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## Acknowledgement

The 2025 World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week (WAAW-2025) was successfully celebrated across Ethiopia from November 18-24, 2025, at national, regional, sectoral, and health facility levels, reflecting a unified commitment to combating antimicrobial resistance (AMR). On behalf of the national multisectoral coordination, the Ministry of Health (MoH) and the dedicated WAAW taskforce extend heartfelt gratitude to all stakeholders, partners, sponsors, media outlets, and volunteers whose concerted efforts made this year's campaign impactful and far-reaching.

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This year's celebrations featured an extended array of activities, including the official launch of Ethiopia's Fourth National Action Plan for AMR. The activities were also conducted in sector-specific ways across all regions and city administrations, and health facilities, thereby further reinforcing Ethiopia's commitment to a robust multisectoral approach in combating AMR.



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## Acronyms/Abbreviations

AACHB	Addis Ababa City Administration Health Bureau
AAEPA	Addis Ababa Environment Protection Authority
AMR	Antimicrobial Resistane
AMS	Antimicrobial Stewardship
ANRS	Amhara National Regional State
APHI	Amhara Public Health Institute
AST	Antimicrobial Sesubtability test
BCC	Behavoral Change Communication
CDC	Center for Desease Control
CEO	Chief Excutive Officer
CPD	Continious Professional Development
DDRHB	Dire Dawa Regional Health Bureau
DST	Drug Susceptibility Testing
EAA	Ethiopian Agriculture Authority
ECSA	East, Central, and Southern Africa
EEPA	Ethiopian Environment protection Authority
EFDA	Ethiopian Food Drug Authority
EOPD	Emergency Outpatient Department
EPA	Ethiopian Pharmacy Association
EPHI	Ethiopian Public Health Institute
EVA	Ethiopian Veterinary Association
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FM	Frequency Modulation
HC	Health Center
HMIS	Health Management Information System
IEC	Information, Education and Communicaion
IPC	Infection Prevention and Control
IWMI	International Water Management Institute
LEO	Lead Executive Office
MDR	Multidrug-Resistant
MOA	Ministry of Agriculture
MOH	Ministry of Health
NAP	National Action Plan
NICU	Nionatal Intensive Care Unit

OAB	Oromia Agriculture Bureau
OBN	Oromia Broadcasting Network
OEPA	Oromia Environment Protection Authority
OHB	Oromia Health Bureau
OHPA	Oromia Health Professional Association
OPA	Oromia Pharmacy Association
OPD	Outpatient Department
PHRRLC	Public Health Research and Research Learning Center
PMED	Pharmaceutical and Medica Devices
PS	Pharmacy Service
RAB	Regional Agriculture Bureau
RDU	Rational Drug Use
REPA	Regional Environment Protection Authority
RHB	Regional Health Bureau
TASH	Tikur Anbessa Specialized Hospital
TB	Tuberculosis
TV	Television
UK	United Kingdom
UKHAS	United Kingdom Heath Security Agency
UNEP	United Nation Environment Program
WAAW	World AMR Awareness Week
WHO	World Health Organization
WOAH	World Organization for Animal Health
XDR	Extensively Drug-Resistant

## Executive Summary

WAAW is a vital global initiative dedicated to raising awareness about AMR and promoting collaborative action among One Health stakeholders. In 2025, Ethiopia commemorated WAAW from November 18 to 24 under the compelling theme: “Act Now: Protect Our Present, Secure Our Future.” This theme reflects the urgent need for immediate, decisive measures to combat the growing threat posed by drug-resistant pathogens that endanger human, animal, and environmental health.

Building on the foundational efforts of previous years and the momentum generated by the United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on AMR, Ethiopia’s 2025 campaign marked a strategic shift from awareness to actionable commitments. The campaign emphasized responsible antimicrobial use while fostering multisectoral collaboration through the One Health approach, integrating human health, agriculture, environmental sectors, and policy-making bodies.

One of the hallmark achievements of WAAW 2025 was the unprecedented involvement of eleven regional states and city administrations across Ethiopia. Activities included comprehensive training sessions for media professionals to enhance AMR communication, panel discussions featuring key policymakers, and expansive community mobilization leveraging digital platforms. The campaign also successfully advocated for the adoption and implementation of the newly launched National Action Plan (NAP) 4.0, reinforcing Ethiopia’s structured response to AMR challenges.

Throughout the week, multisectoral coordination was evident in the spectrum of events and initiatives, supported by government leadership and international partners. These efforts not only elevated public understanding of AMR but also strengthened intersectoral partnerships essential for sustainable AMR containment.

In summary, WAAW 2025 in Ethiopia represented a critical milestone in the country’s fight against AMR. By moving beyond awareness to concrete action, Ethiopia demonstrated its commitment to safeguarding health, securing its future, and contributing to the global effort to curb AMR’s devastating impact. The campaign’s success underscores the power of collective responsibility and coordinated effort in addressing one of the 21st century’s most pressing health threats.

## I. Background

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) stands as one of the most urgent global health challenges of the 21st century. It arises when microorganisms including bacteria, viruses, fungi, and parasites develop the ability to resist the effects of antimicrobial drugs, rendering standard treatments increasingly ineffective. This resistance leads to prolonged illnesses, higher mortality rates, increased healthcare costs, and considerable strain on health systems worldwide.

While AMR is a natural evolutionary phenomenon, human activities have significantly accelerated its emergence and spread. Misuse and overuse of antimicrobials in human medicine such as unnecessary prescriptions or incomplete treatment courses are major contributors. Similarly, the widespread use of antimicrobials in livestock and agriculture for growth promotion and disease prevention exposes microbes to selective pressures that foster resistant strains. Environmental contamination from pharmaceutical waste, untreated wastewater, and agricultural runoff further disseminates resistant microorganisms across ecosystems.

In response to this multifaceted threat, the the World Health Organization (WHO), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), and the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) have embraced a One Health approach, promoting coordinated efforts across human health, animal health, agriculture, environment, and policy sectors. This integrated strategy focuses on responsible antimicrobial use, strengthening infection prevention and control, and enhancing surveillance, research, and regulatory frameworks.

Ethiopia has been proactive in addressing AMR since 2011, developing a National Strategic Framework aligned with the Global Action Plan on AMR. The country has established multisectoral coordination mechanisms, advanced public awareness campaigns, regulated antimicrobial use, and improved laboratory capacity for AMR detection and monitoring.

Since 2015, Ethiopia has participated annually in WAAW, leveraging this global platform to enhance national efforts in raising awareness among healthcare providers, farmers, policymakers, and the public. These initiatives emphasize prudent antimicrobial use and the importance of containment strategies.

The 2025 WAAW theme, “Act Now: Protect Our Present, Secure Our Future,” highlights the critical need for immediate, coordinated action to combat the growing threat of AMR. It calls upon all stakeholders to move beyond commitments and implement effective, life-saving interventions, underscoring that AMR is a present-day crisis demanding urgent attention.

Through sustained efforts, Ethiopia remains committed to fostering a culture of responsible antimicrobial use, strengthening multisectoral collaboration, and safeguarding the effectiveness of antimicrobials for current and future generations.

## 2. Objectives

### 2.1. General Objective

- To raise awareness and promote immediate action to preserve the efficacy of antimicrobials, ensuring healthier present and secure future.

### 2.2. Specific Objectives

- To increase awareness and understanding of AMR among healthcare professionals, policymakers, and the public
- To promote immediate and sustained actions to preserve the effectiveness of antimicrobials
- To enhance collaboration, cooperation and partnership across one health sectors
- To advocate for the implementation of policies and practices

## 3. Led Implementers and Collaborators

The week-long event was spearheaded by the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture, and the Environmental Protection Authority, with essential technical and financial support from partners, including:

- **International Organizations:** World Health Organization (WHO), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), UK Health Security Agency, and the East, Central and Southern Africa Health Community (ECSA-HC).

- **Professional Associations:** Ethiopian Pharmaceutical Association and Ethiopian Society of Internal Medicine.
- **Media Partners:** Ethio-Telecom, Safaricom Ethiopia, television and radio stations, and various social media platforms.
- **Regional Health Bureaus:** Regional health bureaus and regulatory bodies across the country actively contributed to implementing and coordinating activities.

## 4. Activities

### 4.1. Preparatory phase

Preparations for WAAW 2025 began on October 1, 2025, and included the following key steps:

- Formation of a multisectoral WAAW taskforce with representatives from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture, Environmental Protection Authority, WHO, FAO, and professional associations.
- Development of a comprehensive concept note, detailed activity plan, and mobilization of necessary resources.
- Creation and distribution of communication materials such as posters, brochures, banners, T-shirts, and digital messages.
- Capacity building through targeted training sessions for media professionals on AMR and WAAW awareness.
- Stakeholder engagement through virtual and in-person coordination meetings to ensure alignment with the campaign's theme and objectives.

### 4.2. Implementation phase

The Implementation phase of WAAW 2025 in Ethiopia took place over a period of three weeks with events various locations from 8 Nov. 2025 to 1 Dec. 2025. Following are some of the key activities implemented (Table 1):

Table 1: Summary of WAAW 2025 national events from November 8 -December 1, 2023.

