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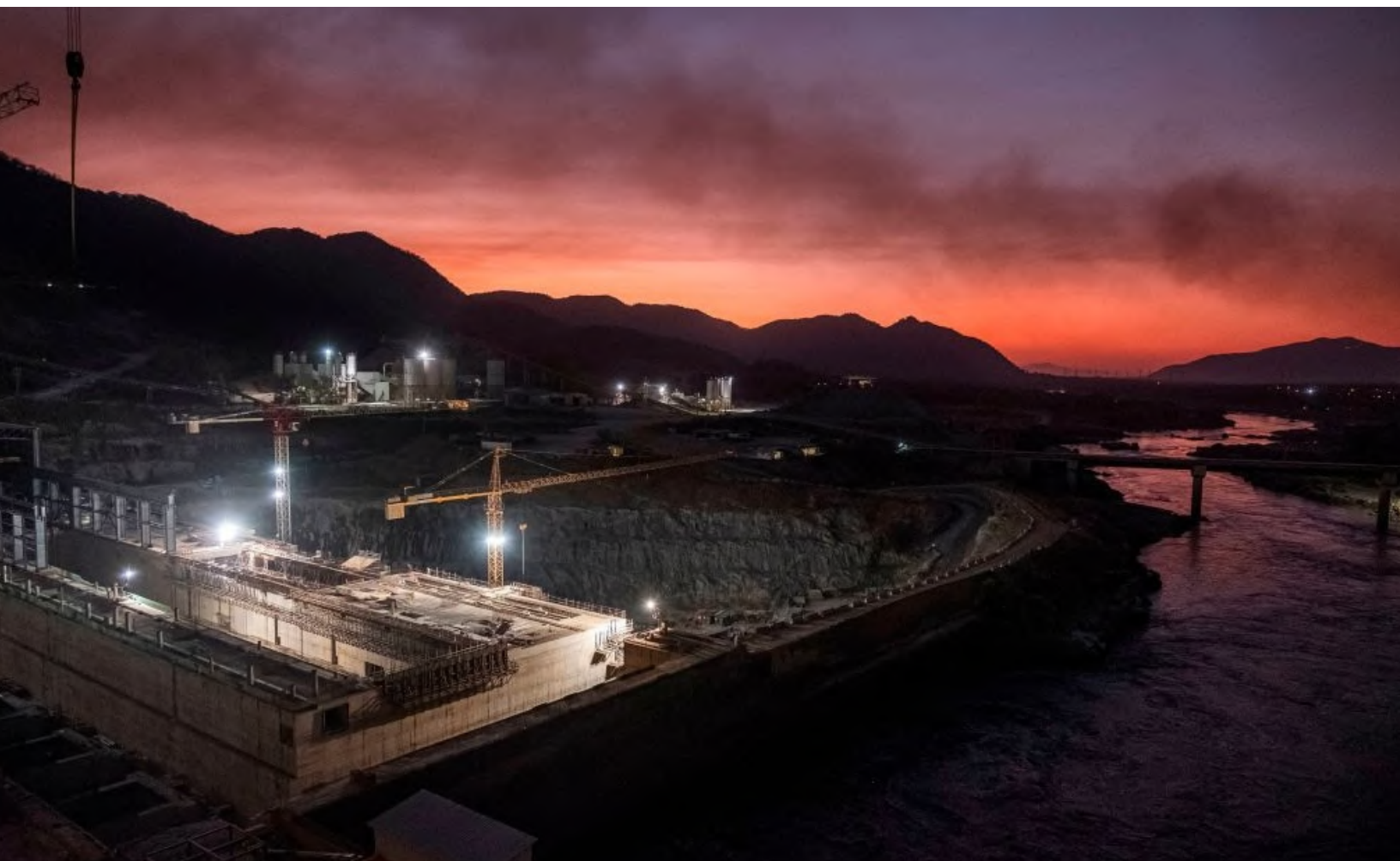
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Tripartite talks on Renaissance Dam to resume

Ethiopia, Sudan and Egypt to seek win-win agreement





Editorial

The Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam: Cooperation and Contentment

The Nile can deliver new level of fraternity and cooperation

Ethiopia, Sudan and Egypt are to resume technical discussions on the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD), currently under construction on the Nile river, after Egypt accepted an Ethiopia-Sudan proposal to resume negotiations. On 21st May, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed tweeted that water ministers from the three countries would “attempt to reach a win-win solution,” and Egypt’s Foreign Ministry stated that “Egypt is always ready to enter into negotiations and participate in upcoming meetings to reach a fair, balanced and comprehensive agreement.”

Following the official launch of the GERD in April 2011, Ethiopia proposed setting up a tripartite committee and a range of fora, which eventually led to the adoption of the Declaration of Principles on GERD (DoP) in March 2015, signed by all three countries to facilitate the trilateral dialogue. Principally, the DoP underlined the critical need for equitable and reasonable use of the Nile waters.

Ethiopia has held innumerable discussions with both Egypt and the Sudan throughout the entire period of construction of the GERD and made it clear from the very beginning that construction of the GERD is based on its sovereign and legitimate rights to use the Nile waters and its commitment to **not cause significant harm to downstream countries**. Ethiopia has consistently promoted the concept of **collective security and multilateralism** at international, regional and sub-regional levels.

As a hydroelectric dam, the GERD will not cause significant harm to downstream countries. The fact remains that the GERD will increase Ethiopia’s electricity generation capacity to meet its domestic and industrial demands. As Foreign Minister Gedu Andargachew noted, “More than 65 million Ethiopians don’t have

access to electricity,” adding “This is not acceptable; we are trying to pull them out of darkness using the power generated from this dam.”

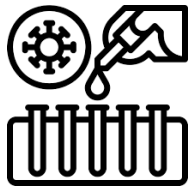
In fact, the survival, development and prosperity of Ethiopia, and the region as a whole, are inextricably linked with Ethiopia’s ability to develop its water resources. The GERD has a range of benefits for Nile Basin countries, including the promotion of access to a reliable economic power supply, opportunities for better flood and erosion control as well as the prospect of a new era of regional cooperation for mutual development.

This has also been underlined by members of the international community. In May, Ethiopia’s Minister of Foreign Affairs Gedu Andargachew held a video-conference with the European Union to discuss bilateral and regional issues. The EU recognises the strategic importance of the Nile waters and the GERD for Ethiopia, and has encouraged further dialogue between Ethiopia and the two downstream countries. On 20th May, Minister Gedu spoke to the UK’s Minister for Africa, James Duddridge, who stated that unresolved issues regarding the GERD should be solved through dialogue. The African Union (AU) has also stated that the three countries are responsible for resolving any issues relating to the GERD through the DoP that they all signed. It remains the only instrument that provides the basis for tripartite consultations.

Completion of the GERD, scheduled for 2023, will help alleviate the region’s energy deficit and play a critical role in spurring development through industrialisation, which is fundamental to the promotion of sustainable development, peace and security across the region. Ethiopia remains committed to this win-win outcome.

Ethiopia Situation Update

As of 2nd June 2020



116,309

Laboratory tests



1,344

Total confirmed cases



231

Total recoveries



14

Total deaths

Daily updates are being provided by the Ministry of Health via social media as well as the Ethiopian COVID-19 monitoring platform at www.covid19.et.

