

Coping with COVID-19 in Ethiopia

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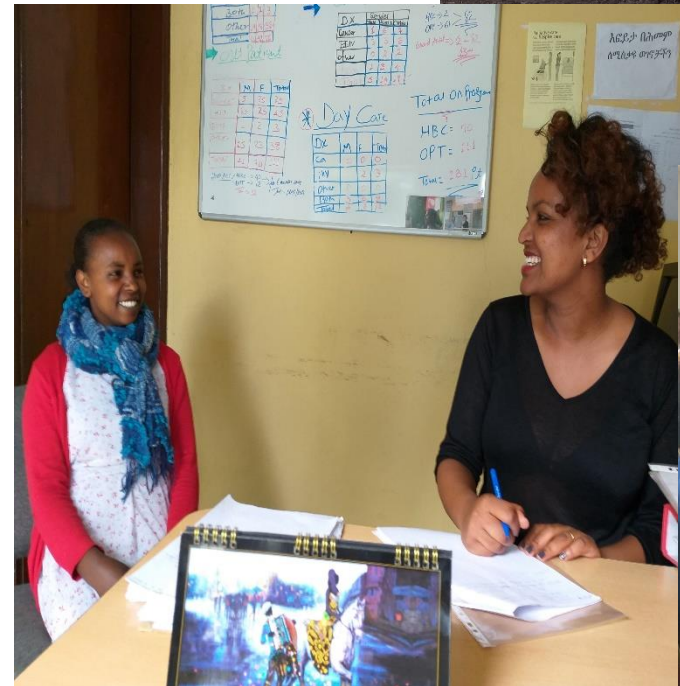


Background on Hospice Ethiopia

- Founded in 2003 as the first hospice in Ethiopia
- Registered as non-profit NGO
- Envisioned to be a center of excellence in the provision of hospice/palliative care to people living with life threatening illness in Ethiopia
- Mission: provide compassionate, affordable, accessible and culturally appropriate palliative care to those in need.

Programs

- Home based care
- Out patient care
- Day care
- Training



Palliative care service provision during corona pandemic

Major challenges and coping with corona pandemic:

- Patients were greatly affected socio-economically, and psychologically by corona pandemic
- Affected the provision of services by HE and reduced new patient referral
- One of the senior nurses was confirmed positive for COVID-19
- Staff frustration of corona pandemic
- HE has given training on the provision of PC for corona positive people

Local partnerhip

- HE launched the first outreach in Bahirdar
- Working in collaboration with Hawasa referral hospital
- HE is working with Zewditu, Tikur Anbesa, Yekatit hospitals and MoH in Addis Ababa

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