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Dear Esteemed Members, Partners, and Friends,

As we gather to reflect on the past quarter, I am humbled and inspired by the impactful initiatives spearheaded by the Ethiopian Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ESOG). Our commitment to advancing maternal and newborn health has taken significant strides, and it is with great pleasure that I share some of the key highlights with you.

ESOG recently hosted the inception meeting for the FIGO Leadership Development Initiative Project at the Inter Luxury Hotel on September 22, 2023. Attended by representatives from the Ministry of Health, Regional Health Bureaus, local and international organizations, this meeting marked the commencement of a transformative project. Supported and overseen by FIGO, this initiative, generously funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, aims to enhance leadership skills within ESOG and the healthcare system. Over the next three years, we will focus on improving evidence-based clinical practices in maternal and newborn health, addressing implementation gaps, and fostering strong leadership to decrease maternal morbidity and mortality.

Our collaboration will extend to St. Paul's Hospital Millennium Medical College, Marie Stopes International Ethiopia, Adare General Hospital, and

Wolkite University Hospital. Through strategic partnerships with entities such as the Ministry of Health, UN agencies, professional associations, CSOs, NGOs, and the Addis Continental Institute of Public Health, we aim to ensure gender considerations remain central to our leadership transformation efforts.

ESOG, recognizing the power of collaboration, organized a meeting of communications staff working in institutions under The Consortium of Reproductive Health Associations (CORHA) on August 17, 2023. This meeting resulted in the establishment of a Communications Committee for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR). By bringing together communication officers from various institutions, including CHORA, Engender Health, Marie Stopes International Ethiopia, and ESOG, we aim to strengthen our collective impact in changing narratives around abortion and other sexual and reproductive health care and rights.

The committee has already identified key areas of focus, including expanding membership outreach and creating a network of media professionals dedicated to SRHR issues. We are excited about the potential of this committee and look forward to witnessing the positive change it can bring.

In this somber moment,

ESOG Conducted an Inception Meeting



The Ethiopian Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ESOG) conducted an inception meeting for FIGO Leadership Development Initiative Project at Inter Luxury Hotel on September 22, 2023.

The launching meeting was attended by representatives from the Ministry of Health, Regional Health Bureaus where the project is implemented, local and international organizations, among others.

Leadership Development Initiative: Improving Maternal and newborn health outcomes through Advocacy and Improved Care project supported and overseen by FIGO will support leadership development to change health care systems so that maternal morbidity and mortality decrease, and birth outcomes improve. It relies on promoting and developing leaders and leadership within ESOG and the health care system in order to achieve improved maternal health and birth outcomes.

The initiative funded by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation through FIGO will be working in improving the leadership skills in enhancing and elevating evidence based clinical practices within the maternal and new born health service. The initiative which will last for three years will focus on identifying implementa-

tion gaps among the priority clinical practices and address by intervening through better guideline and protocol adoption and strong and sustained leadership in the area. The priority clinical practices are the utilization of E-MOTIVE bundle/Tranexamic Acid (TXA) for PPH and Antenatal corticosteroid (ACS) for pre-term births.

The research implementation project will be implemented at St. Paul's Hospital Millennium Medical College, Marie Stopes International Ethiopia, Adare General Hospital, Wolkite University Hospital. Additionally, ESOG will partner with multiple other entities such as the MOH, UN agencies, professional associations, CSOs, NGOs, Addis Continental Institute of Public Health etc working in women health. Gender will also be at the mainstay of the initiative of leadership transformation for a better clinical practice.

Communications Committee for SRHR



The Ethiopian Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ESOG) organized a meeting of communications staff working in institutions working on reproductive health on August 17, 2023, at Inter Luxury Hotel, Addis Ababa.

The meeting brought together communication officers working in institutions under The Consortium of Reproductive Health Associations (CORHA). The meeting aimed at discussing communication activities that are being undertaken at each institution to create awareness in Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), map resources and identify ways to work together for a better impact on changing the narrative against abortion and other sexual and reproductive health care and rights.

The meeting successfully achieved the establishment of a communications committee for SRHR, the map-

ping of human and material resources, and the assignment of roles. Accordingly, CHORA is elected to chair the committee; Engender Health will serve as a deputy chair while Marie Stopes International Ethiopia (MSIE) and ESOG will serve as the secretary and the coordinators of the committee, respectively. During the meeting, participants rightly underscored the need to expand membership outreach, which the committee has taken as one focus area to work on under the newly elected leadership.

The committee concluded the meeting with an action point to meet again soon and develop an action plan to be undertaken by communications staff of each member institution. The committee also hopes to create a permanent network of media people to keep working on SRHR issues.



Message of Condolences

ESOG expresses its deepest condolences for the passing of one of its senior members Dr. Fitsum Araya.

May our prayers reach out to the families, friends and colleagues of Dr. Fitsum.

May the burden of sorrow ease on all beloved ones!



Message of Condolences

ESOG expresses its deepest condolences for the passing of one of its senior members Dr. Dr. Zewge Tegegn .

May our prayers reach out to the families, friends and colleagues of Dr. Fitsum.

May the burden of sorrow ease on all beloved ones!

The President's Message Cont'd

ESOG extends its deepest condolences for the passing of two of our senior members, Dr. Fitsum Araya and Dr. Zewge Tegegn. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families, friends, and colleagues. May the memories of their contributions to our community serve as a source of comfort during this difficult time. The burden of sorrow is shared, and we stand united in support of one another.

As we navigate these challenging times, let us draw strength from our shared commitment to improving maternal and newborn health. The legacy of our departed colleagues reminds us of the urgency and importance of our mission.

In closing, I express my gratitude to each member, partner, and supporter of ESOG. Your dedication and collabora-

tion fuel our collective efforts, and I am confident that together, we will continue to make a meaningful impact.

Wishing you strength, resilience, and continued determination in our shared journey.

Sincerely,