CORONAVIRUS APPEAL

Over £60,000 raised but more support needed

Embassy appeal sees significant resources raised by Ethiopians and Friends of Ethiopia in the United Kingdom, but support is still needed to defend Ethiopia against the Coronavirus pandemic

In just seven weeks, the Embassy's urgent coronavirus appeal, launched on 7th April, has seen donations amounting to over £60,000 (2.4 million Ethiopian birr) – funds that will help provide essential support to the vital work that the Government of Ethiopia is doing to safeguard the health and wellbeing of the people of Ethiopia.

Specifically, the Appeal has so far raised £56,271.52 from the Ethiopian diaspora and a further £5,000.00 from friends of Ethiopia.

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of the Ethiopian community and friends of Ethiopia in the United Kingdom, these donations will support Ethiopians through the crisis in the critical weeks and months ahead.

But with the rate of infection rising in Ethiopia, the Embassy is making a fresh call for donations from the Diaspora, friends of Ethiopia, and all companies, institutions and charities affiliated with Ethiopia to stand in solidarity at this critical moment by redoubling their fundraising efforts.

Commenting on the Appeal, Mr Ababi Demissie (Amb.), *Chargé d'Affaires a.i.*, said he was pleased with the level of support for the Appeal so far, but that more was needed.

"Coronavirus is having a devastating impact globally and here in the United Kingdom," he said.

"The last seven weeks have really shown the true spirit of community and solidarity as Ethiopians and Friends of Ethiopia have generously contributed more than £60,000 to support Ethiopia in her time of need...But with the rising number of confirmed cases, more is needed."

Mr Demissie added: “I want to personally thank everyone who has donated so far. Your generosity will ensure that Ethiopia gets through this unprecedented time. But with the rising number of confirmed cases, more is needed. That is why we are calling on everyone, even at this unsettling time, to do their part and make a contribution. All donations, no matter how small will make a difference.”

Every pound donated to the Appeal is being directed to the COVID-19 National Resource Mobilisation Committee, chaired by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, which has been mandated to coordinate national fundraising efforts.

Though much has already been achieved, the future is still uncertain, and only by keeping up the momentum and standing together, shall we prevail!

Respond to the call and donate now.

For ways to contribute, visit the appeal page on our website at <https://bit.ly/COVID19-Appeal-EEUK>. You can also contact our Diaspora Affairs team directly for further details on 07367 109262; 07939 956086; and 07460 783929.

CORONAVIRUS URGENT APPEAL

DONATE NOW

How to Make a Cash Donation

The Embassy has opened a dedicated bank account for all monetary donations raised in the UK.

All donations should be made out to:

Account Name: Embassy of Ethiopia
Bank: Lloyds Bank
Account No: 43178968
Sort Code: 30-65-41

Our appeal in a nutshell

WHAT WE ARE DOING?

Further to the calls made by the Government of Ethiopia in launching the COVID-19 National Resource Mobilisation Initiative, the Embassy launched an appeal to galvanise the Ethiopian community and friends of Ethiopia in the UK to give urgently to confront the spread of the Coronavirus in Ethiopia.

HOW ARE DONATIONS BEING USED?

The resources being mobilised have contributed to the scaling up of capacity in the Health Sector and to widening the safety-net for vulnerable members of society, put at further risk by the pandemic. Initiatives so far have seen the procurement of personal protective equipment for medical professionals; an increase in intensive care capacity nationwide through the establishment of dedicated COVID treatment centres; improvements to national testing and tracing capabilities; and the setting up of a network of food banks, among other efforts.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Embassy wishes to recognise the following diaspora associations and groups, and charitable organisations, for their incredible support so far:

- Emmanuel Ethiopian Evangelical Christian Fellowship in Britain
- The Ethiopian Christian Fellowship Church in the UK
- The Tropical Health and Education Trust (THET)
- Save Saint Mary of Debrezion London
- Trinity Family Mahber
- Fighting Blindness in Ethiopia
- Ethiopian Sports and Culture Federation UK
- Mr Andualem Mulugeta Bekele, owner of Entoto Lodge in Ethiopia

Embassy receives over £40,000 worth of lifesaving medical equipment for Ethiopia

Embassies in London and Washington jointly facilitate the mobilisation and transfer of medical equipment donated by the Ethio-American Doctors Group to be used by Ethiopian healthcare professionals in the battle against coronavirus



File Photo: Ethiopian healthcare professionals

On 29th May, the Embassy received medical equipment worth £40,781 from the Ethio-American Doctors Group (EADG) in an official handover ceremony at the University of Southampton.

In heeding the call for donations made in the Embassy's urgent appeal, the EADG mobilised its membership to procure lifesaving medical equipment to bolster the Coronavirus response in Ethiopia.

The lifesaving medical equipment - 135 powered air purifying respirators (PAPR) complete with 285 hoods - is currently enroute to Ethiopia courtesy of Ethiopian Airlines, who have continued to play a pivotal role in providing cargo services for medical equipment and essential goods to destinations across the world.

In his remarks at the ceremony, Mr Ababi Demissie (Amb.), *Charge d'Affaires* a.i., said:

“The EADG heeded the call of the National Appeal, mobilising its members and medical professionals across the world to support the nation and the Government’s endeavours... on behalf of the Government of Ethiopia and the Embassy, I wish to congratulate and thank them for their unreserved efforts to assist Ethiopia at this difficult and dangerous juncture in our history. Their contribution will save lives!”

Alongside this critical material contribution, the EADG has also been engaged in remote skills exchange activities aimed at scaling up capacity within the healthcare sector in Ethiopia. This has included a webinar series connecting Ethiopian medical professionals with healthcare specialists involved in the COVID-19 response abroad and a free mentoring programme facilitating the transfer of knowledge to critical care and anaesthesia specialists in Ethiopia.

These contributions have complemented similar initiatives by Ethiopian medical professionals based in the UK who have contributed their knowledge and experience to a series of media discussions aimed at creating greater public awareness of the Coronavirus in Ethiopia.

Established in 2011, the EADG is a consortium of over 300 physicians and more than 50 allied healthcare professionals of Ethiopian origin in the Diaspora.

Their main mission is to develop and deliver high-quality medical care, through education and research, for the people of Ethiopia, Africa and beyond.

Construction is currently underway on the EADG's first project aimed at establishing an internationally accredited tertiary hospital and centre of excellence in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.



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a million!

From all of us at
the Ethiopian Embassy in London

In addition to recognising the tireless efforts of all healthcare professionals and key workers in Ethiopia, the UK and around the world, we wholeheartedly thank and applaud all those who have joined hands with us at this critical time to contribute to our appeal.

With your vital contribution, together, we will prevail!

Thank you!

World leaders call for unity to combat COVID-19 at the first-ever virtual World Health Assembly

“The only way out of this unfortunate and dreadful situation is through collaboration, based on respect and solidarity.”

~ Dr Lia Tadesse, Ethiopia’s Minister of Health

H.E. Dr Lia Tadesse, Ethiopia’s Minister of Health, delivered her maiden speech at the 73rd World Health Assembly, which was held virtually for the first time due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The World Health Assembly was held on 18th–19th May and will reconvene later in the year.

