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The Highlights

The Ethiopian North American Health Professionals Association (ENAHPA), a network of more than 500 medical and non-medical professionals and volunteers from the United States and Canada, has had many notable achievements in its endeavor to address the Ethiopian healthcare crisis through medical mission trips and other social initiatives.

- Dr. Ingida Asfaw performed Ethiopia's first open-heart surgery in October 2003.
 - Medical mission teams visited Ethiopia in May, July and October of 2006. The ENAHPA teams performed a total of 203 surgeries, many of which were new and complex procedures in the areas of cardiac, neurological, oral and maxillofacial, otolaryngology and several others.
 - ENAHPA broke ground on the Al-Amoudi and Volvo Maternal Child Health Center in Awassa, Ethiopia in 2006. The center will serve as a "pilot" program for nine other centers in different regions of the nation. Plymouth United Church of Christ, Detroit, Michigan is a partner in this project.
 - ENAHPA and the Christian Children's Fund of Canada (CCFC) formed a partnership that allowed for the largest free distribution of antiretroviral medications in the country for people with HIV/AIDS.
 - ENAHPA received a \$250,000 contribution from The Clinton Foundation in 2006 that it used to create a pediatric arm of HIV care at the ALERT Hospital.
 - Out of nearly 4,500 nationwide nominees, Dr. Ingida Asfaw was the recipient of the 2006 Volvo for Life Awards and was named America's Greatest Hometown Hero. The prize included \$100,000 USD which was donated to ENAHPA's Maternal Child Health Center.
 - In 2006, ENAHPA delivered surgical equipment, medical supplies, pharmaceutical products and 45,000 textbooks and journals to universities and healthcare institutions in Ethiopia.
- A 15-year-old patient receives a double heart valve implant.

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The Programs

The Ethiopian North American Health Professionals Association (ENAHPA) provides a wide range of medical and surgical care as well as educational, preventative and public healthcare initiatives.

• HIV/AIDS Initiative

ENAHPA, in collaboration with the Christian Children's Fund of Canada (CCFC) and the Federal Ethiopian Ministry of Health, initiated an Antiretroviral Treatment (ART) program for AIDS victims living in poverty stricken Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The partnership allowed for the first major free distribution of antiretroviral medications in the country for people with HIV/AIDS.

• Oral Maxillofacial Surgery Program

ENAHPA's oral maxillofacial surgery (OMFS) team visits Ethiopia once a year to treat adults and children with facial clefts, maxillofacial and anatomical abnormalities. Ethiopian institutions provide operating rooms on a full-time basis for the surgeries and the OMFS team provides the supplies and surgical equipment needed to perform the surgeries. Each team consists of craniofacial specialists, plastic surgeons, ear, nose and throat physicians and anesthesiologists.

• Distance Learning

ENAHPA, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health in Ethiopia, created a distance learning program in 2003 Ethiopian healthcare professionals. As part of this program, ENAHPA has completed three short-term "Training of the Trainer" modules in HIV medicine and malaria. Working with Johns Hopkins University Division of Infectious Diseases, ENAHPA has certified a core group of 21 healthcare workers in HIV medicine and will train others in various public, academic and non-governmental sectors.

• Maternal Child Health Program (Safe Motherhood)

ENAHPA created the Maternal Child Health Program to provide prenatal screening, healthcare and birthing centers for mothers and their newborns. ENAHPA broke ground on the first center, the Al-Amoudi and Volvo Maternal Child Health Center in Awassa, Ethiopia in 2006. The center will serve as a "pilot" program for nine other centers in different regions of the nation.

• Orphan Support Program

The AIDS epidemic in Ethiopia has caused an unprecedented tragedy among families that has created an estimated one million orphans. ENAHPA has started an orphan sponsorship program that will provide these orphans with food, clothing, shelter and educational assistance for \$20-\$30 a month. ENAHPA's key partner in this endeavor is the HIV/AIDS Prevention Care and Support Organization (HAPCSO), located in Addis Ababa's Kolfe Keraniyo community, an area where up to 90% of families earn less than \$9.40 a month.

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