

AFROHUN WORK IN ETHIOPIA



University Faculty working together during curriculum review workshop for Mekelle University

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AFROHUN Network

Africa One Health University Network (AFROHUN) is an international network, currently in 29 higher education institutions of public health, veterinary medicine/sciences, pathobiology, environmental sciences, medicine and global health, in 10 countries in Africa. The countries are Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Liberia, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania and Uganda.

AFROHUN is working to transform the training environment and approaches in universities and allied institutions in Africa, to develop a One Health workforce: a workforce with competency to work across disciplinary boundaries. AFROHUN is building a workforce with competency to predict, detect and respond to the kind of complex health challenges we are increasingly witnessing today. To achieve this transformation, we are reviewing curricula, designing new and exciting experiential learning multidisciplinary training programs, re-tooling teachers and trainers, educating communities on complex health challenges, while engaging national and sub-national governments to domesticate and integrate One Health into national policy and strategic planning.

A photograph showing four people sitting on the ground in a grassy field. From left to right: a man in a white shirt and dark pants is writing on a clipboard; a man in a blue shirt is looking at the clipboard; a woman in a red headscarf and patterned dress is looking towards the right; and a man in a blue and white checkered shirt is writing on a notepad. A semi-transparent blue oval with white text is overlaid on the image.

Students during community entry for One Health demonstration site field attachment

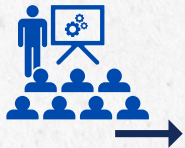
Our Work in Ethiopia

In Ethiopia, AFROHUN member institutions are School of Public Health and School of Veterinary Medicine at the Jimma University; and the College of Veterinary Sciences and School of Public health at Mekelle University and Aklilu Lema Pathobiology institute at Addis Ababa University. AFROHUN Ethiopia was registered as an NGO in 2023. Though It has been implementing One Health activities in the three universities for the last 14 years, since 2023, the member institutions of AFROHUN Ethiopia grown to 10 Universities in Ethiopia.

AFROHUN Ethiopia works with strong engagement of governmental institutions at different levels, including through the National One Health Platform, communities, and other stakeholders working in the same One Health and Global Health Security space. Moreover, AFROHUN Ethiopia operates through strategic partnerships with governmental institutions, UN agencies (FAO, WHO, WOA), embassies (Italy, Belgium, Slovenia), and NGOs, thereby mainstreaming One Health into Ethiopia's health security landscape.

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Our Impact



AFROHUN Ethiopia built capacity of more than 800 in-service professional, faculty, and students in infection prevention, COVID-19 response, risk communication, grant writing, infectious disease management, and One Health approaches. The training, conducted over more than 5 years, enhanced multidisciplinary capacities in public health and e-learning for improved disease management and education.



At national level, AFROHUN Ethiopia established the Ethiopian Students One Health Innovation Club (ESOHIC), engaging 164 students from Jimma, Mekelle, and Addis Ababa Universities in seminars and panel discussions on COVID-19 and One Health. Over 10,000 students accessed resources via social media, fostering awareness and innovation.



AFROHUN Ethiopia supported the Ministry of Health by conducting COVID-19 public mobilization and awareness campaigns in Mekelle, Jimma, and Addis Ababa, benefiting approximately 2,500,000 people and an additional 500,000 through radio programs. This effort strengthened the national COVID-19 response by promoting public awareness, community engagement, and preventive measures to curb virus transmission.

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AFROHUN Ethiopia established Facebook and Telegram platforms to disseminate One Health-related information, sharing 4,046 articles, news updates, and short videos. These platforms attracted over 10,000 student followers, providing them with valuable resources and enhancing their understanding of One Health principles and practices. With enhanced understanding of One Health issues in the country, many of these students have gone ahead to become leaders in different aspects of One Health in Ethiopia and beyond.



AFROHUN Ethiopia designed and implemented the research project 'Integrated Control of Rabies in Ethiopia: Determinant Factors Affecting Implementation of the National Strategy and Development of Platform for Rabies Information Management for Ethiopia (PRIME)'. This initiative involved faculty fellowships, student internships, and collaboration with three member universities, FAO, the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Agriculture, aiming to strengthen rabies control and information management systems. As a result of this study, an online platform, PRIME was developed to strengthen dog management in the country.



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After years on working together to champion the One Health approach in Ethiopia, AFROHUN Ethiopia and Jimma University (JU), officially launched the JU-Center for One Health Research, Training, and Outreach (JU-COHRTO) in 2023. The Centre was established to institutionalize the One Health approach, sustain technical support to the national One Health activities and collaborate with similar centers in the world. The establishment of the Centre is a significant milestone in the life and work of AFROHUN, marking clear and intentional steps in the institutionalization of One Health. The JU-COHRTO collaborates with local, national, and global organizations for the advancement of human, animal, and environmental wellbeing through the One Health approach.



AFROHUN Ethiopia, in collaboration with the University of Bologna, successfully secured 65,000 Euros in funding for the project "Support to the Veterinary Education in Wolaita Region in Ethiopia." This initiative facilitated the implementation of One Health-related trainings, enhancing veterinary education and capacity-building in the region

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