As the WHO convened ministers of health from almost every country in the world, the consistent message throughout the two-day meeting - including from the 14 heads of state participating in the opening and closing sessions - was that global unity is the most powerful tool to combat the outbreak.

Briefing the Assembly on Ethiopia’s COVID-19 containment efforts at national, regional, and continental levels, the Minister said that the Ethiopian Government took decisive and multi-dimensional measures to contain the spread of the disease.



Ethiopia is actively contributing to the continental response by ensuring the timely distribution of test kits and protective equipment across Africa and will continue working closely with neighbouring countries to control the spread of the virus.

“Ethiopia calls for universal, timely and equitable access to quality, essential, affordable and efficacious health technology and products including vaccines, diagnostics, therapeutics and protective equipment,” the minister said, adding “we call for the removal of all kinds of legal policies or technical barriers that impede access.”

The Minister praised WHO’s exceptional leadership in coordinating the comprehensive global response to the pandemic and supporting the national response efforts of member states.

In his closing remarks, WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom said, “COVID-19 has robbed us of people we love. It’s robbed us of lives and livelihoods; it’s shaken the foundations of our world; it threatens to tear at the fabric of international cooperation.”



“It’s also reminded us that for all our differences, we are one human race, and we are stronger together.”

Ethiopia to receive \$411 million IMF funding to address Covid-19

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has approved \$411 million of emergency assistance to help Ethiopia meet urgent balance of payment needs stemming from COVID-19. The Executive Board also approved a rephrasing of disbursements under the Extended Credit Facility (ECF) and Extended Financing Facility (EFF) arrangements that have been supporting Ethiopia's economic reform programme since December 2019, and a reduction in access under the EFF arrangement, to maximize financial support under the RFI.

In addition, Ethiopia will benefit from the IMF Executive Board decision of 13th April to provide debt service relief to the poorest and most vulnerable countries that are eligible for grant assistance under the Catastrophe Containment and Relief Trust (CCRT).

As a result, the Board approved Ethiopia's request for relief under the CCRT on debt service falling due to the IMF until 13th October 2020 of about US\$12 million. This relief could be extended up to 13th April 2022, subject to the availability of resources under the CCRT.

The COVID-19 pandemic has created severe health risks and weighed heavily on the Ethiopian economy. If the pandemic is not contained, it will put severe pressure on the health system with devastating social consequences, the IMF said in a statement.

Authorities acted promptly to contain the impact by implementing a mandatory 14-day quarantine for travellers entering the country, improving testing and containment capacity, strengthening epidemic response coordination and adopting a state of emergency to limit movement and gatherings and facilitate social distancing, the statement added.

Implementation of expenditures to strengthen the health system and address food security challenges are welcome and will help contain the spread of the virus and support the poor and most vulnerable.

CORONAVIRUS: NEWS IN BRIEF

Addis Ababa COVID-19 field hospital inaugurated

A COVID-19 field hospital on the outskirts of Addis Ababa was inaugurated on 27th May, in the presence of Health Minister, Dr Lia Tadesse, World Food Programme (WFP) Chief, David Beasley, and WHO Ethiopia Representative, Dr Boureima Sambo, and other partners.



Noting the work on site at the facility was "progressing rapidly", the Minister thanked WFP for its continued support.

The hospital, set up within just three weeks, will provide medical care and training to humanitarian and healthcare workers in Ethiopia and the region. It went operational within 10 days.

While in Ethiopia, Mr Beasley also met with Prime Minister Abiy where they discussed strengthening Ethiopia's role as a humanitarian hub. They also discussed Ethiopia's Green Legacy plans, which this year aims at planting 5 billion tree seedlings, and supporting Ethiopia in productivity towards food security.

Mr Beasley also met with President Sahle-Work Zewde and the Foreign Affairs Minister, Gedu Andargachew, to discuss national and regional issues.

In April, WFP launched the Addis Ababa Humanitarian Air Hub, in collaboration with the Ethiopian Government, as part of a UN initiative to scale up procurement and distribution of personal protective equipment (PPE) and medical supplies across Ethiopia and Africa.

CORONAVIRUS: NEWS IN BRIEF

PM visits Eka Kotebe Hospital; baby born to COVID-19 patient tests negative

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed visited the Eka Kotebe General Hospital, which is serving as the major COVID-19 treatment centre the country.

While visiting the hospital, with Health Minister, Dr Liya Tadesse, the Prime Minister applauded the medical staff who are in the frontline in the fight against the pandemic.



“The whole nation is with you. We stand beside you providing all the necessary support,” the Premier told the health professionals at the hospital.

While at the hospital, the Prime Minister presented a gift to a woman who had given birth to a baby while receiving COVID-19 treatment. The baby, born weighing 3.1 kilograms to his 34-year-old mother, tested negative to COVID-19.

Ethio-UK solidarity against COVID-19

Ethiopia’s Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Gedu Andargachew, and the UK Minister for Africa, James Duddridge MP, in a video-conference call, discussed bilateral and regional issues between the two countries. They discussed COVID-19 and UK support for the Ethiopian/African response to the scourge.

Mr Gedu expressed Ethiopia’s solidarity with the UK in the fight against C-19 and offered condolences to all who have lost loved ones in the UK.

Mr Duddridge reaffirmed that the UK will continue to support Ethiopia’s and Africa’s fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

New mobile phone training platform for health workers launched

As part of the Government’s Preparedness and Response Plan for COVID-19, the Ministry of Health launched a new mobile phone training platform – *Leap* - for frontline health workers who already play a vital part in efforts to curb coronavirus in Ethiopia.



The platform will train health extension workers and their supervisors on prevention and control of coronavirus, the Ministry said in a statement.

Combining interactive SMS and audio training with peer learning tools, this new learning platform will equip health workers with the skills and knowledge required to support their communities in preventing and controlling the COVID-19 pandemic.



In partnership with Amref Health Africa, the Ministry will roll out training across the country, reaching thousands of health extension workers, all of whom will be trained in just one month.

Going forward, the platform will also be used for training on other non-COVID health issues.

CORONAVIRUS: NEWS IN BRIEF

Parliament passes supplementary COVID-19 budget

The House of Peoples' Representatives has unanimously approved a supplementary budget worth 48.56 billion birr (\$1.43 billion) for the financial year ending July to deal with the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

"The economy is being highly impacted due to corona and the government has to assist," Ahmed Shide, Minister of Finance said in a briefing to the House, adding that 30 million people now needed humanitarian assistance as result of economic disruptions triggered by the coronavirus outbreak.

Of the total, 28.3 billion Birr will be raised from external and 20 billion Birr from local sources. The money will be used to provide humanitarian assistance and buy medical supplies to help in the fight against COVID-19.

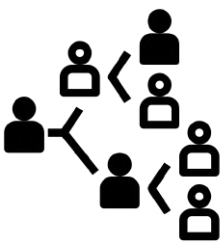
Health workers to be offered life insurance

The Ministry of Health has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ethiopian Insurance Corporation to offer life insurance to health professionals working in quarantine facilities, laboratories, emergency response teams and related divisions, who are battling the COVID-19 pandemic in Ethiopia.

