

# Annual Report 2020



## PREFACE

### **Helping human beings, who are outside of the focus of the big international aid organizations**



Since 1991, Somaliland is a state at the horn of Africa independent of Somalia. Despite its democratic structure, Somaliland is not recognized as an independent country by the international community and therefore hardly receives any aid or support from international organizations. Somaliland is simply out of their focus.

We, Hadia Medical Swiss, together with the University Hospital of Basle, the Edna Adan University Hospital, the Somaliland Swiss Association and a big number of voluntary experts try to overcome the lack of international aid and support this peace-loving nation with sustainable

projects and further development in the Somaliland health sector.

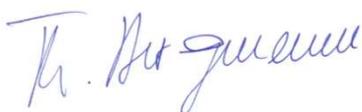
With our initiatives in medical education in the area of mother and child as well as in the installation and development of medical oriented infrastructure we, together with our partners and the Somaliland people, establish the preconditions for a successful fight against FGM (Female Genital Mutilation) in the local health sector. This aspiring, young, peace-loving nation is paying us back our engagement with a decreasing infant mortality rate, with a high gratefulness expressed by a cordial deep smile and with its own strong engagement even in this difficult year.

Personally, this gives me a very big sense of delight to be a small part of this positive development in Somaliland and to feel with how much engagement and enthusiasm the Somaliland people, our partner organizations and the big number of the voluntary experts are supporting our project initiatives.

Although the pandemic year 2020 did allow us to conduct only a few of our missions and planned project initiatives we, together with all our partners, were able to go forward successfully with our lasting initiatives.

We could execute several planning and preparation activities which will help us in 2021 to conduct efficiently and successfully our infrastructure projects such as water supply for the Edna Adan University Hospital or the extension of the delivery room in the gynecological department as well as the planned education initiatives of the university hospital of Basle on the spot.

We are looking forward to those new challenges!



Dr. oec. HSG Thomas Bergmann, Vicepresident

## 2020 – Everything different than planned

The 2020 program envisioned medical and technical missions in April and October. We were ready and well positioned to continue our engagement and help many women and girls suffering from Female Genital Mutilation. Then came Corona and trips to Somaliland were no longer possible. We changed our priorities and used the time to prepare the renovation of the water supply and the construction of the new delivery room of the Edna Adan Hospital for implementation. And together with Swiss TPH and the Somaliland Swiss Association, we helped the Somaliland government to procure test kits for corona testing and supported them financially.

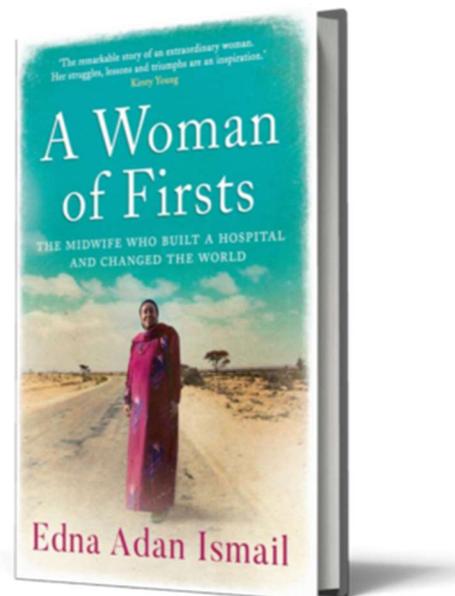
Towards the end of the year, our project coordinator Hassan Aydid traveled to Hargeisa and began preparations for the renovation of the water supply at Edna Adan University Hospital. After about two months of work, he returned towards the end of February 21. Construction will begin at the end of May 2021, and preparations are being made at the same time for the construction of a new delivery room. Detailed plans are available for both projects.

### At first hand

Dr. h.c. mult. Edna Adan Ismail has written her autobiography. The book is the inspiring, intimately told story of a fascinating woman. It also provides deep insights into Somali culture and describes in a harrowing way the consequences of Female Genital Mutilation and unqualified traditional obstetric care.

Edna Adan Ismail joined Hadia's patronage committee this year. She sent us an upsetting account of the suffering women face because of FGM and sent us the appeal for help below.

The reports and the words of Edna Adan Ismail strengthen us in our dedication to the women and girls of Somaliland.



**To: Hadia Medical Swiss Charity  
Switzerland.**

**Subject : Appeal for the training support for our Medical Doctors and Midwives.**

**Dear Hadia Medical Swiss.**

As is well known, Somaliland is one of the poorest and least developed countries in Africa as it has recently emerged from a long lasting civil war with neighbouring Somalia. As a result, we have the highest maternal mortality rate in Africa, and also have very few trained health professionals such as medical doctors, nurses, midwives, Anesthetists and other necessary health professionals.

Because of the problems of war, education of our youth has lagged behind and the necessary training of these health professionals needs to be carried out in manner that considers these difficulties. Because the staff to be trained have very little experience with on-line Webinars, and because our internet and electricity are not constant, teaching needs to be done through a face-to-face teaching as well as guidance and demonstration of skills.

