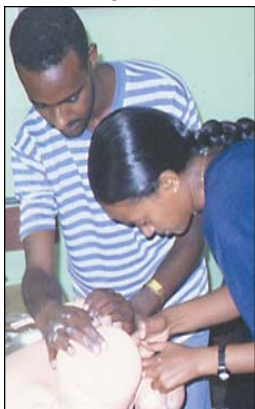

INNOVATION PROJECT 2005 to 2007, in Ethiopia

CNIS has launched an innovation project to establish surgical learning centers at six Universities in Ethiopia. The universities in this project will have learning centers that are dedicated to improve surgical and obstetrical care throughout Ethiopia. This increases capacity to train and certify physicians, surgeons, instructors, and other health professionals in obstetrical and surgical procedures.

The project also will have institutional capacity building component where surgical department staff will learn about management, leadership, finance and fund raising.

This project builds on results of previous work, which intended to promote long term capacity building in obstetrical and surgical operations and care in Ethiopia.

The surgical labs will also provide support for hospitals, health centers, and clinics across Ethiopia to address the critical health needs of the population.



Obstetrical Skills training in progress, Ethiopia

What is innovation?

Innovation is the implementation of a new or significantly improved idea, good, service, process or practice.

What is innovative about this project?

Rather than teaching surgical skills using periodic workshops dedicated surgical teaching laboratories which can be used at all levels of learning and throughout the year will be established. This will result in a marked increase in the output of personnel with surgical skills.

How is this project innovative?

This project involves two types of innovation, process and practice. The training of Ethiopian health professionals in leadership and management means that the leadership in the surgical skills program will be completely taken over in Ethiopia and CNIS will be able to exit.

The other innovation is that the responsibility for fundraising in North America is being taken over by the Ethiopian Diaspora through ENAHPA.

Participating Universities are, *Addis Ababa University, Gondor University, Jimma University, Alemaya University, Mekelle University and Debu University.*

Donations to this project can be made to CNIS

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CIDA matches the ENAHPA fund for donations to the Innovation project



The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) matches Canadian Chapter of the Ethiopian North American Health Professionals Association (ENAHPA) donations for this project. Based on a memorandum of understanding for mutual support signed in May 2005 ENAHPA will provide \$100,000 for the project. The CNIS agreed to implement this project and provide obstetrical and essential skills training to assist ENAHPA on safe motherhood project in Awassa. Dr. Haregua Getu as a CNIS board member as well as a member of the board of ENAHPA links the two organizations.



Dr Haregua Getu

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) has granted \$200,000 for the project. Getachew Mequanent, PHd is the project officer at CIDA.

CNIS would like to acknowledge the moral and financial support it has received from Ethiopians both in Canada and Ethiopia for the past 10 years.

Together everyone achieves much!

CNIS Work In Ethiopia

Essential Surgical Skills (ESS)

ESS is an educational program that responds to the urgent need in Africa for practitioners with surgical skills. This 5-day intensive workshop targets primary care practitioners. Participants are taught the management of surgical patients and the techniques for 40 life-saving skills. The ESS program was originally developed at the Jimma Institute of Health Sciences in 1994. The ESS program is now part of the curriculum and is provided on an annual basis in all the universities with which CNIS works. To date more than 2500 primary health providers have taken part in ESS in Ethiopia.

The Trauma Team Training (TTT)

TTT is a course conducted as part of injury prevention program in Tanzania and Uganda. The first TTT providers course was conducted in Addis Ababa September 2005 and funding is available for a second course. These initial courses were supported by the Wild Rose Foundation of Alberta. The TTT improves the casualty departments care of trauma victims.



The management Committee in Ethiopia

The Hernia Repair Course

This course was developed in Uganda. In 2004 a course was held in Mozambique to train surgeons from Ethiopia, Mozambique, Tanzania, and Malawi on the methods of teaching the hernia course. In 2006 junior residents will be trained on the techniques of hernia repair course in Ethiopia. This project is funded by the Wild Rose Foundation of Alberta.

The Surgical information Project

Under this project CNIS sends out donations of books and journals to universities in Ethiopia and Uganda. In December 2005 \$300,000 worth of new books arrived in Addis Ababa. The books are being distributed to the 6 partner universities in 2006. This project was funded by the Donner Canadian Foundation of Toronto.

The CNIS Vision

The CNIS works to empower low-income countries to create an environment where the risk for injuries is minimal and all people receive adequate surgical care.

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