S/N	Activities	No. of participants	Date of the event	Responsibility	Collaborator
1	WAAW 2025 national event and launching of NAP for AMR	100	November 18	MoH, MoA and EEPA	WHO, UKHSA, AfricaCDC
2	Media training and orientation	25	November 15, 2025	MoH and RHB's	ECSA-HC
4	T-Shirt, Poster and brochure printing	400 T-Shirt, 50 posters and 500 brochures	November 10-17,2025	MoH	WHO, AfricaCDC
5	AMR messages posted on print and social media; broadcast AMR SMS messages	>70 million customers	November 18-24,2025	MoH, MoA, EFDA, EPHI	Ethio telecom, Safaricom
7	Sector specific events	200	November 18-24, 2025	MOA, EEPA, EPHI, EFDA, Health facilities	FAO for MoA Africa CDC, UKHSA for EPHI
8	Antimicrobial Resistance and Rational medicine use training	50	November 25,2025	EFDA	EPA
9	Regional AMR events	700	November 18-24,2025	RHB, RAB, REPA	MOH and International water management institute for AAEP
10	WAAW 2025 event report writing	15	November 25-December 1, 2025	MoH, MoA and EEPA	WHO and FAO

## 5. Proceedings of the events

The week-long activities, held from November 18 to 24, 2025, included several key components:

### 5.1. Consultative workshop and Training for Media

#### A. Consultative workshop with media professionals at national level

To ensure the effective dissemination of AMR messages to a broad audience, it is essential that media professionals possess a comprehensive understanding of AMR concepts. In recognition of this need, a consultative workshop was organized as part of WAAW 2025 to equip journalists with the necessary knowledge.

The workshop, held on November 15, 2025, in Bishoftu Town, brought together a diverse group of participants, including media professionals from print, electronic, and social media, as well as public relations officers from the three sectoral organizations and their affiliated agencies. The objective was to foster collaboration and enhance the capacity of media professionals to craft clear, impactful messages on AMR for their respective audiences.

The event featured an Opening Speech delivered by Wendosen Shewarega, from the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices LEO at the Ministry of Health. This was followed by a self-introduction of participants, fostering an environment for collaboration and interaction.

The program continued with a series of informative presentations, beginning with Mr. Solomon Asefa, Pharmacologist at Addis Ababa University, who provided an in-depth overview of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR). His presentation covered key aspects including the mechanisms, causes, consequences, impact, and prevention strategies associated with AMR.

Next, Dr. Keno Kumera, General Practitioner, presented on the burden of AMR in Ethiopia's healthcare settings, sharing valuable insights and lessons learned from selected public health facilities.

The session concluded with Wendosen Shewarega returning to present on the Overview of World AMR Awareness Week 2025 and Media Engagement strategies. This presentation emphasized the importance of media involvement in raising awareness about AMR.

A detailed discussion followed, where participants engaged in a comprehensive exchange of ideas and perspectives on addressing AMR challenges.



Figure 1: Consultative workshop with media professionals, November 15, 2025, Bishoftu

## **B. Media training for regional media and communication offices**

In addition to the national consultative workshop with media professionals, the Addis Ababa and Oromia Regional Health Bureaus organized an AMR training for media professionals to strengthen public communication on antimicrobial resistance. The training focused on equipping journalists to deliver consistent AMR prevention and responsible medicine-use messages to communities through multiple media platforms.



Figure 2: Addis Ababa city administration AMR training for media professionals



Figure 3: Oromia AMR training for media professionals

## 5.2. Official Launch of WAAW 2025 and AMR NAP 4.0

On November 20, 2025, at the Africa CDC Headquarters the official launch of WAAW 2025 and AMR NAP 4.0 was held, marking a significant milestone in the fight against AMR. The event was attended by approximately 100 stakeholders, including government representatives, international partners, media professionals, and health experts, all united in their commitment to addressing this urgent health challenge.

The program featured inspiring keynote addresses from distinguished speakers who highlighted the importance of collaborative efforts in combating AMR. Dr. Bejoy Nambiar, representing the WHO Country Office in Ethiopia, emphasized the global and regional significance of coordinated responses. Chenjerai Njagu from the FAO Ethiopia underscored the role of agriculture and food systems in AMR containment. Dr. Sajil Liaqat, the UKHSA Country Lead, discussed the importance of strengthening health security measures, while Dr. Raji Tajudeen, Deputy Director-General of Africa CDC, reaffirmed the organization's commitment to regional leadership in AMR mitigation.

The opening remarks set the tone for the event, delivered by Dr. Sisay Getachew of the Ministry of Agriculture and H.E. Eng. Lelise Neme, Director-General of the Environmental Protection Authority. Their statements reinforced the collective responsibility of various sectors in tackling AMR. The official opening speech was delivered by H.E. Dr. Mekdes Daba, Minister of Health, who highlighted the critical threat posed by antimicrobial resistance. She called for sustained, multi-sectoral collaboration and emphasized that addressing AMR requires unwavering commitment and coordinated action from all stakeholders to safeguard public health now and into the future.

- **Launch of the National Action Plan (NAP) for AMR Prevention and Containment (2026–2030):**

A formal signing ceremony took place, marking the launch of Ethiopia's National Action Plan (NAP) for AMR Prevention and Containment (2026–2030). This ceremony involved officials from three key sectoral organizations, Director general of EPHI, representatives from international organization (WHO, FAO, UKHSA, Africa CDC) and marked a significant milestone in the nation's ongoing response to AMR.



Figure 4: Official Launch of WAAW 2025 and AMR NAP 4.0 Event

### 5.3. Sector-Specific Events

#### 5.3.1. Ministry of Agriculture

On November 24, 2025, the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) hosted an event at Asham Africa Hotel & Resort in Bishoftu to raise awareness and promote coordinated action on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) and the event was officially opened by Mr. Girma Mulugeta, Senior Advisor for State Minister, MOA.

The objective was to engage stakeholders from various sectors, including MOA, the Ministry of Health, Ethiopian Environmental Authority (EPA), Ethiopian Veterinary Association (EVA), and others, in advocating for bold commitments and concrete actions to address AMR. The event was attended by 40 participants and featured speeches from Dr. Roba Jilo Sharda (MOA), Mr. Wondimnew Abrie (EPA), Mr. Tenaw Andualem (FAO), and Mr. Girma Mulugeta (MOA), who emphasized the global and national threats of AMR and the need for a multi-sectoral approach.

Presentations covered the progress of AMR prevention and containment in various sectors, including veterinary medicine, agri-food practices, and surveillance systems. Discussions focused on securing funding for AMR actions, enhancing collaboration, and the importance of continuous data generation and community engagement.

The event also marked the successful validation of the MDROs prevention and containment guideline for the agri-food sector. In the closing remarks, Professor Endrias Zewdu (EVA) reiterated the importance of a coordinated, collaborative approach and emphasized that tackling AMR is a shared responsibility requiring urgent action across all sectors.



Figure 5: Ministry of Agriculture WAAW 2025 sector specific event\

### 5.3.2. Ethiopian Public Health Institute

The Ethiopian Public Health Institute (EPHI) commemorated WAAW with the aim of raising awareness about AMR and promoting immediate actions to preserve the effectiveness of antimicrobials. The event gathered key stakeholders to address the growing AMR challenge, with a focus on its prevention and control for a healthier present and a sustainable future.

The workshop was attended by 115 participants, including representatives from 26 AMR surveillance system health facilities, regional laboratory directors, and national AMR stakeholders from the MOH, MOA, EPA, as well as international partners like the WHO and Africa CDC. The event also saw the participation of senior staff from EPHI and other One Health national actors.

The event included a variety of activities such as presentations on AMR surveillance data, panel discussions, case studies, and the display of posters and leaflets. A T-shirt and photo ceremony were held to further engage the participants in spreading AMR awareness.

Dr. Gemechu Tadesse, Director of the Infectious Diseases Research Directorate at EPHI, opened the event by highlighting the importance of raising awareness, advancing research, and enhancing collaborative efforts to tackle AMR. Dr. Getachew Tolera, Deputy Director General for Public Health Research at EPHI, delivered the keynote address, calling AMR a "silent tsunami" responsible for millions of deaths globally and immense socio-economic losses. He stressed the need for coordinated efforts across sectors to effectively address AMR.

Several key presentations followed, including global, national, and regional perspectives on AMR surveillance system implementation by Mr. Gebrie Alebachew from EPHI, Key findings and challenges from the national AMR surveillance system by Mr. Negga Asamene, and the introduction of the new National Action Plan 4.0 on AMR by Mr. Wendossen Shewarega from MOH. Other presentations focused on clinical case studies, rational medicine use, the national AMR burden, genomic surveillance, environmental protection in the era of AMR and the role of farm animals in the spread of AMR.

The event also included a discussion and reflection session, where participants raised critical questions regarding the current state of AMR surveillance, the need for improved pathogen detection, and strategies to combat antibiotic misuse. Specific concerns were raised about extending surveillance to primary healthcare settings, increasing media coverage on AMR, and regulating the sale of antibiotics on the black market.