Ethiopia launches two track and trace apps to control COVID-19 spread

Ethiopia launched two mobile applications - *Debbo* and *COVID 19 Ethiopia* - to help control the spread of coronavirus in the country.

The mobile apps were unveiled by Ethiopian Public Health Institute in partnership with Ministry of Health and other stakeholders.



The first app tracks people and alerts them if they have been in close contact with someone infected with coronavirus. While the second will be used to share information among healthcare professionals treating COVID-19 patients.

No COVID-19 in Ethiopia's refugee camps

On 29th May, the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) announced that, despite the recent spike in confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ethiopia over the last few weeks, there are no confirmed infections in the camps and other locations sheltering refugees and asylum seekers.

The Agency for Refugees and Returnees Affairs (ARRA), UNHCR and partners continue to intensify efforts to prevent and limit the virus from spreading to the Refugee Camps hosting most of the over 761,000 refugees in the country. UNHCR is also supporting local and regional authorities in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic in parts of the country that have been affected by conflict-induced displacement situations.

Community sensitization about the disease continues in the camps as well as in the urban locations where refugees and asylum seekers are hosted.

Supply of soap and water have been enhanced and services continue to be delivered in a manner that considers the physical distancing requirements.

Number of testing labs increase to 26

The number of coronavirus testing laboratories in Ethiopia has increased to 26 with 28 testing machines.



"The maximum testing capacity of the country has increased to 7,500 per day," said Bilene Seyoum, Press Secretary of the Prime

Minister's Office, who stated that currently there are 26 laboratories in Ethiopia providing coronavirus tests with 28 machines. "This is the key strategy that the government has been spearheading to ensure that we are increasing our testing capacities as part of our prevention and mitigation efforts," she said.

CORONAVIRUS: NEWS IN BRIEF

Ethiopian photographers and artists launch COVID-19 fundraiser

Inspired by similar actions in London and New York, Ethiopian photographers and artists are coming together in support of COVID-19 relief efforts with a new initiative called *Prints for Ethiopia*.

Founded by social entrepreneur Gelane Dissassa and filmmaker Edelawit Hussien, with the concept “**Buy Prints, Feed Community**”, it sells prints of Ethiopian photographers, a roster that includes the official photographer of Prime Minister Abiy, Aron Simeneh, Abel Gahsaw, Gabrielle Frewayni Tesfaye, and many more.

All proceeds from the print sale will go towards Tensalet Kitchen, a social enterprise that feeds the homeless in Addis Ababa during the coronavirus pandemic. Since the outbreak of COVID-19, Tensalet Kitchen has fed around 100 people daily in the Megegnagna and Tekle Haymanot area.



Faces of Sendafa, Adam Mengistu

Capturing city scenes and rural landscapes, as well as intimate portraits and local activities, the prints showcase the culture of Ethiopia through each artist’s distinct style and perspective.

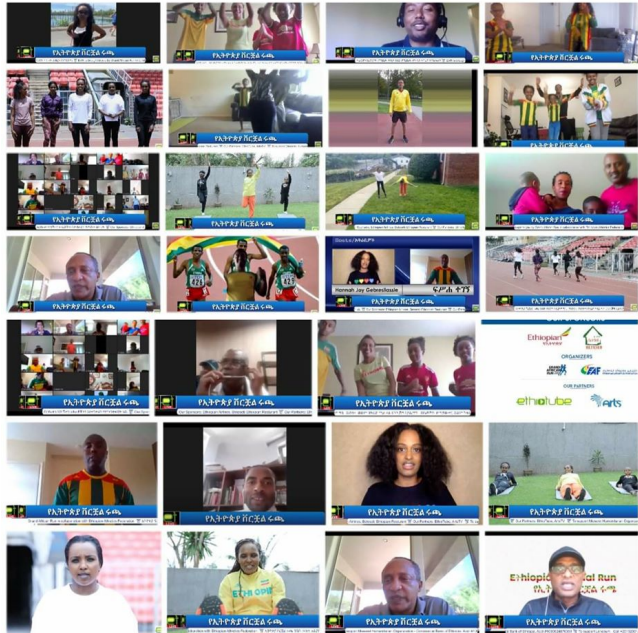
Each print, priced at \$60, are available for purchase for a limited time only – from 14th May – 5th June.

For further information:
W: www.printsforethiopia.com
E: info@printsforethiopia.com

Ethiopian athletes raise funds to fight virus in virtual run

Some of Ethiopia’s famous athletes including the Dibaba sisters, Kenenisa Bekele and legend Derartu Tulu, joined amateur runners from around the world on 16th May for a virtual run to raise funds for Ethiopia’s fight against coronavirus.

Jointly organised by US-based Grand African Run and the Ethiopian Athletics Federations it was streamed live online. Runners connected on Zoom, Facebook Live and YouTube, running on treadmills or on the spot inside their homes, or around their gardens.



Tirunesh Dibaba, who has won three gold medals in the 5,000 and 10,000 metres, ran at an empty National Stadium in Addis Ababa with sisters Genzebe and Ejegayehu, also top athletes. Kenenisa Bekele, also a three-time Olympic champion, ran inside his home with members of his family.

Derartu Tulu, the 1992 and 2000 Olympic champion in the 10,000 metres and the first black African woman to win an Olympic gold, also took part from her garden with her family. “I long for the day this pandemic is over and I run with you all,” she said. “I hope that won’t be too far away.”

#STAYATHOME:

THINGS TO DO

Make the most of lockdown and dedicate some of that extra time to learning something new...

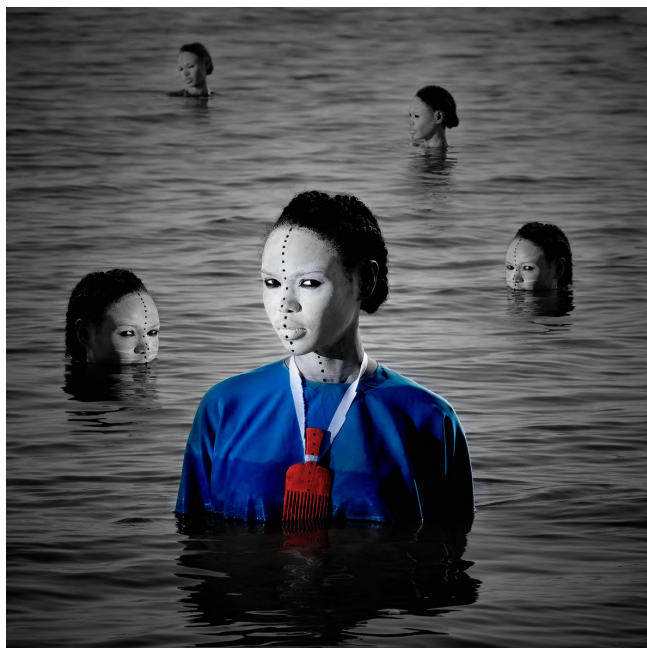
Visit an Art Exhibition



Many exhibitions have been forced to close due to the coronavirus pandemic. This has forced cultural institutions to explore alternative ways to showcase their offerings with online exhibitions now on the rise.

