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News and Updates

CORHA had a discussion with the United States of America Congress members.



Mr. Abebe Kebede, the Executive Director of the Consortium of Reproductive Health Association, met with five USA representatives; The United States House of Representatives is the lower chamber of the United

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organized by PAI, Mr. Abebe Kebede had an opportunity to discuss with four US representatives of the congress.

Chrissy Houlahan who is House Intelligence Committee, Pro-choice caucus and Democratic women's caucus, **Sara Jacobs** who is House Foreign Affairs Committee, African Subcommittee, Global Health, Global Human Rights and international organization subcommittee and also House Leadership (caucus Leadership representative), Pro-choice caucus, congressional equity caucus (vice chair), Democratic women's caucus, **Grace Meng** pro-choice caucus (International Task Force Lead) congressional equity caucus (Vice chair) Democratic women's caucus looking into founding a menstrual equity caucus grace, **Norma Torres**, House Appropriations Committee, state foreign operations and related programs subcommittee as well as vice chairperson of Pro-choice caucus and outreach co-chair of Democratic women's caucus. Four of the representatives have their area of interest, interlinked with CORHAs area of interest like Global SRHR access, International family planning funding, African Policy and Ending Child Poverty. [Click here to read more](#)

A validation workshop on strengthening capacity and catalyzing change

High-level consultative meeting to galvanize partners action on Ethiopia's Every New born Action Plan and Ending Preventable Maternal Mortality commitments.



A validation workshop on strengthening capacity and catalyzing change for research and communication was held on April 4, 2023, at the Hilton Hotel. CORHA had been partnered with AAU School of public health, the Guttmacher Institute, and the St. Paul Institute for Reproductive Health and Rights in an abortion research capacity-strengthening initiative. The main objective of this partnership is to establish technical cooperation and exchange between SPIRHR, CORHA, and the Guttmacher Institute



CORHA in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, held a high-level consultative meeting on 30 June 2023 in Addis Ababa, to galvanize partner action on Ethiopia's Every Newborn Action Plan (ENAP) and Ending Preventable Maternal Mortality (EPMM) commitments. The meeting was aimed at discussing progress, challenges and opportunities for multi-sector actions on achieving Ethiopia ENAP/EPMM action plans; and discussing and identifying key recommendations for increased partner participation and

Communications Partners. The project included a baseline need assessment, Identifying candidate trainees at different levels, provision of cycles of training, and grant support for selected researchers.

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plans.

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High-Level technical dialogue on Harmful Traditional Practices in Ethiopia



CORHA in collaboration with the Ministry of Health Ethiopia, MOWSA, UNFPA, and Spanish cooperation organized a High-Level technical dialogue on Harmful Traditional practices in Ethiopia.

As Dr Meseret Zelalem, MCAH LEO at the Ministry of Health Ethiopia, indicated in her keynote speech, Traditional Harmful practice has been an issue for Ethiopia for more than two decades. Though Ethiopia ratified the international laws regarding HTP, still there are several cases coming to the health centres caused by HTP, especially child marriage and teenage pregnancy. This shows that there is still a long way to go to combat child marriage and other HTPs.

The main aim of Today's Dialogue is to identify the bottlenecks for intervention, discuss different stakeholders' contributions to fight HTPs, develop priority actions to improve sexual and reproductive health and rights of women and girls as well as document the best practices and lessons. [click here to read more.](#)

CORHA and Ministry of Health organized a program coordination platform meeting.

Establishment of the Ethiopian Youth Council

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Reproductive Health, Family Planning, Adolescent and youth health (RHFAYH) lead executive office in collaboration with CORHA and other partners organized a program coordination platform day-long meeting, Today May 2 at Captial Hotel, Addis Ababa.

This meeting was organized to discuss the coordination platform TOR, endorsement and nomination of secretariats, discuss the 9-month plan performance report and other updates, share low-cost or cost-effective high-impact best practices, to voice young people engagement in health programming as well as to bring a joint call to action.

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CORHA supported and participated in the establishment of the Ethiopian Youth Council held on 02 April 2023 at Skylight Hotel. The youth council is believed to solve the various problems of Ethiopian Youth. Therefore, it needs to be strengthened and supported to fulfil all the responsibilities. Minister of EFDRE Ministry of Logistics and Transport and Honorable guest of the day announce the establishment of the Council.

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Members News in Brief

In this page you will read the stories from our member organizations.

**New Bright Community
Development Center**

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New Bright Community Development Center celebrated Menstrual Hygiene Day

New Bright Community Development Center celebrated Menstrual Hygiene Day, which is being celebrated for the 10th time globally, at Entoto Amba General Secondary and Atse Neakutoleab Primary School with over 300 students, teachers, and members of the school community. This year's theme and hashtags are “Making menstruation a normal fact of life by 2030.”

The main purpose of this program is to increase male student and teacher participation and awareness and to reduce the stigma about menstruation in schools.

hashtags have been used to create awareness. Besides the message communicated by health professionals, short plays, poems, questions and answers, and students' testimonies were presented to the audience.



DSW ETHIOPIA SHARES ITS GOOD PRACTICES AT AN ANNUAL CSO-WEEK

Civil Society Organizations(CSOs) in Ethiopia celebrated the annual “CSO-Week 2023” at Ghion Hotel in Addis Ababa from 7-9 June 2023. The event took place under the aegis of the Authority for Civil Society Organization (ACSO), a government entity overseeing all registered non-governmental organizations operating in Ethiopia. The three-day annual gathering entertained a host of activities, including exhibitions, bazaar, conference and panel discussions on topical development issues. The three-day event saw a host of other activities engaging the government stakeholders, public members and representatives of the CSOs in panel discussions on sexual and reproductive health rights issues and other related topics at separate venues. DSW Ethiopia was represented by its country director, Feyera Assefa, who participated in one of the panel discussions where the thematic focus was relevant to DSW's works. Panellists comprised speakers from the David & Lucile Packard Foundation, Marie Stopes International (MSI) and Pathfinder. [Click here to read more](#)

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- CSOs' capacity on practicing safeguarding, safe programming and safe recruitment is enhanced.
- CSOs have incorporated safeguarding issues in their project proposal and some of them have secured a budget for implementing Safeguarding.
- Partner CSOs have developed safeguarding risk assessments and implemented risk mitigation.
- Partner CSOs have established case management teams and included safeguarding case management systems in their HR manual.



- ECSOC's capacity on practising safeguarding, safe programming and recruitment enhanced and it has incorporated Safeguarding issues in the CSOs Code of Conduct
- Government partners have committed to mainstream safeguarding, safe programming and safe recruitment issues in the institution.



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