Dr. Getachew Tolera concluded the event by emphasizing EPHI's commitment to strengthening laboratory capacity, improving surveillance, and promoting prudent antimicrobial use. Representatives from WHO and Africa CDC reaffirmed their support for Ethiopia's AMR efforts.

In the closing remarks, Dr. Geremew Tesso underscored the urgency of AMR and called for political commitment, rational antimicrobial use, and stronger surveillance to protect the future from the impact of AMR. He concluded by urging all participants to take collective action, embodying the theme "Act Now: Protect Our Present, Secure Our Future."



Figure 6: Ethiopian Public Health Institute WAAW 2025 event

### 5.3.3. Ethiopian Food Drug Administration

The Ethiopian Food and Drug Authority has undertaken various awareness-raising activities during WAAW. Some of these activities include:

#### **A. Training on AMR burden for pharmacy professional working in private medicine retail outlets**

A structured training program was conducted from November 13 to 15, 2025, in Harar town, East Ethiopia, focusing on the critical issue of AMR. The training was organized through a collaborative effort with the Ethiopian Pharmaceutical Association (EPA) and specifically targeted 30 pharmacy professionals employed in private medicine retail outlets across Dire Dawa city administration and Harar region.

The primary objective of the program was to enhance participants' knowledge and awareness regarding the growing burden of AMR, its implications for public health, and the role of pharmacy professionals in mitigating its impact. Over the course of three consecutive days, the training

sessions combined theoretical presentations, interactive discussions, and case-based exercises designed to strengthen both conceptual understanding and practical application.

By engaging pharmacy professionals who serve as frontline providers in the retail pharmaceutical sector, the initiative sought to improve antimicrobial stewardship practices, promote rational medicine use, and foster accountability in dispensing behaviours. The collaboration with EPA ensured alignment with national strategies on AMR containment and reinforced the importance of multisectoral coordination in addressing this global health challenge.



Figure 7: Training on AMR burden for pharmacy professional working in private medicine retail outlets, Harari, Ethiopia

## B. Panel discussion on the role of regulatory in preventing and containing AMR

As part of the commemoration of WAAW, a sector-specific panel discussion was convened to deliberate on the role of the regulatory sector in preventing and containing AMR. The event took place on November 21, 2025, at the Ethiopian Food and Drug Authority (EFDA) Office Hall.

The session commenced with a brief presentation delivered by Mr. Getachewu Alemkere from Addis Ababa University, who outlined the current challenges posed by AMR and highlighted the critical importance of regulatory interventions in mitigating its burden. His presentation provided the conceptual foundation for the subsequent panel discussion.

Following this, selected panellists from EFDA engaged in an in-depth dialogue on the multifaceted responsibilities of the regulatory sector in AMR containment. Key themes included:

- Strengthening regulatory frameworks to ensure rational use of antimicrobials.
- Enhancing surveillance mechanisms for antimicrobial consumption and resistance patterns.
- Strengthening post marketing surveillance to ensure the quality and safety of medicines in the market.
- Fostering collaboration between regulatory authorities, healthcare providers, and other stakeholders to advance One Health approaches.

The panel discussion was attended by over 50 EFDA staff members, representing diverse departments within the organization. Their active participation underscored institutional commitment to addressing AMR through regulatory leadership and capacity building.

This event not only reinforced the significance of regulatory oversight in combating AMR but also served as a platform for knowledge exchange and institutional reflection, aligning national efforts with global strategies for antimicrobial stewardship



Figure 8: Panel discussion on the role of regulatory in preventing and containing AMR, EFDA head office, Addis Ababa

### 5.3.4. Ethiopian Society of Internal Medicine

The Ethiopian Society of Internal Medicine, in collaboration with Pfizer, celebrated WAAW 2025 on November 22, 2025, at the Intercontinental Hotel. The event featured a dynamic program that included keynote presentations, a panel discussion, and abstract presentations, all focused on AMR and antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) in Ethiopia.

Key presentations addressed various aspects of AMR in Ethiopia. Wendosen Shewarega from the Ministry of Health discussed the national strategy, policies, and implementation efforts related to AMR and AMS, highlighting Ethiopia's commitment to combating resistance through strategic planning and policy execution. Gebrie Alebachew from the EPHI presented on AMR trends in Ethiopia, providing insights into current resistance patterns and surveillance data.

Dr. Berhanu Yitayew from AHRI elaborated on the One Health approach to AMR and AMS, emphasizing the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health in tackling resistance. A Pfizer representative showcased the company's Accord for a Healthier World initiative, highlighting collaborative efforts to promote innovation and access in antimicrobial therapy.

In the clinical management segment, Dr. Wondwossen Amogne discussed approaches to managing multidrug-resistant (MDR) and extensively drug-resistant (XDR) Gram-negative infections, addressing critical treatment challenges. Dr. Selam Bogale Gissa shared insights from the SAMRY study on the alarming rate of carbapenemase carriage in Addis Ababa, underscoring the urgency of infection control measures. Dr. Turegn Assefa presented updates on the diagnosis and management of *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteremia, a significant cause of bloodstream infections.

Further discussions included pharmacist-led vancomycin dose optimization at a tertiary hospital in Addis Ababa by Mahlet Moges, highlighting the role of pharmacy in antimicrobial stewardship. Dr. Akalewold Wagayehu reviewed recent trials and guidelines related to AMR management, while Dr. Tilahun Nega discussed the prediction of loss to follow-up among patients with drug-resistant tuberculosis in the Amhara region.

The overall takeaway message of WAAW 2025 underscored Ethiopia's ongoing efforts to combat AMR through the implementation of national policies, enhanced surveillance data sharing, and strengthened antimicrobial stewardship programs. The event highlighted critical clinical challenges, such as MDR/XDR Gram-negative infections and Staphylococcus aureus bacteremia, while also showcasing pharmacist-led interventions and ongoing TB resistance research. The collaboration between Ethiopia's health sector and Pfizer was emphasized as a key driver for a healthier future through coordinated policy, innovation, and capacity-building initiatives.



Figure 9: Ethiopian Society of Internal Medicine WAAW 2025 Celebration, Interluxury hotel, Addis Ababa

## 5.4. Regional/City Administration level events

### 5.4.1. Addis Ababa City Administration

A 2025 World AMR Awareness Week event in Addis Ababa was held on 20/03/2025 at the Addis Ababa Health Bureau, 5th Flower Hall. The event gathered 120 participants from AACAHB, EPA, sub-city health offices, hospitals, health centers, private health facilities, and Kenema pharmacy.

Opening remarks by Mr. Degnet Yosef (AACAHB Delegate) and Mr. Kidu Hailu (EPA Executive Director) emphasized that AMR is an urgent current threat and called for stronger infection prevention and control, hygiene, surveillance, stewardship, and multisectoral collaboration. Presentations covered global political commitment against AMR (Mr. Workneh), national political commitment and the need for leadership, legislation, coordination, and financing (Mr. Lake Alemayehu), and facility-level actions including awareness, surveillance/research, IPC, and antimicrobial stewardship (Mr. Eshetu Shiferaw).

Discussions highlighted major challenges such as weak high-level political engagement, limited multisectoral accountability, inadequate domestic funding, incomplete implementation and monitoring of AMR action plans, and poor enforcement of antimicrobial use regulations.

closing remarks reiterated the need for coordinated One Health action, stronger surveillance and laboratory systems, improved prescribing practices, and sustained community awareness.



Figure 10: Addis Ababa City Administration health bureau WAAW 2025 event

#### **i. Addis Ababa Environment Protection Authority**

The Addis Ababa Environment Protection Authority commemorated World AMR Awareness Week (WAAW)2025 at its office with the participation of authority staff and regional stakeholders. The event featured an AMR presentation delivered by Mrs. Lakech Haile, the authority's AMR focal person, emphasizing the importance of coordinated action and environmental measures in AMR prevention and containment.

## ii. International Water Management Institute

The International Water Management Institute (IWMI), in collaboration with the Ministry of Water and Energy, celebrated World AMR Awareness Week (WAAW)2025 with participation from leaders of the institute and key stakeholders, including representatives from the Addis Ababa Health Bureau. The event emphasized cross-sector collaboration, highlighting the importance of water, sanitation, and environmental actions alongside health-sector efforts to prevent and contain antimicrobial resistance.



Figure 11: International Water Management Institute (IWMI) WAAW 2025 event

## iii. Bole and Nifas Silk Sub-City Health Office

The Bole Sub-City Health Office commemorated World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW) with the participation of Health Office Head Mr. Kedi Zeki, management members, and various stakeholders. Under the motto “Act Now: Protect Our Present, Secure Our Future”, the event emphasized the urgent need to address AMR and promote responsible medicine use across the community and healthcare institutions.



Figure 12: Bole sub city WAAW 2025 event

#### iv. Bole and Nifas Silk Sub-City Health Office

The Nifas Silk Lafto Sub-City Health Office commemorated WAAW with the participation of the Health Office Head, management members, and various stakeholders. The event emphasized the urgent need to address AMR and to promote responsible medicine use across the community and healthcare institutions.



