



ETHIOPIAN DIASPORA TRUST FUND

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ETHIOPIA DIASPORA TRUST FUND (EDTF) RESPONDS TO THE ETHIOPIAN NATIONAL COVID-19 MITIGATION CAMPAIGN WITH USD1.173 MILLION WORTH OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

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Following agreement with the Ethiopian Ministry of Health (MoH), the Ethiopian Diaspora Trust Fund (EDTF) has procured Protective Personal Equipment (PPE) and related medical supplies worth USD1.173 million to safeguard the well-being of frontline health personnel working to save lives across Ethiopia in the campaign against COVID-19.

EDTF recognizes COVID-19 is an existential threat to the wellbeing and livelihood of the Ethiopian people, particularly the most disadvantaged segments of the population EDTF is established to serve.

Immediately after the establishment of the EDTF Emergency COVID-19 Mitigation window/subaccount on 4 April 2020, EDTF formed an Implementation Committee (IC) to liaise with the MoH/Ministry of Finance (MoF) regarding the items and supplies needed to combat the pandemic and undertake the required steps to secure the supplies. The EDTF IC managed to conduct an expedited international competitive solicitation which resulted in the procurement of the items and supplies listed below from SNS Global Pharma Corporation.

Professor Alemayehu G. Mariam, Chairperson of the EDTF Advisory Council, stated “EDTF is doing everything possible to mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic impact in Ethiopia. We allocated USD1million initial start-up from the EDTF ongoing fund and mobilized an additional USD 130 thousand to-date under a new EDTF COVID-19 Mitigation subaccount. EDTF’s support will be used by the front-line health care staff in hospitals around the country but targeting in particular those hospitals and health facilities in more disadvantaged areas. I thank once again the Ethiopian Diaspora in 93 countries that continue to contribute to EDTF helping it finance critical needs of disadvantaged Ethiopians.”

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Dr. Bisrat Aklilu, Treasurer of the Advisory Council and Chairman of the EDTF IC said that “During this crucial period when the global demand for medical items and supplies to combat COVID-19 far outstrips the available supply, thanks to the continued timely support of EDTF donors and the work of members of the EDTF IC, we have managed to secure the items needed to combat COVID-19 competitively, in record time and in close consultation with MoH.”

EDTF’s expeditious action will reassure EDTF donors the importance of the need for their continued support. EDTF COVID-19 subaccount is established as a separate window on the [EDTF website](#).

NO.	PPE ITEM	QUANTITY	TOTAL VALUE
1	Exam Glove Nitrile, P.F.	6,598,000	\$ 336,498.00
2	3 Ply Surgical Face Mask	1,000,000	\$ 319,000.00
3	Respirator, Mask, FFP2/N95	42,000	\$ 94,920.00
4	Coverall, Protective Clothing for Doctors with Close Contact with Patients	10,000	\$ 279,500.00
5	Coverall, Protective Clothing	9,580	\$ 122,049.20
6	Face Shield, Transparent	2,000	\$ 3,692.40
7	Forehead Thermometer	420	\$ 17,388.00
8	Cooling Gel	7,600	SNS Donation
9	Nasal Oxygen Cannula, 2	10,000	SNS Donation
TOTAL			\$1,173,047.60

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