

# PROJECT OROMIA: HEALTHCARE TRANSFORMATION IN ETHIOPIA

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Project C.U.R.E.'s involvement in Oromia, Ethiopia, stems from a deep commitment to addressing critical healthcare needs in underserved regions worldwide. With its vast geographical expanse and diverse population, Oromia presents unique challenges and opportunities for healthcare improvement. Recognizing the importance of having eyes and ears on the ground, we have forged a strong partnership with Haramaya University, whose team plays a pivotal role as the liaison with all facilities within the project scope. Their local expertise and connections have facilitated smooth communication and coordination with healthcare providers in Oromia.

## JOIN US

We invite manufacturers, hospitals, and healthcare professionals to become part of this impactful project which will contribute to strengthening the overall health systems in the Oromia region of Ethiopia.

## THE SITUATION

Oromia, Ethiopia, confronts significant deficiencies in healthcare infrastructure, characterized by a shortage of medical facilities, equipment, and skilled personnel. According to the Ethiopian Public Health Institute (EPHI, 2019), **Oromia exhibits one of the lowest health facility densities in the nation.** Project C.U.R.E.'s provision of medical equipment fills critical gaps in these underserved healthcare facilities, augmenting their capacity to deliver essential services and improving healthcare accessibility.

The healthcare landscape in Oromia is further challenged by a high burden of communicable and non-communicable diseases, including malaria, tuberculosis, and malnutrition. These ailments contribute significantly to morbidity and mortality rates, with adverse implications for community health (Wakuma et al., 2020). Through its supply of medical resources, Project C.U.R.E. contributes to disease prevention, diagnosis, and treatment, thereby ameliorating health outcomes and alleviating the disease burden on the population (Wakuma et al., 2020).

Oromia's maternal and child health indicators underscore the urgent need for improved healthcare services. High maternal mortality ratios, coupled with inadequate access to skilled birth attendants and emergency obstetric care, pose significant challenges (Central Statistical Agency [Ethiopia] and ICF, 2016). Project C.U.R.E.'s provision of medical equipment and supplies directly addresses these challenges, enhancing maternal and child health services and reducing preventable deaths (Ayele et al., 2021).

In conjunction with our data-driven facility evaluations, we dedicated efforts to comprehensively understand the overarching three-tier healthcare structure implemented by the Ethiopian Ministry of Health.

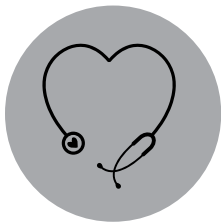
Within this framework, Health Posts and Health Centers serve as the frontline for diagnostic and triage services, particularly for individuals residing in rural settings. It's imperative to note that without adequate basic supplies and patient diagnostics in these facilities, individuals in crisis may find themselves compelled to embark on arduous journeys of 10 or even 20 kilometers to reach the nearest Hospital.

**Regrettably, many patients lack the means or physical capability to undertake such travels, resulting in delayed or forgone care.** Through the improvement of local infrastructure, this project will dramatically improve both access and level of care.



# OUR SOLUTION

Project C.U.R.E. will provide key surgical equipment, facility furnishings, and diagnostic equipment which will contribute to **strengthening the capacity across all tiers of Oromia's healthcare system: Health Posts, Health Centers, Community Hospitals, and Tertiary Hospitals.** All work with align with WHO sustainability goals.

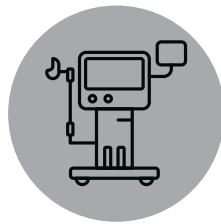
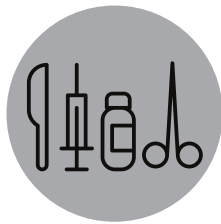


## SURGICAL EQUIPMENT

Strengthening and expanding surgical strength in key facilities, including teaching hospitals will require operating room tables, anesthesia equipment and lights. Portable lighting is particularly needed.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

At the heart of every hospital are the beds and gurneys which provide patient comfort and access to treatment. Over 1,000 beds and gurneys were distributed by Project C.U.R.E. in 2023 and more are desperately needed in this and other areas.