Figure 13: Nifas silk lafto sub city WAAW 2025 event

#### 5.4.2. Oromia

Oromia Regional Health Bureau conducted a World AMR Awareness Week event on 05 December 2025 at Pyramid Resort, Bishoftu Town, with the objective of raising awareness and strengthening understanding on antimicrobial resistance (AMR), appropriate antimicrobial use, infection prevention and control (IPC), and the need for multisectoral collaboration under the One Health approach.

The event brought together 210 participants, including leaders from zonal and town health administrations and hospitals, health bureau professionals (clinicians, pharmacists, nurses, laboratory staff), agriculture/animal health and environmental sectors, media, religious/community leaders (Abageda and Hada Sinqe), and professional associations (EPA, OPA, OHPA).

A welcoming remarks were delivered by Derese Abera (Director, PMED), followed by keynote messages from Dr. Gusha Beleko (Vice Head, OHB) highlighting the burden of AMR, the importance of rational use and AMS, and strengthening IPC and surveillance; Dr. Amina Abdurhaman (Vice Head, OAB) emphasizing responsible antimicrobial use in livestock, veterinary stewardship, biosecurity, and One Health collaboration; Mr. Gemechu Bekele (Vice Head, OEPA) focusing on environmental pathways, waste and wastewater management, environmental

surveillance, and policy enforcement; and Mr. Wondosen Shewarega (AMR focal, MoH) reaffirming national prioritization of AMR, implementation of the National Action Plan, expansion of AMS/IPC, and strengthened surveillance and laboratory capacity including culture and DST.

Technical presentations covered an overview of AMR and regional performance (Mulunesh Diriba and PS Team Leader, OHB), identifying key drivers and gaps and calling for stronger surveillance, rational use, and coordinated action, and AMR surveillance (Sisay Begidu, Adama PHRRLC) describing culture/DST services, reporting into the national surveillance system, and laboratory capacity strengthening.

Discussion and reflection highlighted persistent gaps in AMS and rational prescribing/dispensing, limited lab capacity and data use, the need for continuous capacity building and routine integration of AMR actions into health planning, inappropriate antimicrobial use in livestock with weak enforcement and farmer awareness, and environmental risks from poor waste and wastewater management with limited environmental surveillance, concluding that sustained leadership, accountability, One Health coordination, and strong policy enforcement are essential for impact.

Additional activities included AMR LIVE on OBN TV, media orientations, broadcast spot messages across TV/radio and social media, poster dissemination, poems and drama performances, and media interviews, and closing remarks by Dr. Tesfaye Kibebew (Vice Head, OHB) emphasized that WAAW is a call for sustained action through multisectoral collaboration, rational antimicrobial use, strengthened surveillance, and strict adherence to IPC to protect antimicrobial effectiveness.



Figure 14: Oromia region WAAW 2025 event

### 5.4.3. Amhara

The Amhara Public Health Institute (APHI) and Bahir Dar University conducted a World AMR Awareness Week workshop on 22 November 2025 at Unison Hotel, Bahir Dar, to raise awareness on the growing threat of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and promote best practices to prevent and contain AMR across One Health sectors (human, animal, plant, and environmental health) through coordinated and sustained stakeholder action.

The workshop convened 64 participants from 23 institutions representing academia and research, healthcare, veterinary and livestock services, environmental protection and natural resources, government and executive offices, regulatory/quality assurance bodies, and media/communication organizations.

Opening/keynote remarks by Mr. Belay Bezabih (Director General, APHI) highlighted the global and national AMR burden (including Ethiopia's estimated 2019 deaths directly attributable and associated with AMR), key drivers such as antimicrobial misuse/overuse, weak regulation, limited diagnostics and surveillance, and gaps in IPC, stewardship, and environmental controls, and reiterated APHI's commitment to strengthen laboratories, expand surveillance, and advance One Health partnerships while calling to translate political will, data, and collaboration into measurable impact; Dr. Mulunesh Dessie (ANRS Social Cluster Lead) emphasized AMR as an urgent current

threat, the WAAW theme “Act Now: Protect Our Present, Secure Our Future,” and the need for shared responsibility and regional contextualization of national One Health/AMR strategies.

Technical sessions covered implementing One Health for resilient health systems (Mr. Taye Zeru), noting regional progress such as One Health coordination structures, a 2025–2030 strategic plan (AMR/Anthrax/Rabies), community-based surveillance, strengthened AMR labs, joint investigations, and regional antibiograms; an overview of AMR in Ethiopia (Dr. Bayeh Abera) stressing key drivers and recommending strengthened surveillance/labs, rational use and stewardship, awareness, WHO AWaRe implementation, and multisectoral action; veterinary AMR surveillance at Bahir Dar Animal Health Laboratory (Dr. Endeshaw Demil) reporting culture/AST activities and high resistance trends (2020–2025) alongside major community practice gaps; and the role of water in AMR transmission (Prof. Mulugeta Kibret) presenting evidence of resistant organisms in drinking water, wastewater, and rivers and calling for improved wastewater treatment and environmental monitoring.

The general discussion (chaired by Mr. Belay Bezabih and Prof. Mulugeta) reinforced priorities including closing surveillance and stewardship gaps, strengthening regulation and legal enforcement, improving waste/expired drug disposal, expanding public awareness, and operationalizing a Regional One Health Secretariat; additional activities included viewing a documentary on antimicrobials, distribution of brochures and a newsletter.

Closing remarks by Prof. Mulugeta Kibret and Mr. Belay Bezabih emphasized immediate action, stronger surveillance across stakeholders, better understanding of water-related AMR pathways, and addressing regulatory/resource constraints, with agreed action points including strengthened stewardship across sectors, expanded partnerships and domestic resource mobilization, formalized collaboration among health/veterinary/environment/water actors, a centralized regional antibiogram platform, integrated environmental and water surveillance, localized WAAW campaigns, an AMR awareness campaign, and a WhatsApp reporting group for AMR focal persons.



Figure 15: Amhara region WAAW 2025 event

#### 5.4.4. Diredawa

WAAW Celebration was conducted in Diredawa during November 18-24, 2025 across four health facilities (Dilchora Hospital, Legehare HC, Melka Jebdu, Gendekore HC, and Goro HC) to provide orientation on antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and its containment strategy.

The event engaged 50 participants including RHB media and administrative staff, Dire mass media professionals, and community representatives from the participating health facilities. In the keynote address, Mrs. Fasika Berhanu emphasized AMR as a global and national threat and noted that WAAW was being celebrated for the 11th round, calling on all health facilities to strengthen awareness platforms for clients and health professionals through media and community outreach (including health extension workers).

Technical presentations were delivered by Mr. Abera Alemu (DDRHB) on AMR overview and rational drug use (RDU) and Mrs. Fasika Berhanu (DDRHB) on the role of infection prevention and control (IPC) in combating AMR. Discussion highlighted the need to strengthen regulatory actions to control antibiotic dispensing (particularly in private facilities), improve counseling

services, expand community and health worker awareness, and address harmful practices such as sharing medicines and using antibiotics without prescription.

Key takeaways reinforced that medicines should not be shared, personal and environmental hygiene/IPC must be practiced, self-medication, especially with antibiotics should be stopped, and public awareness should be strengthened through media. Additional communication activities included AMR messages posted on the regional Facebook page, broadcasts on FM 106.7, multilingual messages on DIRE TV (Amharic, Oromifa, Somali), brochure distribution to health facilities, and banner posting in public gathering areas and selected facilities.

A closing remark by Mrs. Fasika Berhanu reiterated stopping medicine sharing and self-medication and encouraged participants to disseminate messages to the wider community.



Figure 16: Diredawa WAAW 2025 event

#### 5.4.5. Somali

The WAAW event was conducted in Jigjiga City on 24 November 2025, jointly organized by the Somali Regional Health Bureau and Karamardha Hospital, to strengthen awareness on AMR and reinforce coordinated action through the One Health approach. Participants included representatives from Jigjiga University (One Health Program), Karamardha Hospital, Sultan Sheikh Hassen Yabare Hospital, and key institutions including the Food and Drug Authority,

health facility staff, the agriculture office, the environmental protection and rural land management office, and the WHO.

In the opening remarks, Dr. Ahmed Dek Aden (Director, Treatment and Rehabilitation Department) underscored AMR as a growing threat with serious health, economic, and environmental consequences, and emphasized that protecting the effectiveness of life-saving medicines requires joint action across sectors. Mr. Mohamed Adem (Head of the WHO Office in Eastern Ethiopia) reiterated that drug resistance is increasing and called for heightened attention and coordinated measures to prevent avoidable damage arising from misuse and overuse of antimicrobials.

The session concluded with a shared agreement among stakeholders to pursue a strong, collaborative response to contain AMR and reduce the associated public health risks through sustained multisectoral engagement.



Figure 17: Somali WAAW 2025 event

### 5.4.6. Southwest Ethiopia

Head of the Regional Health Bureau, Mr. Ibrahim Tema, emphasized that public awareness efforts must be coordinated and widely delivered, as antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is an increasing global health concern.

He explained that AMR is driven largely by the inappropriate use of medicines, including taking drugs without a doctor’s prescription, incorrect use of prescribed treatments, and overdosing—factors that enable germs to adapt and become resistant to antimicrobial drugs. Mr. Ibrahim added that the problem is worsened by the global shortage of newly developed antimicrobial medicines.