Aïda Muluneh's Homebound: A Journey in Photography

This exhibition was originally set to open on 23rd March but was postponed due to the pandemic.



The first part of *Aïda Muluneh's Homebound: A Journey in Photography*, chronicles Aïda's journey as an artist/photojournalist and her contributions to imaging and image-making in photographic-based works since returning to Ethiopia in 2007, after years of living and practising in North America.

The exhibition focuses on a select number of works with thematic foci that exemplify her interest in issues - from history, identity, politics, home and the current environmental and climate crisis.

The exhibition includes a selection of Aïda's earlier photojournalistic work, when she served as a photographer for the American daily newspaper *The Washington Post*.

The second part, *Addis Foto Fest: Nine Years Survey*, curated by Aïda, reflects on her journey as a founder and director of Addis Foto Fest, established in 2010, a biennial festival of photography organized by Desta for Africa Creative Consulting PLC.

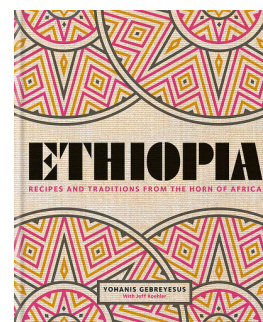
To view the virtual tour and download the exhibition booklet, go to <http://theafricainstitute.org/aida-muluneh.php>.

Cook Ethiopian



Chef Yohanis' debut cookbook, *Ethiopia: Recipes and Traditions from the Horn of Africa*, recently won the 2020 James Beard Foundation Book Award (International).

The cookbook boasts a wealth of Ethiopian dishes for all diets, including vegan and vegetarian, with photos of Ethiopia's artisans and stunning landscapes by Peter Cassidy. It demonstrates why Ethiopian food should be considered one of the world's greatest, most singular and most enchanting cuisines.



To celebrate his award, Chef Yohanis has shared one of his recipes from the book.

Teff Tagliatelle with sprouted Fenugreek and carrots

Serves 4



Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp whole fenugreek seeds
- 3 medium-small carrots, peeled and cut into bite-size lengths
- Salt and freshly-ground black pepper
- A sprig of fresh thyme
- 360ml chicken stock
- 240ml single cream
- 1 heaped tbsp blue cheese
- 150g pitted black olives
- 1 tbsp butter

For the pasta dough

- 165g teff flour
- 150g plus 2 tbsps plain flour, + more for dusting
- 3 large eggs
- 2 tbsp olive oil

Method:

Two days before, start sprouting the fenugreek seeds. Place them in a glass jar, cover with a piece of mesh netting over the neck and secure with a rubber band. Fill the jar with water and soak for 6–8 hours. Drain, rinse and drain again. Place the jar in the light and wait for about 2 days until sprouts appear, rinsing and draining the seeds twice a day. Rinse a final time and spread out on a plate to dry.

In a saucepan of boiling salted water, add the carrots and cook for about 10 minutes until just

tender. Transfer with a slotted spoon to a bowl of cold water to chill. Drain and set aside.

Now make the pasta dough.

On a large, clean work surface, mound the flours and make a well. Crack the eggs into the centre and add 1½ tablespoons of the oil. Beat the eggs with a fork and then mix in flour from the sides, gradually incorporating it all into a single ball. Dust a clean work surface with plain flour and patiently knead the dough until supple, adding a few drops of cold water if necessary.

Cover the dough with a cloth and set aside to rest for 30 minutes.

Generously dust a clean surface again with plain flour and divide the dough into 4 equal balls. Press into a flat disc and then roll. Using a rolling pin or dowel, roll away from the centre, stretching the dough outwards until the thickness of about 1.5mm.

Either cut by hand or using a pasta machine. To cut by hand: Flour both sides of the stretched sheet and loosely roll up into a cylinder. Using a sharp knife, cut 6mm-wide strips and then gently unravel. Dust with flour to keep them from sticking together and gently lay on floured tea-towels. Repeat with the remaining dough and then set aside to dry for 30 minutes.

In a large saucepan over medium heat, add the thyme and stock and cook, simmering, for 5–8 minutes until reduced by about one-third. Stir in the cream and blue cheese and simmer until it has the consistency of a sauce. Remove from the heat. Add the olives and 2–3 tablespoons of the sprouted fenugreek and set aside to infuse for 10 minutes.

In a sauté pan, melt the butter over medium heat and brown the carrots for about 10 minutes. Set aside.

Bring a large pot of salted water to a rolling boil. Add the pasta and cook for about 5 minutes until al dente, stirring from time to time to keep the pasta from clumping together. Drain and shake off any water that clings to the pasta.

Toss the pasta with the sauce and carrots and serve.

Keep Fit at Home

Weekly workouts by Great Ethiopian Run

In recent weeks, the Great Ethiopian Run (GER) has been encouraging people to stay home and do short periods of exercise, as part of their ongoing campaign to promote healthy living.

Backed by a campaign led by long distance legend, Haile Gebrselassie, and other famous Ethiopian athletes, the GER launched its free weekly exercise classes. To take part, go to GER's YouTube page at <https://bit.ly/GERxWorkouts>. The Embassy will also re-share the exercise videos across our social media platforms: @EthioEmbassyUK.

Stay Safe Ethiopia – 5km virtual run



Though GER had to cancel some of its race events, a virtual 5km race in place of the annual road relay is scheduled to take place from 1st-7th June.

Registration for the race “**Stay Safe Ethiopia – 5km virtual run**” has started. Please register online at <https://bit.ly/GER5kRun> or email GER at virtualrun@ethiopianrun.org.

A registration entry fee of £10 has been set, with all fees being donated to combat COVID-19.

Please note that there are a maximum number of 500 places for the race. Once all 500 places have been taken, registration for the race will close.

Every participant in the 5km virtual run will receive their own finishers' medal which will be delivered to their home. Organizers will make sure each participant has completed the 5km run on the specified dates.



Run with the world's best athletes - Kenenisa and Kipchoge

Virtual races don't get better than this! Distance running greats Kenenisa Bekele, Kenya's Eluid Kipchoge and others will be taking part in a virtual team relay marathon on 6th – 7th June 2020.



To participate in the “[MA RATHON](#),” which is free and open to all runners worldwide to enter, participants can register in teams of four, or can register individually and be randomly placed on a team with three other runners. And if you're lucky, you could be teamed up with Kenenisa or Eluid!

Each relay runner will run 10.5km sometime between 12:01 a.m. on 6th June and 11:59 p.m. on 7th June, for a total of 42km (26.2 miles). The four 10.5km splits will be combined for an overall team time, to determine the winning team.

“We all miss the excitement of the big city marathons and hope this will bring our athletes and fans together,” NN Running Team director Jos Hermens said in a press release. “In these difficult times we like to challenge people to stay active and to go for a run.”

Registration now open at: www.nnrunningteam.com/marathon.

Watch a documentary

Kenenisa Bekele



Ethiopian distance running legend, Kenenisa Bekele, looks back on some of the highs and lows of his incredible career so far.



The first and only athlete to be crowned an Olympic, World Outdoor, World Indoor and World Cross Country champion, he has snared 21 global titles (including U20 titles) and shattered six world records during a glittering career.