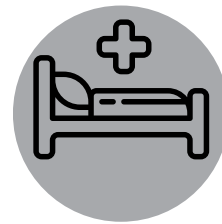


## DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT

Key areas of need include ultrasound, x-ray and c-arm units to expand capability across the region and effectively target needs at each level of care.

## SPECIALTY SERVICES

Preventive dental health care and prompt treatment help lessen the risks associated with heart disease, diabetes and pregnancy. Newly constructed facilities at Jimma University stand ready to accept four dental suites, significantly increasing regional access to dental care.



# THE PARTNERSHIP

The primary partner in this comprehensive project is Haramaya University. One of Ethiopia's oldest higher learning institutions, Haramaya plays a critical role in the development of Ethiopia's healthcare infrastructure, focusing on teaching, research, and community service. The university's College of Health and Medical Sciences and Hiwot Fana Specialized University Teaching Hospital are key to the expanding quality of care and to planning for the future of health in Oromia.

A unique and heartwarming aspect of this project is the commitment of the Ethiopian diaspora to give back to their homeland through project sponsorship. This project is driven by a love for their motherland and commitment to their people to provide the best healthcare possible.

Project C.U.R.E. has a rich history with Ethiopia and has shipped over 136 forty foot cargo containers since 2001. We have a unique and deep understanding of Ethiopia's healthcare needs. We are poised to change the face of healthcare in the Oromia region.

# ABOUT PROJECT C.U.R.E.

Established in 1987, and headquartered in Denver, Colorado, Project C.U.R.E. is today the world's largest distributor of medical donations to developing countries. Since our founding, **we have delivered more than \$1 billion gift-in-kind value to communities into 135 countries.** As a non-profit, 501(c)(3), Project C.U.R.E.'s goal is to bridge the staggering health resource gaps in the developing world by empowering doctors and nurses with the tools they need—medical supplies and equipment—to treat disease, deliver vaccines, perform life-changing surgeries, and ensure safe childbirth. Project C.U.R.E. operates distribution centers in Denver, Nashville, Houston, Chicago, Philadelphia, Phoenix, and Kansas City with additional collection centers across the U.S., which collect, sort, and pack donations of excess medical supplies and previous-generation equipment donated from over 500 U.S. hospitals and medical manufacturers. Working with hundreds of partners globally, Project C.U.R.E. matches these valuable donations with hospitals, rural clinics, and healthcare facilities in severely resource-limited communities all over the world **so they can offer quality care and critical medical services to their most vulnerable patients, especially women and young children.** Thanks to the dedication of thousands of volunteers nationwide, three to four cargo containers of life-saving aid leave our warehouses every week. Project C.U.R.E.'s demonstrated capabilities and expertise have helped strengthen healthcare infrastructure and improve healthcare systems in 135 countries, helping save the lives of patients, families, and children.

## PRIORITY PROJECT ITEMS

- Portable X-Ray Equipment
- Ultrasounds
- Anesthesia Equipment
- Diagnostic EKG
- Electrocautery Units
- Autoclaves, Desktop
- Ventilators
- Monitors: ICU, Vital Sign
- Operating Room Tables & Lights
- Portable Lights: Exam and OR
- Surgical Instruments
- Mayo and Basin Stands
- Defibrillators
- Towers: Endoscopic & Laparoscopic
- Infant Warmers & Incubators
- Fetal Monitors
- Fetal Dopplers and Fetoscopes
- Cribs, Bassinets & Pediatric Beds
- Birthing Beds and Gurneys
- Colposcopes
- Infant supplies including diapers
- Beds
- Gurneys and Stretchers
- Wheelchairs, Adult & Pediatric
- Auto-refractometer (portable and fixed)
- Crutches
- Orthopedic Braces
- Tables, Exam and Treatment
- Diagnostics: Otoscope, Ophthalmoscope, Pulse Oximeters, Stethoscopes, etc.
- Scales, Adult & Infant
- Refrigerators, clinic and lab
- Dental Chairs and Equipment
- Microscopes, Surgical & Lab
- Lab equipment, mixers, rockers, etc.

To make your tax-deductible donation and **become a member of this partnership**, please contact Janet Thomason, Director of Procurement, at [JanetThomason@projectcure.org](mailto:JanetThomason@projectcure.org)



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