He noted that improving environmental cleanliness and strengthening local awareness are key solutions and called for the campaign to be expanded to villages so citizens can better protect their health. The opening presentation was delivered by Mr. Abebe Kebede, Director of Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices, with participation from regional government officials and other relevant institutions, including Mr. Dib Daniel, Advisor on Law and Good Governance Affairs to the Head of State.



Figure 18: Southwest Ethiopia WAAW 2025 event

### 5.4.7. Afar

The Afar Regional Health Bureau (RHB), in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Health, conducted a World AMR Awareness Week (WAAW) awareness event on 18 November 2025 at DiNI Hotel using a One Health approach, with 25 participants (20 male, 5 female) from Afar RHB and key partner institutions. The workshop aimed to strengthen attention to AMR prevention and containment and to disseminate messages through social media and the local information-sharing strategy “Dagu.”

Presentations and discussions highlighted AMR as a growing public health threat linked to irrational antimicrobial use, emphasized the need for responsible prescribing and functional antimicrobial stewardship in health facilities, and noted implementation challenges in Afar such as limited diagnostic capacity, medicine stock-outs, and gaps in private-sector practice and regulation; key messages were shared through Afar TV and leadership communication channels to support follow-up action.



Figure 19: Afar region WAAW 2025 event

### 5.4.8. South Ethiopia

The Southern Ethiopian Regional Health Bureau launched an AMR awareness campaign on 5 December 2025 in Sodo town as part of AMR Awareness Week, with the aim of ensuring AMR prevention principles are implemented in practice.

In the opening remarks, Mr. Nafkot Berhanu, Deputy Head of the Bureau and Head of the Medical Services Sector, described AMR as a major global health threat that increases disease spread, raises morbidity and mortality, escalates treatment costs for humans and animals, and harms the economy through reduced productivity, emphasizing the need for coordinated action by all stakeholders.

Mr. Tefera Filippos, Director of the Pharmaceutical and Medical Equipment Management Directorate, noted that resistance is more pronounced in developing countries and affects antimicrobials used for TB, HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other conditions, while highlighting key drivers such as limited professional guidance, illegal antimicrobial use, and poor personal and environmental hygiene; Mr. Getnet from the Jinka branch of the Southern Ethiopian Public Health Laboratory further stressed strengthening laboratory services and committed to expanded research on AMR.



Figure 20: South Ethiopia region WAAW 2025 event

### 5.4.9. Benshangul gumuz

The Benishangul-Gumuz Regional Health Bureau organized a multi-stakeholder awareness forum to commemorate World AMR Awareness Week (WAAW) under the theme “Act Now, Protect Our Present, Secure Our Future.” The Deputy Director, Mr. Abdulmunium Al-Bashir, underscored antimicrobial resistance as a major public health threat and a leading cause of death globally, calling on stakeholders to curb self-medication, overdosing, and poor adherence to prescribed treatments.

The forum convened representatives from public and private health institutions, religious leaders, the media, and other partners, and reinforced the need for coordinated One Health action to address medicine misuse and protect both human and animal health, supported by presentations from Mr. Wendosen Shewarega (MoH) on AMR overview, global and national responses, and the new five-year national action priorities, as well as Mr. Lukman Ali on the purpose of WAAW and stakeholder roles in awareness creation; plenary discussion and Q&A sessions were also conducted.



Figure 21: Benshangul gumuz WAAW 2025 event

### 5.4.10. Harar

Harari Region also commemorated World AMR Awareness Week (WAAW)2025 with the participation of relevant stakeholders and health-sector representatives. The event emphasized the urgent need to address antimicrobial resistance (AMR) through strengthened infection prevention and control (IPC), responsible medicine use, and reinforced antimicrobial stewardship practices.



Figure 22: Harar WAAW 2025 event

## 5.5. Health facility level events

### A. St. Peter specialized hospital

St. Peter Specialized Hospital commemorated World AMR Awareness Week (WAAW)2025 on 25 November 2025 at the hospital with the participation of hospital staff. The event emphasized the importance of addressing antimicrobial resistance (AMR) through strengthened infection prevention and control (IPC) and effective antimicrobial stewardship practices.



Figure 23: St. Peter hospital WAAW 2025 event

### B. Zewditu Memorial hospital

Zewditu Memorial Hospital commemorated World AMR Awareness Week (WAAW)2025 on 25 November 2025 at the hospital with the participation of hospital staff. The event highlighted the need to address antimicrobial resistance (AMR) by strengthening infection prevention and control (IPC) and reinforcing effective antimicrobial stewardship practices.



Figure 24: Zewditu memorial hospital WAAW 2025 event

### C. Korea Veterans Memorial Health Center

Korea Veterans Memorial Health Center commemorated World AMR Awareness Week (WAAW)2025 on 28 November 2025 at the health center with the participation of staff. The event emphasized the importance of addressing antimicrobial resistance (AMR) through strengthened infection prevention and control (IPC) and reinforced antimicrobial stewardship practices.



Figure 25: Korea Veterans Memorial Health Center WAAW 2025 event

### D. Alert Hospital

ALERT Hospital commemorated WAAW 2025 on 3 December 2025 at the hospital with the participation of hospital staff. The event emphasized the need to address antimicrobial resistance (AMR) by strengthening infection prevention and control (IPC) and reinforcing effective antimicrobial stewardship practices.



Figure 26: Alert hospital WAAW 2025 event

### E. Tikur Anbessa Comprehensive Specialized Hospitals

Tikur Anbessa Comprehensive Specialized Hospital commemorated WAAW 2025 on 29 November 2025 in collaboration with Addis Ababa University, with participation from hospital staff, the MoH, and partners. The event highlighted the need to address AMR through presentation of a hospital-based study, strengthened infection prevention and control (IPC), and reinforced antimicrobial stewardship practices, and included remarks by Mr. Wendosen Shewarega (MoH) on stewardship functionality and the importance of hospital leadership commitment in the fight against AMR.



Figure 27: TASH WAAW 2025 event

## F. Modjo primary hospital

As part of the 2025 World AMR Awareness Week, Modjo Primary Hospital conducted an AMR awareness event on 26 November 2025 at the Modjo Hospital in Modjo town to strengthen awareness of antimicrobial resistance among health professionals.

The session brought together 90 participants including hospital leadership, unit heads, clinical teams, all hospital staff, and the Modjo Town Health Office, and featured keynote remarks by Dr. Beyene Deraro highlighting the growing threat of AMR and the need for coordinated action.

Presentations by Dr. Ahmde Getahun covered an overview and magnitude of AMR, emphasizing its global health and socioeconomic impact and the importance of evidence-based, multisectoral responses, while discussions stressed the need for continuous awareness, monitoring antibiotic use in both public and private facilities, stronger town-level regulation, and improved AMR documentation and reporting; the event concluded with distribution of awareness materials, a social media communication marking WAAW, and an initial plan drafted for 2026 AMR awareness activities in collaboration with the Modjo Town Health Office and partners.



Figure 28: Modjo primary hospital WAAW 2025 report

### G. Modjo town hospital

In observance of World AMR Awareness Week 2025, a workshop was conducted on 21 November 2025 at the Modjo Health Center in Modjo town to raise AMR awareness among health professionals. The session gathered 43 participants from Modjo Health Center, Hachaltu Gudina Health Center, Modjo Hospital, and the Modjo Town Health Office, and included welcoming remarks by Mrs. Hailu Asefa and opening messages by Mr. Tesfaye Ketema emphasizing the importance of WAAW, the role of health workers, and the need for coordinated action.

Presentations delivered by Mr. Alemshet Solomon covered AMR concepts and magnitude, underscoring AMR as a major global health and socioeconomic challenge, while discussions highlighted priorities such as continuous awareness creation, leadership attention to AMR burden, monitoring antibiotic use in both public and private facilities, strengthening town-level regulation, and improving AMR documentation and reporting; the workshop also distributed awareness materials and produced immediate outputs including a social media post, a draft plan for 2026 activities, and strengthened coordination among the health office, health centers, and hospital.



Figure 29: Modjo city WAAW 2025 event

## H. Olenchiti primary hospital

During the 2025 World AMR Awareness Week, Olancit Primary Hospital conducted an AMR awareness event on 21 November 2025 at Olancit Hospital to improve awareness among hospital staff and the surrounding community. The event involved 50 participants drawn from hospital staff and community members and included welcoming/keynote remarks by Damise Derese and a presentation on antimicrobial resistance emphasizing responsible antimicrobial use. Participants discussed practical ways to minimize unnecessary antimicrobial use and reflected on strengthening community education, with additional attention given to pharmacovigilance; the event concluded with closing remarks by Takalign Urgi encouraging appropriate antimicrobial use and continued awareness efforts.



Figure 30: Olenchiti primary hospital WAAW 2025 event

## I. Bishoftu general hospital

As part of the 2025 World AMR Awareness Week, Bishoftu General Hospital in the Oromia Region conducted an AMR awareness event on 27 November 2025 at the hospital's CPD hall to build understanding of AMR drivers, the global and national magnitude of AMR, its consequences, resistance patterns, and the global, national, and hospital-level responses.