Born in the Oromia region of Ethiopia, hotbed for so much of the world's premier endurance running talent, the former footballer quickly enjoyed success as a runner. In 2001, he grabbed the World Junior Cross Country title and just 12 months later secured the senior short and long course double at the IAAF World Cross Country Championships in Dublin. His triumph in the Irish capital ushered in a period of global dominance on both track and cross country.

Kenenisa went on to secure a further nine World Cross Country titles and five World outdoor track titles and three Olympic crowns; winning 10,000m gold at the 2004 Athens Games and at the 2008 Beijing Games he became the first man since his countryman Miruts Yifter, 28 years earlier, to complete the 5,000m and 10,000m double.

During this period of unprecedented distance dominance, he smashed six world records and still holds world record marks for the 5,000m (12:37.35) and 10,000m (26:17.53).

In recent times, Kenenisa has switched his focus to the marathon. After an impressive debut over the distance in Paris, when he set a course record 2:05:03, he has continued to impress. In 2016, he scalped two minutes from his lifetime best to set an Ethiopian record of 2:03:03 to climbing to number two all-time. Kenenisa endured a challenging couple of seasons with injury but bounced back to his vintage best at the 2019 Berlin Marathon. There he produced a performance to stun the athletics world by winning in a time of 2:01:41 - a tantalising two seconds shy of Eliud Kipchoge's world record.

Kenenisa opened his competitive 2020 campaign with victory in a course record time of 60:22 at the Vitality Big Half in London.

Watch the documentary on the NN Running Team YouTube page: <https://youtu.be/7rLZb7y8z0s>

Support local business

Habesha Care Packages



The COVID-19 pandemic has been a challenging time for everyone, but has brought about opportunities for others. Selam Amare, an Ethiopian social entrepreneur has launched Habesha Care Packages – aimed at highlighting small Ethiopian businesses and start-ups to help market their products.

HABESHA CARE PACKAGE

Habesha traders unite to offer exclusive care packages for the whole family in these difficult times:



Starting from £15, there are a number of packages, including different products such as Ethiopian coffee, books, food products and garments.

For further information, visit: www.selamleethiopia.com.

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File photo: Ambassador Fesseha and his family with the Marshall of the Diplomatic Corps

Ambassador Fesseha concludes his tour of duty

On 10th May, Ambassador Fesseha and his family departed the United Kingdom following the relinquishment of his appointment as Ethiopian Ambassador to the United Kingdom.

Ambassador Fesseha assumed his duties in the UK in March 2019, bringing with him almost 30 years of experience having served at Diplomatic Missions in Juba, Nairobi, Mogadishu and Cairo, as well as in various posts within Ethiopia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In a very productive year in London, Ambassador Fesseha further strengthened Ethio-UK relations and renewed the Ethiopian government's relations with its extensive diaspora, overseeing the establishment of a range of diaspora support fora, which all support the new Ethiopian Diaspora Agency.

The Ambassador's tenure saw the Embassy opening its facilities for the first time, for use by the Ethiopian community and culminated with him hosting his maiden Town Hall meeting with over

1,200 Diaspora held under the theme "Building a Bridge for Peace and Unity".

Speaking in March 2019, the Ambassador said, "I was encouraged by and elated with the sense of unadulterated patriotism of Ethiopians who live here in the United Kingdom and am very keen to further enhance my engagement with them."

Various events have since been hosted at the Embassy including book launches, charity fundraisers, talks, business roundtables and even the Embassy's first art exhibition!

One of the major events of 2019 which the Ambassador oversaw was perhaps the historic ceremonial hand-over of locks of hair of one of Ethiopia's most popular Emperors – Tewodros II – at the National Army Museum in London. The return revitalised the wider restitution issue both in the UK and abroad, and saw H.E. Dr Hirut Kassaw, Minister of Culture, Tourism and Sport, on her debut visit to the UK urge museums to return looted artefacts to their rightful home.

The Ambassador also spoke at a range of seminars and events including an Overseas Development Institute event entitled *Financing the future of the Belt and Road in Africa*, and a briefing at the International Institute of Strategic Studies (IISS) in London on Ethiopia's domestic reforms and priorities in the Horn of Africa.

Among his final duties, the Ambassador accompanied the Deputy PM Demeke Mekonnen at the first UK-Africa Summit in London, which brought together leaders from 21 African countries and potential investors, days before the UK left the European Union.

During his tenure, the Embassy was also presented with the BRAAD Award (British Award for African Development) for "*The Embassy with Outstanding International Relations in 2019*".

At the conclusion of his posting, the Ambassador commented:

“My work in consolidating the vibrant and productive relations my country enjoys both with Her Majesty’s Government and the people of the British Isles would not have been possible without the excellent engagement we enjoy with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the House of Commons All Party Group on Ethiopia and a growing galaxy of British businesses. I would also like to commend all the dedicated and hardworking staff who keep the Embassy running, even during these uncertain times.”

In an excerpt of the Court Circular published in the *The Times* newspaper, Mr Alistair Harrison, Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, said “By command of The Queen, [I] telephoned His Excellency Mr Fesseha Shawel Gebre this morning in order to bid farewell to [him] upon relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador from the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to the Court of St James’s.”

We wish His Excellency all the very best in his new posting.

LOCAL NEWS

84% of tree seedlings grow from last year's planting campaign

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said that the national average for seedlings that have grown over the last year stands at 84%. This follows the Green Legacy Initiative planting campaign last year which resulted in 4 billion trees (40 trees per person) being planted.

Extensive care-taking work has been undertaken throughout the country to cultivate planted seedlings, the premier said, adding that pre-operational activities are currently underway to plant millions of trees during the upcoming rainy season.

On 29th July 2019, Ethiopians all over the country planted a record 353 million trees under the Green Legacy Initiative.

This year, the target is to plant 5 billion trees as part of efforts to help fight climate change and deforestation. Up to 20 billion seedlings will be planted over the next four years.

Election update

It is to be recalled that, once the National Electoral Board of Ethiopia had officially declared that it would not be able to conduct the general elections slated for August 2020 because of the strains caused by COVID-19, it decided to seek constitutional interpretation by the House of People's Representatives.

The House of People's Representatives (HPR) passed a resolution to seek a constitutional interpretation to address the electoral postponement, from the Council of Constitutional Inquiry.

The advisory opinion tabled by the Council of Constitutional Inquiry passed through a series of extensive consultations with constitutional law experts, relevant institutions and prominent individuals and it has delivered its advisory opinion to the House of Federation (HoF).

Ethiopia to issue two telecom licences

Following Prime Minister Abiy's announcement of plans to liberalise the economy and allow foreign and private investors into key state-owned companies, the Ethiopian Communications Authority (ECA) is proceeding with plans to privatise the telecoms sector, after delays caused by the coronavirus pandemic.



"The issuance of the two new licences, in addition to the existing licence held by Ethio Telecom, is part of the Government's Homegrown Economic Reform Agenda to introduce competition into the sector," the regulator said in a statement. "The liberalisation process is continuing amid the COVID-19 crisis, which shows the government's strong will to fight the pandemic while keeping track of the ongoing economic reforms," it added.