So far, the few health professionals who were trained by Prof. Dr. Irene Hosli during the two occasions that she visited us with her team have made a great contribution towards the health care of our people and have helped to save many women and their babies but are no enough for a country with 4 million people.

The training that we are requesting is the return of Prof. Dr. Irene Hosli and her supporting team to train a new group of Somaliland Medical Doctors and Midwives. This will help us with the sustainability of the training so that our own doctors learn from her and then carry out more training on their own.

A major contribution that this training will make is to help us treat many girls who have undergone FGM done to them by so-called traditional birth attendants when these little girls between the ages of 4 and 8 years and now face difficulties giving birth as adults.

Please consider our appeal and hope that Hadia Medical Swiss can respond favourably to our appeal. Thank you very much.

Dr. H.C. mult. Edna Adan Ismail  
Founder & Director of Edna Adan Hospital and University



## More well-trained midwives, more healthy women



The 60 or so nurses and midwives from hospitals all over the country, already trained by the University Hospital Basel, are doing a great job. They help many women every day, perform births and save lives. The success of our courses is bearing fruit across the country. These positive developments encourage us to greatly expand our course activities.

## The courses

The mission that was cancelled due to Corona will be made up for in the summer of 2021, and another will follow in the fall. For each mission, three teams with three female doctors and three female nurses will travel to Somaliland and conduct two courses each. In this way, the number of course participants can be increased from just under 60 per year to around 170. The courses are led by Prof. Dr. Irene Hösli, chief physician at the University Hospital Basel. In the following paper she explains the activities of her courses.

**Universitätsspital  
Basel**

Basel, December 2020

**Prof. Dr. med. Irene Hoesli**  
Head of the department  
Obstetrics and Antenatal care

**Urgent need for the implementation of obstetrical simulation training in Somalia**  
*(Aufbau eines geburtshilflichen Simulationstrainings in Somaliland)*

Optimizing maternal and neonatal care is one of the most important aims worldwide. According to international systematic analysis, about 50% of maternal death and about 75% of neonatal death are potentially avoidable. The WHO organization estimates that over 800 women are dying each day due to complications during pregnancy and postpartum. A great inequity persists between high-income countries and low-income countries, where levels of maternal death are nearly 50-times higher for women and 10-times higher for their babies, to die during the first year of life. Reason for substandard care are by others failure to assess patient issues, communications and failure in team performance. Standardized simulation courses are the optimal way to train skill and communication in case of obstetric emergencies. The aim is the following: train together who works together.

Many scientific publications have confirmed during the last years that simulation courses can improve clinical outcome. This is specifically true for obstetric emergencies like eclampsia, pre-eclampsia, postpartum hemorrhage, shoulder dystocia, sepsis, maternal or neonatal reanimation. The amount of severe encephalopathies based on hypoxia after shoulder dystocia could be reduced after introduction of multi-professional simulation courses in England by 75%. The implementation of a quality improvement led to a significant reduction of maternal severe diseases by 30% in California. A regular training in Norway could reduce the number of blood transfusion and instrumental deliveries after introducing training modules for the obstetrical team. Professional work in Switzerland including experience in simulation courses in the last ten years, confirmed that the participants were impressed by the courses and could increase reliability to manage emergency simulations. Within 6 weeks after a course, most of the participants were involved in real emergencies and could improve delay in diagnosis, management and communication. The same impressions and experiences could be obtained in Tabora, Tanzania. The management of postpartum bleeding, the use of multiple approaches as well as different sets to control the bleeding could be improved.

However, simulation training is time consuming, needs many trainers and participants per group should not exceed more than six members. Trainers must be experienced supervisors and midwives must be trained in simulation, for debriefing and training in communication.

For each scenario, we need at least two trainers and one actor. A scenario consists of 16-18 minutes simulation and 30 min time for debriefing. Simulation training can be performed with high-tech mannequins (18'000.00 CHF) or low-tech models (1'500.00 CHF) in combination with video for debriefing (5'000CHF). Specific countries like Somalia, as a representative example of low-income countries, has one of the highest maternal and neonatal mortality rates. So far, multiprofessional

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## Clean water for the patients of the Edna Adan Hospital

The water supply at Edna Adan Hospital is dilapidated and infected with bacteria. Even the groundwater is sometimes too salty. Specialists investigated the problem and a master's thesis was prepared at the ZHAW in Switzerland. Based on this, the detailed plans for a new water supply system were drawn up in 2020. It will be built at the end of May 2021. Already in December 2020, our project coordinator traveled to Hargeisa and prepared the constructions.



## Help the people to help themselves



In preparation for the renovation of the water supply system as well as the construction of the delivery room, we sent a container full of building materials and high-quality medical equipment to Edna Adan. At the same time, the school of Balimataan received beds, tables, chairs and benches as well as other material.

**Dear partner**

Thank you so much for your generous donation of Covid 19 Antigen Rapid Test ( 2000 Test).