The event engaged 78 participants from the Oromia Health Bureau (OHB), hospital staff, students, and town administration, and opened with remarks from Mrs. Feven and Mr. Teshoma (OHB) outlining objectives and highlighting AMR burden and impact.

A presentation by Dr. Keba Mulu focused on AMR concepts and rational antibiotic use, national prevention objectives and strategies, the role of health professionals and stakeholders, and One Health implementation; discussions emphasized stronger regulation to stop antibiotic dispensing without prescriptions in private pharmacies, improved community awareness, regular training/simulations for health workers, and better access to diagnostics such as culture. The event concluded with a commitment to promote rational antibiotic use, strengthen antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) programs, and sustain daily action against this “silent pandemic,” alongside a coffee and tea ceremony.



Figure 3 I: Bishoftu general hospital WAAW 2025 event

## J. Lemman primary hospital

Lemman Primary Hospital in the Oromia Region conducted an AMR awareness event on 24 November 2025 at Lemman Primary Hospital to strengthen awareness and capacity of health professionals on responsible antimicrobial use. The event brought together 55 participants from key service areas including OPD, IPD, NICU, EOPD, laboratory, pharmacy, TB and ART clinics, and support units (finance, quality, HMIS, and matron), and opened with keynote remarks by Dr. Rorisa Lami under the theme “Act Now: Protect Our Present, Secure Our Future.”

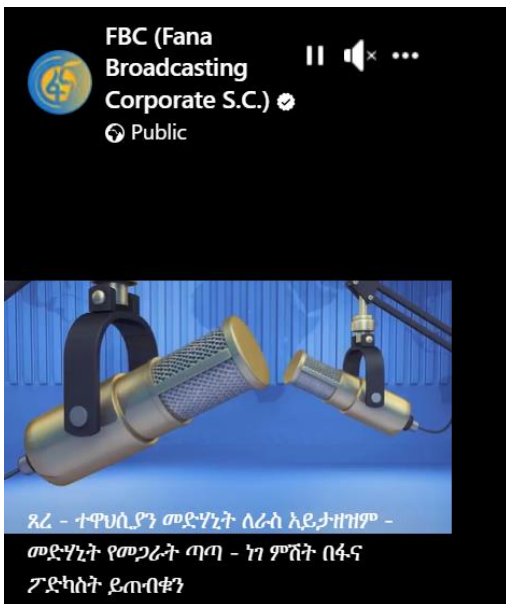
A presentation by Abona Weyessaa (clinical pharmacist) covered an overview of antimicrobial resistance and emphasized behavior change in prescribing and dispensing, while discussions highlighted gaps such as limited budget for AMS, low staff awareness, and weak coordination between some physicians and pharmacy staff; the event also included prescription audit and feedback activities and concluded with closing remarks by Dr. Lalisa Wadaj (CEO) calling for rational and optimal antimicrobial therapy.



Figure 32: Lemman primary hospital WAAW 2025 event

## 5.6. Information dissemination through Electronic (TV, Radio) and social media

The WAAW 2025 events included various initiatives for advocating AMR to the general public, health workers, and policymakers through media platforms in the national and regional events. This involved leveraging digital platforms such as websites, TV and Radio. Some examples of coverage provided through these platforms are;



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The events also utilized print media as a means of advocating AMR awareness. This involved the distribution of educational posters and brochures at healthcare facilities and different WAAW 2023 events. These print materials have compelling visuals and concise messaging to effectively communicate the threat of AMR and promote behavior change among diverse audiences.



Figure 33: IEC/BCC Material Disseminated (T-Shirt, brochure, poster- adopted from WHO)

### 5.6.1. Media campaign organized by EFDA

In observance of WAAW, a comprehensive media campaign was implemented with the primary objective of enhancing public awareness regarding the burden of AMR. The campaign was strategically designed to reach a broad and diverse audience by utilizing multiple communication platforms, including both traditional and digital media outlets. Specifically, dissemination channels encompassed the Ethiopian National Radio, as well as the official social media pages of the Ethiopian Food and Drug Authority (EFDA), such as Facebook and Telegram.

This initiative sought to maximize outreach and engagement by leveraging the wide accessibility of electronic media and the interactive nature of social networking platforms. Through these channels, tailored messages were delivered to inform the public about the health, social, and economic implications of AMR, thereby fostering a culture of responsible antimicrobial use.

The activity was executed in close collaboration with the Public Relations Directorate, ensuring that the campaign adhered to professional communication standards and maintained consistency in messaging across all platforms. This partnership facilitated the integration of technical content with effective communication strategies, thereby strengthening the impact of the awareness campaign and contributing to the overarching goals of WAAW in Ethiopia.

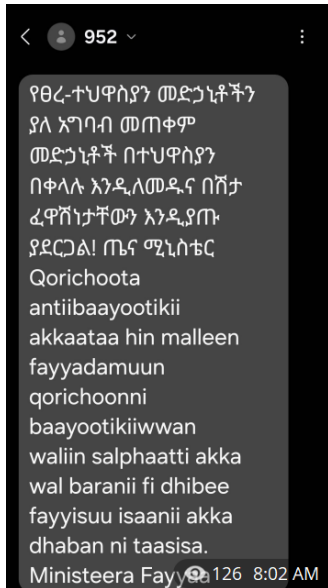


Figure 34: EFDA prepared and posted social media posters

### 5.7. Information dissemination through text message

During the WAAW 2025, a significant information dissemination campaign focused on AMR was conducted via text messages, utilizing Ethio-Telecom’s SMS service and Safaricom Ethiopia and MoH 952 free call center. These platforms were instrumental in reaching a wider audience with key AMR messaging.

The Ministry of Health (MoH) collaborated with the management teams of Ethio-Telecom and Safaricom Ethiopia, formally requesting their support through an official letter to facilitate the SMS campaign. Meanwhile, a dedicated team worked diligently to craft clear and concise messages. On November 18 and 24, 2025, the AMR text messages were successfully sent to approximately 83.2 million Ethio-Telecom subscribers in Amharic language and 10 million Safaricom Ethiopia customers in five local language such as Amharic, English, Oromiffa, Tigrigna and Somali languages significantly raising awareness about the importance of combating AMR.



English	Amharic	Oromiffa	Tigrigna	Somali
Use antibiotics only as prescribed by a physician. Follow the instructions carefully, and do not share them with others. Ministry of Health in collaboration with Safaricom Ethiopia	የፀረ-ተህዋስያን መድኃኒቶችን ያለ ጤና ባለሙያ ትዕዛዝ እይወብዱ! የታዘዘልዎትን በአግባቡ ይውሰዱ! ለሌላም ሰው አያጋሩ! ጤና ሚኒስቴር ከሳፋሪትም ኢትዮጵያ ጋር በመተባበር::	Qorichoota farra baakteeriyaa ajaja ogeessa fayyaan alatti hin fayyadamiinaa! Yeroo ogeessi fayyaa isiniif ajaju sirnaan fudhadhaa, namoota biroofis hin qoodinaa! Saafaariikoom Ministeera Fayyaa waliin ta'uun.	መድኃኒት ፀረ-ተህዋስያን ካብ ትእዛዝ ብዓል ሙያ ጥዕና ወግኢ እይወብዱ! ዝተዘዘሉም መድኃኒት ብግቡኣ ይውሰዱ! ንኻልእ ሰብ ኣየካፍሉ! ሚኒስትሪ ጥዕና ብምትሓብባር ባፋሪትም ኢትዮጵያ ዝተዳለወ።	Isticmaal daawooyinka kaliya sida uu xirfadle caafimaad kuu qoro. Raac tilmaamaha si taxaddar leh, hana la wadaagin dadka kale. Wasaaradda Caafimaadka oo la kaashanaysa Safaricom Ethiopia.

Figure 35: Text message disseminated via 952, Ethio telecom and Safaricom Ethiopia

## 6. Annex

### I. List of national taskforce members

S/N	Name	Institution
1	Mr. Edessa Diriba	Ministry of Health
2	Mr. Wendosen Shewarega	”
3	Dr. Dumessa Edessa	”
4	Mr. Gashaw Adane	Ministry of Agriculture
5	Dr. Ashenafi Gembemariam	”
6	Mr. Wondimnew Abire	Ethiopian Environment Protection Authority
7	Mr. Haillemariam Eshete	Ethiopian Food Drug Authority
8	Nega Asamene	Ethiopian Public Health Institute
9	Mr. Gebrie Alebachew	”
10	Niguagus Liben, Ethiopian	Ethiopian Agriculture Authority
11	Mulumbet Fekadu	World Health Organization
12	Tenaw Andualem	Food and Agriculture Organization

2. Minutes of the taskforce meeting

**Minutes of the National Taskforce Meeting for the Commemoration of World AMR Awareness Week (WAAW) 2025**

**1. General information**

- Date: October 30, 2025
- Time: 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
- Venue: Virtual Meeting

**2. Agenda**

- A. Review of the draft concept note for WAAW 2025
- B. Discussion on additional points for effective celebration and engagement

**3. Participants**

- Mr. Wendosen Shewarega, Ministry of Health (MoH) ..... Chairperson
- Dr. Dumesa Edessa, Ministry of Health (MoH) ..... Secretary
- Dr. Ashenafi Gembemariam, Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) ..... Member
- Gashaw Adane, Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) ..... Member
- Nega Asaminew, Ethiopian Public Health Institute (EPHI) ..... Member
- Niguagus Liben, Ethiopian Agriculture Authority (EAA) ..... Member
- Tenaw Andualem, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) ..... Member
- Wondimnew Abire, Environmental Protection Authority (EPA)..... Member
- Asmamaw Yenesew, Environmental Protection Authority (EEPA) ..... Member
- Gebrie Alebachew, Ethiopian Public Health Institute (EPHI)..... Member
- Mulumebet Fekadu, World Health Organization (WHO) .....Member
- Tadesse Girma, Ethiopian Pharmaceutical Association (EPA) .....Member

**4. Meeting proceedings**

**4.1. Opening remarks**

Mr. Wendosen welcomed all participants and facilitated introductions. He provided a brief overview of the draft concept note, emphasizing the importance of translating the theme into Amharic for broader community understanding. He also updated the group on the progress of the new National Action Plan (NAP) for the prevention and containment of AMR, which is on track for launch at the opening of the national event.