ECA is inviting bidders to submit their interest for the acquisition of two telecom licences, by 22nd June. According to the ECA, by awarding these licences, the primary goal of the government is to ensure reliable and accessible communications for all Ethiopians.

The licences will be awarded through a "competitive bidding process". Successful companies will be able to build, own and operate a nationwide telecoms network, including an international gateway.

Ethiopia's telecoms industry is considered a big prize. Several international telecom operators have already expressed interest, including Kenya's Safaricom, France's Orange, South Africa's MTN and Zimbabwe's Econet Global.

Ethiopia receives \$10m In Clean Technology Fund to diversify energy

The Trust Fund Committee of the Clean Technology Fund (CTF) has approved a \$10 million loan for the development of the 50MW Tulu Moye Geothermal Power Plant project in Ethiopia. The project will support Ethiopia's drive to harness sustainable and resilient energy resources. With this investment, CTF becomes the **first geothermal Independent Power Producer (IPP) in Ethiopia.**

"We welcome CTF's participation in this project. These concessional resources will help the country to diversify its energy mix by facilitating the deployment of renewable energy technologies while supporting Ethiopia in meeting the targets under its National Electrification Plan 2.0," said Anthony Nyong, Director of Climate Change and Green Growth at the Bank.

The project entails the construction, commissioning and operation of a 50MW geothermal power plant under a Build, Own, Operate and Transfer (BOOT) scheme, and marks the first phase of the Ethiopian government's plan to build a cumulative generation capacity of 150MW by 2024.

Antony Karembu, Principal Investment Officer and Renewable Energy Specialist at the African Development Bank said that as the first geothermal Independent Power Producer in Ethiopia, CTF will leverage climate finance options in mobilizing private sector operators for the project. "The project should curb greenhouse gas emissions by over 10 million tons CO₂ equivalent in its lifetime and will create around 600 jobs" Karembu said.

\$2 billion earned from exports in 9 months despite COVID-19 pandemic

The Ministry of Trade and Industry said Ethiopia earned \$2.09 billion from exports in the past nine months, an increase of 10% compared to last year. Despite the pandemic, export of flowers, vegetables and fruits surpassed the target. The country also managed to achieve 75% of its target for export of textiles, coffee, natural gum and electronics, while the target for tantalum, oilseeds, pulses, meat and tea were from 50-74%.

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A Pledge for Africa

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In his latest op-ed, Prime Minister Abiy calls for more support for developing countries to combat COVID-19 and avoid a second wave of the virus.

“[African] leaders welcome the offers that are now coming in of test kits, ventilators and personal protective equipment (PPE) from the developed world. But if we are to turn the tide against COVID-19, the world’s richest countries must respond to the developing world’s pleas for a comprehensive strategy to overcome the dual public-health and economic crisis we face.”

“In 34 of Sub-Saharan Africa’s 45 countries, annual *per capita* health spending is below \$200 – and barely reaches \$50 in many of these countries. Such low levels of spending make it impossible to fund acute-care hospital beds, ventilators, and the drugs needed to confront diseases like COVID-19.

Many of the measures available to richer economies – lockdowns and even frequent handwashing – cannot easily be implemented in much of the developing world. In cities, social distancing is all but impossible, and there are not enough resources to provide adequate sanitation and, in many cases, the running water that people need.

So, what must be done? For starters, Africa’s governments need an immediate flow of funds to enable investment in healthcare and social safety nets. Here, the most effective starting point is debt relief. We in Africa are asking for this support not only for ourselves, though our needs in this crisis are perhaps greater than they have ever been. We seek the help of the developed countries so that we can do our best to protect the entire world from a return of this scourge.

Africa may be among the last places on Earth to be struck by COVID-19, but the disease remains as deadly as ever. If we are to eliminate the threat, every country needs to do what it can to accelerate the search for a vaccine and ensure that it is available everywhere.”

Read more: <https://bit.ly/APledgeForAfrica>



Q&A: How Ethiopia's health minister is preparing for coronavirus



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In an interview with Thomson Reuters Foundation, Dr Lia

Tadesse, Ethiopia's health minister, talks about the measures being rolled out to keep Ethiopia safe from coronavirus. Dr Lia became health minister in mid-March, a day before Ethiopia registered its first COVID-19 case.



Are you concerned that Ethiopia's fragile health system could soon be overwhelmed?

If we get a lot of severe cases, then that will definitely overwhelm the system. We are seeing this happen, not only in Ethiopia, but across the world. We are preparing by increasing our intensive care capacity and issuing more ventilators to treatment facilities in Addis Ababa and other regions.

Is the deployment of thousands of female community health workers across the country to educate and screen individuals working?

It's in progress. We only started this recently so we're hoping it will really support our response.

Early detection is a key point for the mitigation of the epidemic. These health workers are doing house-to-house surveillance to identify possible symptoms like fevers and coughs.

They are also identifying people who have other illnesses but have not sought medical attention due to fears of the COVID epidemic.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/DrLia-TR>

No lockdown, few ventilators, but Ethiopia is beating Covid-19



Pick up the phone in Ethiopia these days and you are greeted not by a ringtone but with a jingle urging the benefits of handwashing, social distancing and face masks, writes David Pilling for the *Financial Times*. “Churches and mosques are closed, with services conducted electronically. According to officials, community health workers have screened an astonishing 40m people in 11m households, verifying their travel history and conducting routine temperature checks.”

Authorities have readied quarantine places for 50,000 people and 15,000 beds in isolation centres. Most of these have not been needed. For whatever reasons, Ethiopia has, thus far, avoided the worst of the coronavirus pandemic.

The number [of COVID-19 cases] has shot up in recent days, perhaps as a consequence of ramped-up testing or a sign that community transmission is gathering pace...Yet there is little clear evidence of widespread outbreaks unaccounted for in official numbers, and even if the number of deaths were many times the state-sanctioned figure, they would still be small. The UK, a country with a little over half Ethiopia’s population, has recorded about 6,000 times more deaths.

Ethiopia’s technocratic government decided it could not afford a rich-country response to the virus...When the pandemic began, it had 22 ventilators dedicated to Covid. Instead of strict lockdown, Ethiopia chose a response built around public messaging. “This is not a disease you fight by ventilators or intensive care units,” says Mr Arkebe, senior minister and special adviser to the PM. “90% of the solution is hand washing and social distancing. The only way we can play and win is if we focus on prevention.”

At a time when the world is trying to figure out which national responses have worked and which have failed, tentative judgments have to be made. For the moment at least, Ethiopia seems to be winning.

Read more: <https://on.ft.com/3cqTz2d>

Ethiopia steps in to deliver respirators to Latin Americans

Ethiopia has emerged as a key transit hub for the shipment of much sought-after medical equipment to Latin America, as poorer countries complain they are being muscled out of the market by richer nations and their cargo seized during refuelling stops in Europe and the US.



Personal protective equipment is loaded at Ethiopian Airlines’ cargo facility at Bole international airport in Addis Ababa

“There are market forces and government pressures at play, competition is fierce [to get medical equipment],” said Flávio Dino, the governor of the north-eastern Brazilian state of Maranhão. After such “frustrations”, he added, he decided to bring equipment through Addis Ababa. Only then, he said, “deu certo” — it went right.

