

Adola Debre Salem Medhanialem Ethiopian Orthodox Church

Primary Care Hospital & Elderly Care Project Proposal (Draft)

Executive Summary

Since its establishment in **1936 (E.C.)**, *Adola Debre Salem Medhanialem Ethiopian Orthodox Church* has been a spiritual and social cornerstone for the community in **Oromia Regional State, Guji-Borena Liben Hagere Sibket**. Rooted in faith, the Church has long dedicated itself not only to nurturing souls but also to meeting the pressing needs of the people.

Four years ago, the Church founded a unique **Elderly Care Center**, which today provides food, shelter, clothing, and spiritual support to **50 elders** (20 women and 30 men) regardless of religion, race, or gender. This initiative has become a lifeline for those who had no one to care for them.

Building on this foundation of service, the Church has now taken on a greater mission: the construction of a **four-story primary care hospital**, already **70% complete**. This facility is urgently needed. In our region, people not only struggle with **lack of access** to care, but when they do reach a health facility, the care they receive is often **not up to standard** — limited resources, inadequate staffing, and poor quality undermine health outcomes.

Our vision is to change this reality by establishing a **hospital that provides both access and excellence**. This will be a place where:

- **Care is affordable or free** for the poor and underserved.
- **Quality meets compassion**, with professional standards equal to any in the country.
- **Patients are treated as whole human beings**, with attention to physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

By raising support to complete and equip this hospital, we aim to create a **model of holistic, patient-centered care** that will inspire and uplift not only this community but the wider region.

Background & Need

- **Population served:** [Insert population figure here].
- **Health challenges:** High maternal and child mortality, high prevalence of infectious diseases, and rising chronic illnesses.
- **Geographic barrier:** The region is far from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia's capital, where most high-quality services are concentrated. For local families, reaching care is costly and often impossible.
- **Quality gap:** Existing services are often inadequate. Patients may find facilities without essential medicines, equipment, or trained staff.

This project will not only **bring services closer** but also raise the **standard of care** to what our people deserve.

Project Description

The Hospital Facility

- **Structure:** Four stories, construction started in [Insert year], now ~70% complete.
- **Expected Completion:** [Insert projected finishing date].
- **Capacity:** [Insert number of inpatient beds], outpatient department, emergency services, laboratory, pharmacy.

Core Services (Phase I)

- Outpatient consultations & emergency care.
- Laboratory diagnostics & pharmacy.
- Inpatient medical care.
- Direct support for elderly care center residents.

Expanded Services (Phase II)

- General surgery.
 - Women's health and gynecology.
 - Mental health services.
 - Specialty care (ophthalmology, chronic disease clinics).
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Objectives

1. **Finish construction and equip the hospital** to serve the community.
 2. Provide **accessible, affordable, or free healthcare** to the poor and elderly.
 3. Deliver care that is **patient-centered, holistic, and of the highest standard**.
 4. Recruit sufficient **physicians and nurses** to ensure safe and compassionate care.
 5. Create a **faith-driven model hospital** that combines medicine with dignity and love.
 6. Build long-term partnerships with donors, NGOs, and volunteers to ensure sustainability.
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Impact

- **Direct beneficiaries:** [Insert estimated annual patient volume].
- **Elderly care:** 50 residents already supported, with room to expand.
- **Health outcomes:**
 - Reduced maternal and child mortality.
 - Improved management of infectious diseases.

- Increased access to chronic disease care.
 - **Quality outcomes:** Patients receive **world-class standards of care** locally, reducing suffering and restoring trust in the health system.
 - **Spiritual impact:** Healing delivered in the spirit of Christ's call: *"I was sick, and you looked after me."*
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Progress to Date

- **Elderly Care Center:** Operating successfully for 4 years.
 - **Hospital Building:** Four-story structure at 70% completion.
 - **Community support:** Strong backing from church leadership, local administration, and the faithful.
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Needs & Support Requested

Financial Needs

- Building completion: [Insert cost estimate].
- Medical equipment & supplies: [Insert estimate].
- Initial year operational costs: [Insert estimate].

In-Kind Donations

- Hospital beds, mattresses, IV poles.
- Emergency equipment: monitors, defibrillators.
- Laboratory equipment: chemistry & hematology analyzers, reagents.

- Consumables: IV fluids, gloves, masks, syringes.

(Full list to be provided in Appendix based on Ministry of Health standards.)

Volunteer & Partnership Opportunities

- Physicians, nurses, and allied professionals from Ethiopia and abroad.
 - Medical students and residents for learning and supervised service.
 - NGOs and mission groups seeking to provide short-term surgical or specialty care.
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Governance & Sustainability

- **Leadership:** Managed under the authority of the Church administration.
 - **Oversight:** A dedicated **subcommittee** (5–10 members, including diaspora representatives) to ensure transparency for external fundraising and donations.
 - **Accountability:** Quarterly reporting and public updates via website/social media.
 - **Sustainability plan:**
 - Sliding-scale fees to ensure care is affordable.
 - Ongoing community and church support.
 - International partners for training, supplies, and missions.
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Construction Timeline

- **Start date:** [Insert year started].
- **Current stage:** 70% complete (building structure in place).
- **Next steps:** finishing, electrical, plumbing, equipment installation.

- **Expected completion:** [Insert target date].
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Conclusion & Call to Action

This project is **not a dream waiting to begin — it is a reality already underway**. The hospital building stands, the elderly are being cared for, and the church has proven its service capacity. What is needed now is partnership: to finish the work, to equip the hospital, and to open its doors to the people who have waited so long for dignified, compassionate care.

This is more than a hospital. It is a **testimony of faith in action**, a place where medicine meets mercy, where the poor are not turned away, and where every patient is treated with the **highest standard of care**.

We invite you to:

- **Donate financially** to complete construction.
- **Provide medical supplies** to equip the hospital.
- **Volunteer or partner** with us to bring healing to Ethiopia.

Together, we can make this hospital not only a place of treatment but also a **light of hope and an example of what true, holistic care can look like**.

Appendices (to be added)

- A. Population & health statistics of the catchment area.
- B. Itemized supply/equipment list & costs.
- C. Construction photos.
- D. Budget estimates.