**4.2. Background and context**

- **Objectives of WAAW commemoration:** Mr. Wendosen outlined the general and specific objectives of the WAAW event aligned with the theme, “Act Now: Protect Our

Present, Secure Our Future”. He added that each activity will reflect this theme to enhance relevance and impact.

- **Lead implementers:** The event will be led by the three sector organizations MoH, MoA, and EEPA in collaboration with partner agencies, professional associations, and other stakeholders.
- **Expected participants:** Approximately 1,080 participants are anticipated, including high-level officials, sector professionals, community leaders, media personnel, and the public. Multiple engagement platforms such as panel discussions, media trainings, and regional events are planned.

#### 4.3. Planned activities

- **Panel discussions:** Scheduled for the first day, including a press release, the launch of the new AMR NAP.
- **Media Training:** MoH plans to conduct pre-WAAW training for media professionals to enhance awareness dissemination.
- **Materials:** Posters and brochures will be developed and distributed to support awareness and behavioral change initiatives.
- **SMS campaigns:** Messages will be disseminated via Ethio-telecom and Safaricom using short codes 952 and 8482.
- **Sector-specific events:** Organized by MoA, EPHI, EAA, EFDA, and EPA.
- **Regional WAAW events:** MoH is in the process of transferring budgets and materials for regional activities.

#### 4.4. Planning timeline

- The activities are structured into three phases: pre-WAAW, during WAAW, and post-WAAW.

#### 4.5. Key points raised by participants

- Emphasize on the importance of timely preparation given the limited timeframe.
- MoA’s proactive planning for sector-specific commemoration.
- A need to include facility-level healthcare professionals.
- Incorporate diverse media platforms, including TikTok, Facebook, radio, and TV.
- Clarify the expected outcomes and follow-up mechanisms within the concept note.

- Special focus need to be given on health facilities in awareness efforts.
- EPHI's plan to support AMR surveillance sites financially and coordination with MoH is discussed to be necessary to avoid overlapping efforts.
- Careful selection of target audiences for each event, considering sectoral cascades.
- The NAP for AMR has yet to be launched due to finalization delays.
- Extend panel discussion sessions to cover full days for comprehensive engagement.
- Surveillance reports should be presented at sector-specific events.
- Develop and share questions in advance for panel discussions.
- Translate the theme into Amharic to enhance community understanding; suggested translation: “አሁን እንስራ፣ ዛሬን እንታደግ፣ ነገን እንጠብቅ”.
- Prepare a signing page for the launch and presentation of the new NAP for AMR 2026-2030.
- Implement media tracking during events to inform final reports and measure media engagement.
- Invite new sector representatives to diversify expertise.
- Showcase innovations during the commemoration.
- Extend support to regional activities broadly.
- EPA plans to organize a national webinar.
- Increase regional participant numbers beyond the current target of 700 per region.
- MoH's formal request for WAAW support is underway.
- Utilize WHO's campaign materials for promotion.
- Revisit and align the specific objectives with the overarching theme.
- Establish a regional coordinating committee.
- FAO has resources available for WAAW but requires prioritization.
- Focus on sector-specific efforts, particularly EEPA.
- Form a resource mobilization committee for activities.
- Share panel discussion points in advance for preparation.
- Include Dr. Ashenafi from MoA in Media related activities.
- EPHI will support EEPA's surveillance efforts and will explore additional funding sources.
- Consider providing T-shirts for sector-specific events.
- Present AMR research priorities developed by EPHI during the event.

#### 4.6. Action items and responsibilities

S/N	Activity	Timeline	Responsibility
1.	Prepare and disseminate meeting minutes	November 2, 2025	Dr. Dumessa and Wendosen
2.	Share draft Amharic theme with task force members	November 3, 2025	Wendosen
3.	Develop schedule for panel discussions	November 6, 2025	Wendosen and Dr. Dumessa
4.	Compile participant list for panel discussions	November 6, 2025	Wendosen and Dr. Dumessa
5.	Share community awareness materials	November 6, 2025	Wendosen
6.	Discuss resource allocation and environment-specific activities	October 31, 2025	Gebrie, Wendosen, Wondimnew
7.	Update on WHO support for WAAW	November 6, 2025	Mulumebet

#### 4.7. Closing remarks

Mr. Wendosen expressed appreciation to all participants for their commitment and valuable contributions. He announced a follow-up meeting scheduled for the same time and date next week. The meeting was officially adjourned at 4:30 PM.

3. Schedule for a consultative workshop with media professionals



**Schedule for Consultative Workshop on Antimicrobial Resistance Prevention and Containment with Media professionals |**

Venue: Yaden Hotel, Bishoftu

Date: November 15, 2024

Time	Topic	Presenter	Moderator
8.30-9:00	Registration of participants	Organizer	
9:00-9:15	Welcome remark	MOH PR	Mr. Wendosen Shewarega, MOH
	Opening Speech	MOH- Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices LEO	
9:10 - 9:20	Self-introduction	Participants	
9:20-10:10	<b>Antimicrobial Resistance:</b> Mechanism, Cause, Consequences, Impact and Prevention Mechanisms	Mr. Solomon Asefa, Pharmacologist, AAU	
10:10-10:30	Discussion	Participants	
<b>10:30-10:45</b>	<b>Health Break</b>	<b>Organizer</b>	
10:45-11:30	<b>Burden of AMR in Ethiopian health care setting:</b> Lesson from selected public health facilities	Dr. Keno Kumera, General Practitioner	
11:30-12:00	Discussion	Participants	
12:00-12:20	Overview of World AMR Awareness Week 2025 and Media engagement	Wendosen Shewarega, MOH	
12:20-12:30	Discussion	Participants	
12:30-12:40	Closing and group photo	Organizer	
<b>12:40- 2:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>Organizer</b>	

4. Schedule for official Launch of WAAW 2025 and AMR NAP 4.0 Event



**Schedule for World AMR Awareness Week (WAAW) 2025 and Launching Event for NAP 4.0 on AMR**

**Theme “Act Now: Protect Our Present, Secure Our Future”**

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Venue: Africa CDC Headquarter, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Date: 20 November 2025

Time	Topics	Presenters	Moderators
8:30-9:00	Registration of Participants	Organizers	
9:00-9:30	<b>Keynote speech:</b> Dr Bejoy Nambiar, On behalf of WHO Country Representative to Ethiopia Chenjerai Njagu, On behalf of FAO Country Representative to Ethiopia Dr. Sajil Liaqat, UKHSA Country Lead- Ethiopia Africa CDC DDG	Moderator	PR. Representative
9:30-9:50	<b>Opening Remarks:</b> H.E. Eng. Lelise Neme, Director General of EPA H.E. Dr. Fikru Regassa, State Minister of MOA <b>Opening Speech:</b> H.E. Dr. Mekdes Daba, Minister, MOH	Moderator	
9:50-10:00	Briefing on Ethiopia’s NAP on AMR development process	H.E. Mrs Frehiwot Abebe, State Minister, MoH	
10:00-10:20	Ethiopian’s NAP 4.0 on AMR Launching Ceremony	MoH, MoA, EPA	
10:20-10:50	End-term evaluation report of NAP 3.0 and overview of NAP 4.0 on AMR (2026-2030)	Mr. Edessa Diriba, MoH	
10:50-11:10	<b>Group photo</b> <b>Health Break</b>	Participants Organizers	
11:10-12:30	Panel discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion on the presented topic</li> <li>Reflection from key stakeholders on their AMR activities focused on the theme (Act Now: Protect Our Present, Secure Our Future) and on the NAP 4.0 on AMR</li> </ul>	Panelist 1. H.E. Firehiwot Abebe, MoH 2. H.E. Dr. Fikru Regassa, MoA 3. H.E. Eng. Lelise Name, EPA	PR representative
12:30-1:00	<b>Closing remark</b>	H.E. Mrs. Frehiwot Abebe, State Minister, MoH	
1:00-	<b>Lunch Break</b>	Organizers	