“We said, ‘OK guys, you are in need of assistance, we are here in good times and bad times and we are going to support you’,” said Girum Abebe, director for Latin America at Ethiopian Airlines, the state-run airline.

With Latin American carriers under strain Ethiopian Airlines, using a new \$360m terminal in Addis Ababa, is now delivering equipment not only to Brazil but also Chile, Colombia and Ecuador, with plans to fly to Argentina and Peru as well.

In Africa, Addis Ababa had already established itself as a hub for distributing medical equipment, including shipments of masks and diagnostics donated by the Jack Ma Foundation. “We want to make sure we keep this supply road open between Asia, Africa and South America,” said Mr Girum.

Read more: <https://on.ft.com/3eDogCP>

Vivobarefoot's New Handcrafted Footwear Supports Ethiopian Artisans



Vivobarefoot's Soul of Africa social enterprise initiative has long worked to provide income and employment for Ethiopian artisans. Now, the footwear brand is debuting a collection of handmade shoes crafted in Addis Ababa.

Known for its minimalist footwear, Vivobarefoot has already released two shoes from the trio, with plans to release the third soon.

Co-founder Galahad Clark said:

“Ethiopia is on its way to becoming one of the world’s main industrial manufacturing centers for textiles and footwear.”

“It is important to London-born Vivobarefoot to take a community-focused approach to footwear production in the region, he added, and one that’s rooted in transparency.”



“We decided to open up a new manufacturing hub but with a different approach to what you see at the other factories in the region,” Clark told *Sourcing Journal*. “We focused on creating a transparent and sustainable supply chain and factory, sourcing as many materials as we can locally.”

Eight-year-old Vivobarefoot hopes the factory production line, set up in conjunction with Pittards - among Africa’s most reputable tanneries - can play an important role in supporting “human-centered development,” he added.

The collection’s two leather shoes are exclusively crafted with Pittards Wild Hide Leather, a material sourced from small Ethiopian farmers, in a factory powered with hydro and solar energy.

Pittards has a unique relationship with the community, Clark said, and has been trading with Ethiopia for more than a century.

“Leather here is a 100% by-product of the local economy,” Clark said. “So far, Pittards have created jobs for 1,500 people here in Ethiopia, and they are determined to sustain and grow the operations.”

Pittards is also committed to the well-being of its employees and local communities, Clark added, providing clean water to nearby areas while supporting local schools.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/Vivo-Pittards-ETH>

Ethiopia’s First Female Superhero Comic 'Hawi' Nominated for 'Best Graphic Novel'

Founder of Etan Comics and Ethiopian writer, Beserat Debebe, **okayafrica**, has been nominated for this year's **NOMMO Awards for African Speculative Fiction** for his *Hawi* comic in the category of "Best Graphic Novel".

Hawi is the first female comic to ever come out of Ethiopia. Additionally, Debebe's *Jember*, which was the country's first ever comic, made it onto the long-list in the same category.



'Hawi' is Ethiopia's first female superhero comic book.

Hawi, as described in *OkayAfrica's* interview with Debebe, "centers a female superhero, a young Ethiopian woman named Ement Legesse, who is tasked with having to rescue her mother after she's abducted. The colourful visuals are stunning and showcase Debebe's talented team of African artists and their unique ability to capture the vibrancy of Ethiopia. A story about returning to one's roots and having the courage to rise above the challenges that come with seeking reconciliation and belonging, it's one we can all relate to whether literally or figuratively."

Following its wildly successful kick-starter, *Hawi* has become a beloved work of art not just for Ethiopians but Africans across the continent and the diaspora.

Speaking about the recent nomination, Debebe said, "I loved fantasy stories but I'd never considered myself as a writer. All I wanted was to see a story with places I recognize and characters that think like me. To see this journey balloon from a simple "what if" into a community of passionate fans is exciting and motivating."

Read more: <https://bit.ly/NOMMOxHawi>

Want to eat less meat? Take a page from these cultures that already do



As the pandemic pokes holes in [the] meat supply chain, many people are thinking about eating less meat or even going vegetarian.

[India, Indonesia, Ethiopia and Nigeria] are among countries with low rates of meat consumption or high rates of vegetarianism, according to a 2019 agricultural report from the Organisation for

Economic Co-operation and Development and the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization.

These cultures have a tradition of making produce, grains and legumes the stars of their meals, all appreciating the varieties of flavours, textures and ingredients that make a good vegetarian dish.

Ethiopia: Religion limits when meat can be eaten here

Religion influences the consumption of meat and when — and the types of animals permissible to eat.

Ethiopian Orthodox Christians fast from meat and dairy for approximately 250 days per year. Because of this custom, a lot of Ethiopian food "is vegetarian-based to begin with," said Ethiopian-Swedish chef and restaurateur, Marcus Samuelsson.



"Meat costs a lot of money," he said. "A lot of cultures didn't have a lot of animals but had to survive through greens, through legumes, through other ways. And then you still want it to be

delicious, so the cooking techniques evolved from that."

If you're ready to embark on your vegetarian journey, there are several recipes you can start with...You could make Samuelsson's injera - a sour, spongy fermented flatbread made from teff flour. It's the national dish of Ethiopia and fundamental to the country's dining experience.

Read more: <https://cnn.it/30155ia>

Embassy Emergency Contacts

Due to the impact of the Coronavirus and Government guidance advice, most of our staff are working remotely until further notice. Please note the following contact details for any urgent enquiries during this time. Read our COVID-19 approach in full via our website at <https://bit.ly/COVID19-EEUKv2>.

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ADVISORY

Travelling to the UK

From 8th June, there will be new rules in place for entering the UK because of COVID-19. The rules apply to UK residents and visitors.

All travellers will be required to provide their journey and contact details upon arrival and will not be allowed to leave the place they are staying for the first 14 days in the UK, except in very limited situations.

The Embassy advises all Ethiopians travelling to the UK to check the [latest public health advice on coronavirus](#) before travelling. Further information is available at: <https://bit.ly/uk-border-control>.

Advice for UK visa applicants and temporary residents

Due to the effects of COVID-19, the UK Home Office has updated their guidance for visa customers and applicants who are currently in the UK.

If you are an Ethiopian in the UK and your leave expires between 24th January 2020 and 31st July 2020, your visa will be extended to 31st July 2020 if you cannot leave the UK because of travel restrictions or self-isolation related to coronavirus. You must request an extension by updating your records with the Coronavirus Immigration Team.

Applicants will be expected to return to their home country as soon as it is safe and possible to do so.

For further guidance, including for those applying to stay in the UK long-term, go to <https://bit.ly/UKVI-Covid19>.

Living in Ethiopia

The British Embassy in Addis Ababa has published some guidance for British Nationals living in Ethiopia, including advice on health, education, residence requirements, finance, moving to the UK and more.

The publication ***Support for British Nationals Abroad: A Guide*** sets out the steps that British nationals can take to stay safe abroad and provides details on what help the Foreign and Commonwealth Office can provide in case of emergencies.

For further information about the guide, go to <https://bit.ly/living-in-ethiopia>. British nationals requiring consular assistance while in Ethiopia should [contact the British Embassy in Addis Ababa](#).

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