In spite of the difficulties tied to the pandemic, a health intervention was carried out in Harawa District in Somali Region, in collaboration with a local NGO for **infrastructural improvements and staff training** at the District health centre. The political situation in the country – with various hostilities between different ethnic groups – has worsened since November amid the crisis in the Tigray region. On top of this is an economic situation where the currency has gradually devalued by 33% over the year and the inflation rate stands at 20.16%.

2020 SNAPSHOT

115
human resources

187
health facilities supported

3,481,121 €
invested in projects

COUNTRY PROFILE

Addis Abeba
Capital



401
per 100,000
live births
Maternal mortality rate

112,078,730
million
Population

1,104,300 km²
Area



19.5 years
Average age of the population

55.2
per 1,000
live births
Under-five mortality rate

64.7/68.5 years
Life expectancy (m/f)



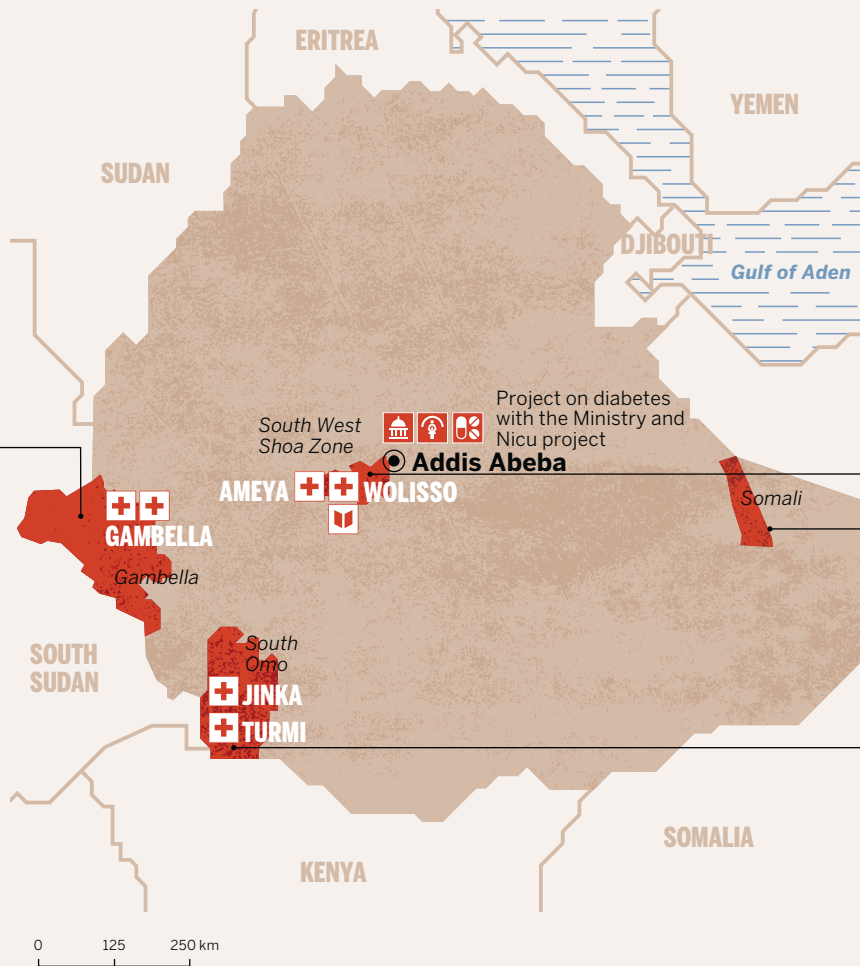
4.1
Average number of children per women

39.1
per 1,000
live births
Neonatal mortality rate

173rd
out of 189
countries
Human Development Index



WHERE WE WORK



SOUTHWEST SHEWA ZONE

2 Hospitals *Wolisso*
St. Luke Hospital, Ameya
 1 school for nurses and midwives
 5 Districts
 28 health centres
1,240,333 population served



GAMBELLA

2 Hospitals *Gambella*
 3 Districts
 6 health centres
104,120 population served
 1 refugee camp
Nguennyiel
90,506 refugees










SOMALI

1 Health centre
 1 District
197,719 population served

SOUTH OMO ZONE

2 Hospitals *Turmi, Jinka*
 2 Districts
 3 health centres
560,603 population served

RESULTS ACHIEVED

 CHILD AND MATERNAL HEALTH	36,275 prenatal visits	869 transfers for obstetric emergencies	15,095 attended births	177,282 visits of children under 5 years of age	32,070 vaccinations
 NUTRITION	515 for severe acute malnutrition				
 INFECTIOUS DISEASES	92,836 patients treated for malaria	1,282 patients treated for tuberculosis	1,629 patients undergoing antiretroviral treatment		
 ONGOING TRAINING	158 community agents	335 nurses and midwives	179 doctors	594 other	
 CHRONIC DISEASES	13,195 visits for diabetes	10,285 visits for hypertension	172 patients with heart disease	24 patients with cerebral ischemia	
 SURGERY SERVICES	3,144 major surgeries, including 364 orthopaedic surgeries		3,610 minor surgeries, including 349 orthopaedic surgeries		2,108 physiotherapy sessions
 HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE	11,660 visits for children < age 5	233 attended births	1,401 pre-natal visits		