

Twinning Center Launches Two New Hospital-based Partnerships in Ethiopia

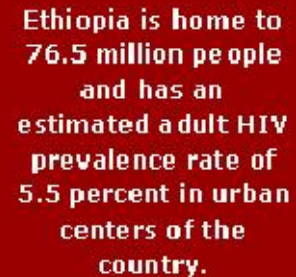
The HIV/AIDS Twinning Center has launched two new partnerships designed to develop institutional and human resource capacity at hospitals in Ethiopia.

Elmhurst Hospital Center in New York City is partnering with Debre Birhan Hospital in the North Shoa zone of Ethiopia's Amhara Region. Amhara is Ethiopia's second most populous region and has the country's highest HIV prevalence rate.

In cooperation with the International Training and Education Center on HIV/AIDS (I-TECH), partners are focusing on strengthening Debre Birhan Hospital's capacity to provide care to PLWH, as well as improve its management infrastructure.

The second partnership links Ambo Hospital in Ethiopia's Oromiya Region with Jersey Shore University Medical Center in New Jersey.

Partners are working in conjunction with Columbia University to bolster Ambo's capacity to provide HIV/AIDS treatment and expand professional development opportunities for staff.



Ethiopia is home to 76.5 million people and has an estimated adult HIV prevalence rate of 5.5 percent in urban centers of the country.