



# ETHIOPIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Recognizing the need for strong, principled, and visionary African leadership, the former Ethiopian Prime Minister, Hon. Meles Zenawi, in 1997 asked Pope St. John Paul II to establish a Catholic University in Ethiopia to address the acute needs throughout Ethiopia, with a particular focus on health and medical services. Ethiopian Catholic University (ECU) was conceived not merely as a place to advance academic insights, but more importantly, to equip compassionate individuals with practical leadership and expert skills in service to their country.



## The New Campus

The New Campus includes two completed engineering buildings, medical/scientific laboratories, perinatal clinic, School of Medicine lecture hall and female student residence, which will allow young women to attend university courses as full time students.

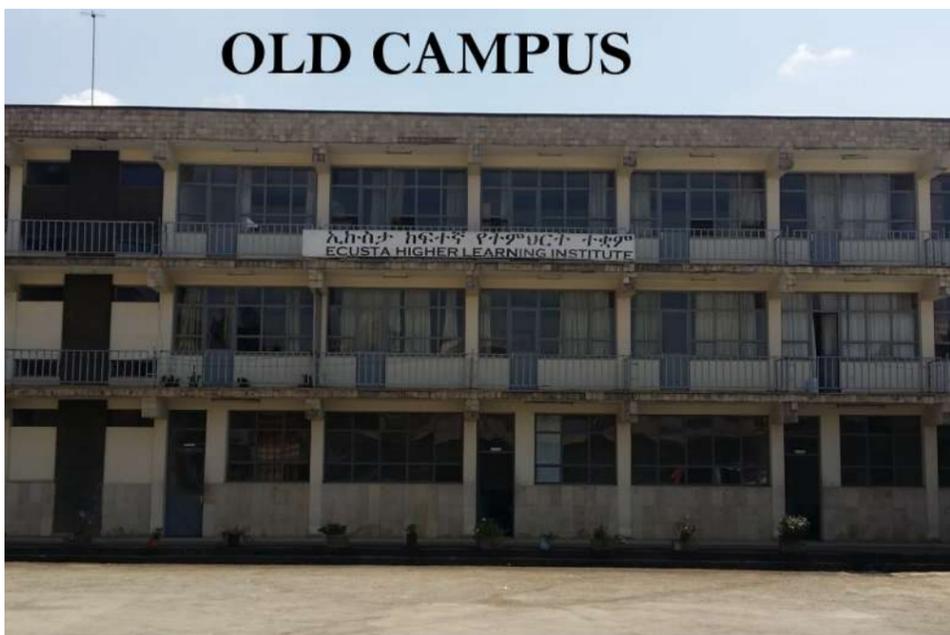
Ethiopia is one of the most populous countries in the world



Nearly 9% of children die before their 5th birthday



3 DOCTORS FOR EVERY 100.000 PEOPLE





## Female Students Residence



The university has allocated 50% of admissions placements for female students and will leverage the network of over 400 Catholic schools throughout Ethiopia to recruit the most prepared and deserving students. ECU has developed a Rural Student Scholarship Program to provide ten promising female students from these areas annually the opportunity to pursue medicine and health science studies. To support female students, ECU has constructed a female-specific residence capable of hosting 86 women.

## Steps Forward

ECU activities have already started, with the first board meeting and two “Winter School” sessions.

### Inaugural Board of Trustees Meeting

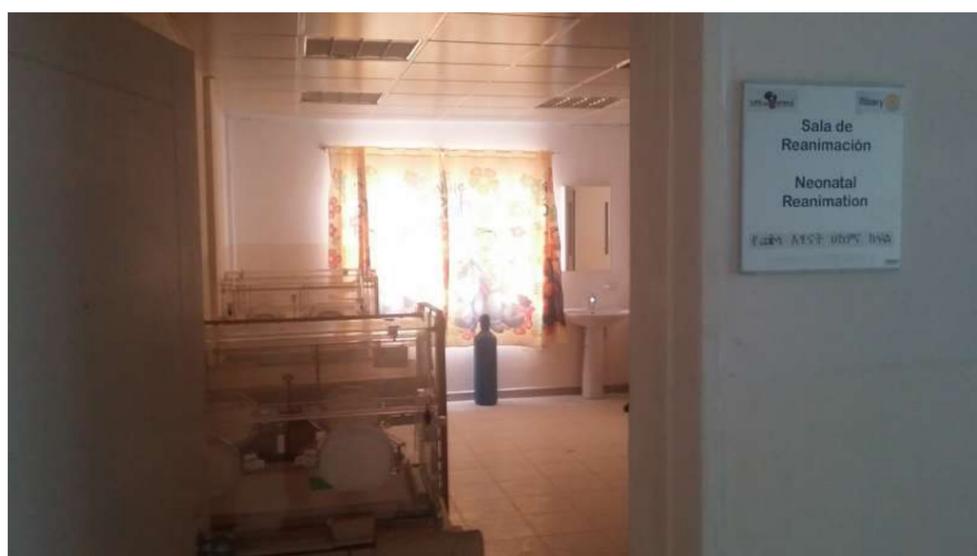
ECU held the first meeting of its Board of Trustees, with Cardinal Berhameyesus, the Papal Nunzio of Ethiopia, the President of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Ethiopia, the representatives of the Superior General of the De La Salle Christian Brothers and the representatives of the De La Salle Christian Brothers District of Ethiopia.