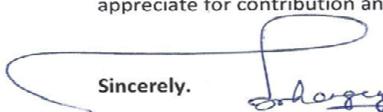
I would like to Thank you on behalf of Ministry of Health for your quick respond and reference to the Presidential Appeal dated on 27 of April 2020.

We are very great full for your early responds and contribution on this fight against this pandemic that has impacted the socio-economic conditions of Somaliland.

Somaliland Health care system has a limited capacity to deal with such crises.

Hadia Medical Swiss is good partner with Ministry of Health and development and we are appreciate for contribution and donation.

Sincerely,

  
Dr. Mohamed Abdi Hergeye

Director General  
Ministry of Health Development  
Republic of Somaliland.



## Balance Sheet as of 31/12/2020

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	CHF	CHF
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and Short Term Investments	173'035.24	173'780.24
Receivables	2'600.00	4'347.54
Prepayments	1'200.00	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>176'835.24</b>	<b>178'127.78</b>
<b>Non-Current Assrts</b>		
Software	0.00	3'216.00
Car	1.00	1.00
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>3'217.00</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>176'836.24</b>	<b>181'344.78</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Short-term Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	1'386.25	5'973.30
Bridging loans	13'000.00	46'000.00
Accrued Expenses	564.45	1'000.00
<b>Total Short-term Liabilities</b>	<b>14'950.70</b>	<b>52'973.30</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
<b>Restricted Funds</b>		
Fund Renovation Water Supply	0.00	24'000.00
<b>Total Restricted Funds Funds</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>24'000.00</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		
Operating Fund	161'885.54	104'371.48
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>161'885.54</b>	<b>104'371.48</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>176'836.24</b>	<b>181'344.78</b>

## Income Statement 2020

	2020 CHF	2019 CHF
<b>Revenues</b>		
Non-specific Donations	144'449.40	216'045.81
Project Specific Donations	14'604.60	24'000.00
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>159'054.00</b>	<b>240'045.81</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>159'054.00</b>	<b>240'045.81</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
<b>Project Expenses</b>		
Training Courses and Grants for Education	-29'528.21	-41'328.96
Improvement Infrastructure	-61'747.04	-83'265.13
Emergency Assistance	-14'057.57	
Research for New Projects	-832.46	
<b>Total Project Expenses</b>	<b>-106'165.28</b>	<b>-124'594.09</b>
<b>Administrative Expenses and Fundraising</b>		
Management and Executive Board	-7'806.95	-2'208.80
Administration and IT expenses	-7'021.33	-6'814.95
Depreciation	-3'216.00	-3'217.40
Fundraising	-1'183.35	-36'631.51
<b>Total Administrative Expenses and Fundraising</b>	<b>-19'227.63</b>	<b>-48'872.66</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>-125'392.91</b>	<b>-173'466.75</b>
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>33'661.09</b>	<b>66'579.06</b>
Financing Expenses	-147.03	-51.49
<b>Total Financing Expenses</b>	<b>-147.03</b>	<b>-51.49</b>
<b>Net Income before change in Funds</b>	<b>33'514.06</b>	<b>66'527.57</b>
<b>Allocation and Withdrawal Restricted Funds</b>		
Allocation to Fund Renovation Watersupply		-24'000.00
Withdrawal from Fund Renovation Watersupply	24'000.00	
<b>Total Allocation and Withdrawal Restricted Funds</b>	<b>24'000.00</b>	<b>-24'000.00</b>
<b>Allocation to Operating Fund</b>	<b>-57'514.06</b>	<b>-42'527.57</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**Report of the statutory auditor on the limited statutory examination**  
to the general meeting of

**Hadia Medical Swiss Association, Winterthur**

As statutory auditor, we have examined the financial statements (balance sheet, results of operations, statement of cash flow, statement of changes in equity and notes) of Hadia Medical Swiss Association for the financial year ended December 31, 2020. In accordance with Swiss GAAP FER 21, the information in the performance report is not subject to the obligation of examination of auditors.

These financial statements in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER 21 and the requirements of Swiss Law and the articles of association are the responsibility of the association board. Our responsibility is to perform a limited statutory examination on these financial statements. We confirm that we meet the licensing and independence requirements as stipulated by Swiss law.

We conducted our examination in accordance with the Swiss Standard on the Limited Statutory Examination. This standard requires that we plan and perform a limited statutory examination to identify material misstatements in the financial statements. A limited statutory examination consists primarily of inquiries of company personnel and analytical procedures as well as detailed tests of company documents as considered necessary in the circumstances. However, the testing of operational processes and the internal control system, as well as inquiries and further testing procedures to detect fraud or other legal violations, are not within the scope of this examination.

Based on our limited statutory examination, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not give a true and fair view of the financial position, the results of operations and the cash flows in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER 21 and do not comply with Swiss law and the articles of association.

Biel - Bienne, 29 April 2020

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Marcel Wasem

Auditor in Charge  
Licensed Audit Expert



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Enclosure  
Financial statements