## 5. Schedule for Ministry of Agriculture sector specific WAAW event



### 2025 Sector Specific World AMR Awareness Week (WAAW) Celebration and MDROs guideline validation Workshop, 24 November 2025, Bishoftu

Theme: "Act now: Protect our present, Secure our future"

Time	Topic	Organization	Responsible	Facilitator
8:30-9:00	Registration	MOA	Participants	Mr. Gashaw Adane
9:00-9:05	Welcoming remarks	MOA	Dr. Roba Jilo	
9:05-9:15	Workshop objectives	MOA	Dr. Sisay Getachew	
9:15-9:25	Keynote address	EAA, AHI, EPA, MOH, FAO	Representatives	
9:25-9:30	Official opening	MOA	HE Dr. Fikru Regassa	
9:30 - 9:45	Self-introduction	MOA	Participants	Dr. Dimshasha Tolera & Dr. Wondu Mengesha
9:45-10:00	Progress report on sector <u>specific</u> AMR prevention and containment	MOA	Gashaw Adane	
10:00-10:15	Progress report on sector <u>specific</u> AMR prevention and containment	AHI	Dr. Gizat/Mr. Abebe Olani	
10:15-10:25	Progress report on sector specific AMR prevention and containment	EAA	Dr. Atakti Hadush	
10:25-10:40	AMR prevention and containment evaluation report in agri-food sector	MOA	Dr. Ashenafi G/mariam	
10:40-10:55	Progress report on sector <u>specific</u> AMR prevention and containment	APIQT Lab.	Dr. Tamiru Tilki	Dr. Ashenafi G/Mariam
10:55-11:15	Group photo and Health break	Organizer	PR Experts and Organizer	
11:15 -11:30	One Health AMR Prevention and Containment Strategic Plan (2021–2025) evaluation and new AMR NAP (2026-2030) progress report	MOH	Wondwossen Shewarega	
11:30 -11:40	Research outputs on AMR and its containment system in Ethiopia	EIAR	Dr. Beksisa urge	
11:40 -12:00	Discussion and conclusion of WAAW event	MOA, EAA, AHI	Representatives	
12:00 -12:15	Presentation on the draft MDROs prevention and containment guideline of livestock sector	MOA	Dr. Achenif Melaku	Gashaw Adane
12:15 -12:25	Q & A and Pre-discussion on the presentation	MOA	Participants	
12:25 -12:30	Group formation to review the draft MDROs guideline	MOA	Gashaw Adane	
12:30 -2:00	Lunch	FAO	Organizer	
2:00-3:45	Group work /review on the draft MDROs guideline	MOA	Participants	
3:45-4:05	Health break	FAO	Organizer	Gashaw Adane
4:05-4:35	Group work presentation on progress	Groups	Representatives	
4:35- 5:20	General discussion and way forward	MOA	Dr. Roba Jilo	
5:20- 5:30	Rap up	MOA	Dr. Solomon Kebede	

6. Schedule for Addis Ababa city administration WAAW event

**2025 World AMR Awareness Week (WAAW)**  
Sector Specific, Regional and Health Facility Level Event Reporting Template

12. Schedule of the workshop

**Workshop on Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week (WAAW 2025) organized by Addis Ababa City Administration Health Bureau (AACAHB) and Ethiopian Pharmaceutical Association (EPA) in Collaboration with South Centre**

*Theme: Act Now: Protect Our Present, Secure Our Future*

Date: 22 November 2025    Venue: Addis Ababa Health Bureau, Addis Ababa

Time	Activity	Presenter	Facilitator
08:30 - 09:00AM	Participant Registration	Organizers	
09:00 - 09:05AM	Program Introduction	Mr Deginet Yosef, PSSD	AAHB & EPA
09:05 - 09:15AM	Welcoming Address	Mr Kidu Hailu, Executive Director of EPA	
09:15- 09:30AM	Opening Speech	Dr. Yohannes Chala, AAHB Head	
09:30-10:00AM	Global Political Commitments in the Fight against AMR.	Mr. Workineh Getahun, EPA	
10:00-10:30AM	National Political Commitment in the Fight against AMR.	Mr. Lake Alemayehu, AAHB,	
10:30 -11:00AM	Health Break	Organizers	
11:00 -10:30AM	Facility-Based Commitments in the Fight against AMR. (prescribing and dispensing protocols, Infection prevention practice, treatment guidelines etc)	Mr. Eshetu Shiferaw, EPA	
11:30-12:20PM	Discussion	Participants	
12:20-12:30PM	Closing	AAHB & EPA	
12:30 PM -1:30 PM	Lunch	Organizers	

## 7. Schedule for oromia region WAAW 2025 workshop

### 10. Schedule of the workshop



### **Resistance Awareness Week (WAAW) 2025**

#### **Panel Discussion**

**Theme “Act now. Protect Our Present. Secure Our Future.”**

### **Schedule for World Antimicrobial**

Venue: Pyramid Resort Bishoftu,

Date: 5 December 2025

Time	Topics	Presenters	Moderators
8:30-2:450	Registration of Participants	Organizers	Sr Seada/Sisay/ Teshome
8:45- 900	Blessing	Abageda and hadha sinqe	
9:00-9:10	Welcome address & Objectives	Derese Abera OHB	
9:10-9:20	Keynote speech:	Gemechu B Env.Aut.	
9:20-9:30	Keynote speech:	<u>Dr Amina A. Agr.B</u>	
9:30-9:40	Keynote speech:	Wondosen Sh. MOH	
9:40-10:00	Opening Remarks:	<u>H.E Dr.Gusha B.OHB</u>	
10:00-10:30	Overview of AMR and regional AMR performance	Mulunesh D	
10:30 - 10:45	<b>Health Break</b>	<b>Organizers</b>	
10:45-11:00	AMR Poem	Artist (Geleta)	
11:00 - 11:30	AMR surveillance presentation	Sisay Begidu	
11:30 - 11:40	Cake Ceremony	Participants	
11:40 -12:00	AMR Movies (Drama)	Artists	
12:00– 12:30	General Discussion	Participants	
12:30 – 12:45	<b>Closing Remark</b>	Dr <u>Tesfaye OHB</u>	
12:45- 1:00	<b>Group photo</b>	Participants	
1:00 - 2:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>Organizers</b>	

## 8. Amhara WAAW 2025 workshop



### Workshop schedule on World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week (WAAW) - 2025

Time	Activity	Presenter/Actor	Facilitator
8:30 – 9:00 AM	Arrival and Registration	Organizers	Organizers
9:00 – 9:15 AM	Welcoming speech	<a href="#">Mr. Belay Bezabih</a> (DG-APHI)	<a href="#">Mr. Taye Zeru</a>
9:15-9:30 AM	Opening Remarks and Keynote Addresses	<a href="#">Dr. Mulugeth Dessie</a> ANRS Social cluster lead	Taye Zeu
9:30 – 9:50 AM	One Health approach for resilient health	<a href="#">Mr. Taye Zeru</a>	Mr. Tilahun Yimaldu
9:50 – 10.10 AM	AMR in Ethiopia	<a href="#">Dr. Egvah Abera</a>	Prof. Mulugeta
10:10 – 10:30 AM	Health Break and Group Photo Organizers		
10:30 – 10:50 AM	Amr Surveillance Activities at the Bahir Dar Regional Veterinary Laboratory	Mr. Laikemariam Teshome	<a href="#">Dr. Egvah Abera</a>
10:50-11:50 AM	Discussion	Participants	
12:00 – 02:00 AM	Lunch Break	Organizers	
2:00 –2::20 PM	Environmental Dimensions of AMR: The Role of Water in Ethiopia	Prof. Mulugeta Kibret	Dr. Adane Nigussie
2:30-3:30 PM	General discussion and the way forward	Mr. Belay Bezabih Prof. Mulugeta Kibret, Dr. Adane Nigussie	Taye Zeru
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Closing	<a href="#">Mr. Belay Bezabih</a>	Taye Zeru

9. Afar WAAW 2025 event

**Afar RHB 2025 World AMR Awareness Week (WAAW)  
Summary of Events Report**

9:00-9:15	Welcome remark	AfRHB representative	Mr. Mohammed seid RHB
	Opening Speech	Pharmacy directoret	
9:10 - 9:20	Self-introduction	Participants	
9:20-10:10	Overview of World AMR Awareness Week 2025 and Media engagement	Fatuma Idris RHB	
10:10-10:30	Discussion	Participants	
<b>10:30-10:45</b>	<b>Health Break</b>	<b>Organizer</b>	
10:45-11:30	<b>Burden of AMR in Ethiopian health care setting: Lesson from selected public health facilities</b>	Dr. Endris DGH	
11:30-12:00	Discussion	Participants	
12:00-12:20	<b>Antimicrobial Resistance: Mechanism, Cause, Consequences, Impact and Prevention Mechanisms</b>	Mr. Mohammed yimam RHB	
12:20-12:30	Discussion	Participants	
12:30-12:40	Closing and group photo	Organizer	
<b>12:40- 2:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>Organizer</b>	



Thank you!