### Winter School

ECU has completed two “Winter School” sessions on Sustainable Development delivered with the University of Padova, Italian nonprofits, and seven Ethiopian research institutions and universities. The professional development trainings involved professors and academics from across Ethiopia.

**T**he ECU perinatal clinic is one of the most technologically advanced facilities of its kind in Ethiopia, and will offer essential and specialized medical services to those in need. The completed perinatal clinic will be a teaching facility, and will be staffed by talented ECU professors who excel at supervising clinicals for current medical professionals and students. This model will provide invaluable training along with quality medical care for the community.



In partnership with the Ethiopian Catholic and government health care networks, ECU will strengthen existing health networks through continuing education. Current medical professionals including nurses and midwives will learn international best practices in the perinatal clinic under the supervision of ECU professors. Upon graduation they will bring needed skills back to their home institutions.



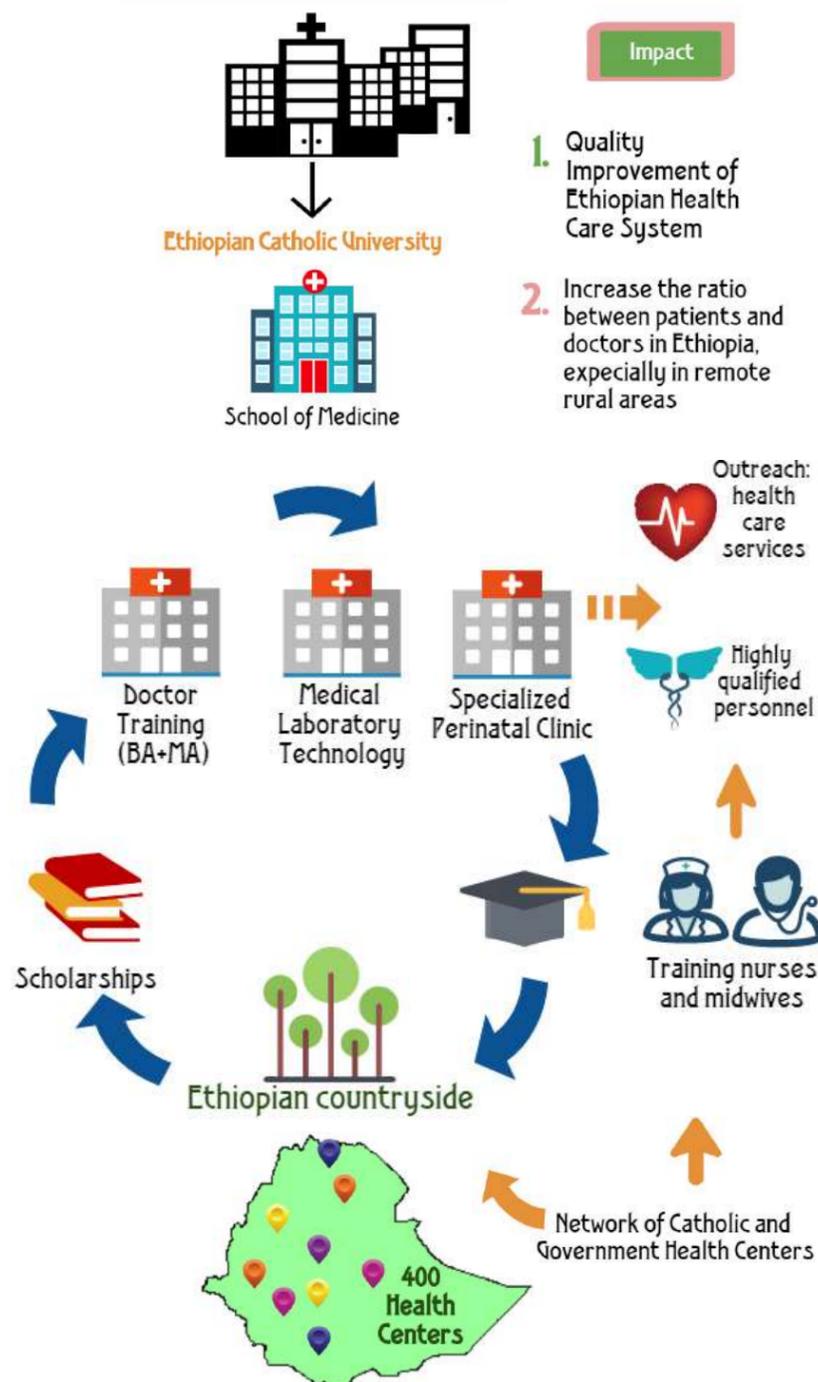
# Preparing Skilled & Caring Professionals

## Forming Future Generations

ECU's model of hands-on training for students in a clinical environment provides the consistent training of qualified medical professionals for future generations. This layered approach of immediate care and long-term training will provide a sustainable and replicable model to expand and deepen the medical expertise available in the over 400 hospitals and health care facilities across Ethiopia. Over the next ten years, ECU will **graduate 1,000 medical professionals**, increasing the number of skilled health care workers in Ethiopia by **5%**.

