

# NEWSLETTER

August to December 2017



## Medical Trips

Australian Doctors for Africa have enjoyed a busy second half of the year with four teams providing medical assistance, training and supplies:

- ❖ **August - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia:** An orthopaedic team visited the Black Lion Hospital, treating over 200 patients and providing training to nearly 100 medical staff and students.
- ❖ **October/November - Madagascar:** This was the biggest trip ever organised by ADFA with a team of 12 medical professionals spanning the specialities of orthopaedics, gastroenterology, urology, and for the first time, dermatology. It was a huge success, benefiting 100s of patients and providing training to many staff and students.



Dr Richard McMullin, Urologist, training and operating with Dr Eric (Madagascar)



Neo-natal training (Madagascar)

- ❖ **November - Madagascar:** A team of seven medical professionals from Toowoomba, lead by Obstetrician/Gynaecologist Dr Lanziz Homar, consulted and treated 150 patients and provided training to 200 medical personnel.
- ❖ **November - Bahir Dar, Ethiopia:** Three experienced nurses facilitated the well-established Nurses Ward Training Program at the Felegehiwot Referral Hospital. As always this program was received with enthusiasm and Completion Certificates were awarded to 23 attendees.

## 13 Hospitals Projects – Building Update

The recently completed theatre renovations at the Black Lion Hospital in Addis Ababa has resulted in a ripple effect. Dr Sami convinced a British surgeon to obtain donated implants and conduct a hip replacement surgery campaign. Twenty patients benefited and Ethiopian surgeons and nurses were trained.



Renovated operating theatre at the Black Lion Hospital



Proposed building project Hawassa Hospital

The Board recently approved two hospital renovation and extension projects in Hawassa and Bahir Dar (Ethiopia). These projects are underway and are funded by generous donations received from a breakfast event held in June, as well as a \$38,000 grant received from the Australian Embassy Ethiopia for Hawassa.

### Strategic Plan 2018-2022

In October 2017, Board, staff, volunteers and supporters attended a very successful Strategic Planning Workshop. Thank you to Paul Tye for making all the arrangements and Helen Sitlington for her excellent facilitation. From this workshop, a new five year Strategic Plan for 2018-2022 has been adopted by the Board of Management including new Vision and Mission statements:

**Vision:** Improving the health and lives of people in Africa.

**Mission:** To develop healthier environments and to build capacity through the provision of voluntary medical assistance; training and teaching doctors, nurses and allied health workers; and improving infrastructure and providing medical equipment.

The Strategic Plan 2018-2022 details eight priorities areas, which will provide the strategic direction of the organisation for the next five years. Further information will be available on our website soon.



Strategic Planning Workshop participants

### Thank You

ADFA would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Dr Lanziz Homar and Marni Austin for their efforts in organising and hosting a 'Medical Equipment for Madagascar #2' fundraising party in Toowoomba. The event was attended by over 80 people and **\$10,000 was raised and donated to ADFA** – what a success!



Dr Lanziz Homar and his team at the airport

A huge thank you to **The Emirates Airline Foundation** for donating six airline tickets to our medical teams that travelled to Ethiopia in August and November.



Thank you to **Air Mauritius** for donating extra baggage allowance to our teams travelling to Madagascar. This allowed the teams to take much needed medical supplies and equipment.



In September, Urologist, Dr Sue Chapman, on behalf of ADFA, gratefully accepted a donation of **\$2,500 from Bunbury Rotary**, which will be directed towards the Nurses Ward Training Program. We thank Bunbury Rotary for their support.

### Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The ADFA Board of Management thanks all staff, volunteers, supporters and donors for their excellent support during 2017 and wishes everyone a very **Merry Christmas and a Safe, Happy New Year.**



SEASON'S GREETINGS