## Putting Partnership into Practice

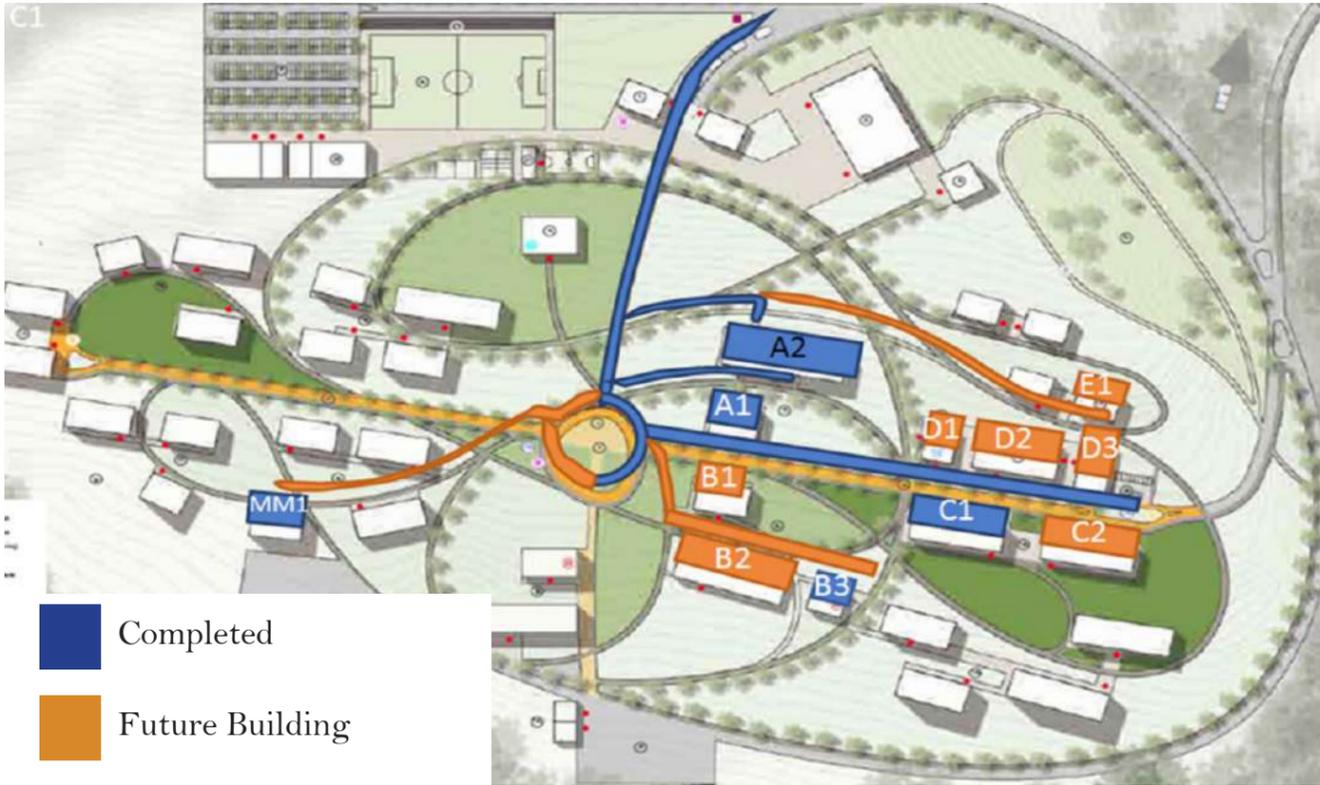
ECU will partner with the Ethiopian Catholic and government health care networks to provide long-term, sustainable solutions which offer consistent quality care in remote areas. ECU will use its **Rural Student Scholarship Program** to strengthen rural communities by actively recruiting promising students from these areas to pursue medical studies. Graduates will have the opportunity to work in their local communities upon graduation. The scholarship program will have a special emphasis on recruiting women and ECU has reserved 50% of all placements for female students.



**T**hese new facilities will connect students and medical professionals with the latest instructional technology and provide valuable diagnostic laboratory services for clinic patients and neighboring health centers in the community. The completed clinic will treat over 1,400 women and children annually.



# Furthering the Mission



- A1, A2 School of Engineering
- B1, B2 Medical School
- B3 Theater & Lecture Hall
- C1 Female Students Residence
- C2 Male Students Residence
- D1 Student Services
- D2 Cafeteria
- D3 Administration
- E1 Staff & Guest Quarters
- MM1 Perinatal Clinic

## Campus Urbanization

