

HHS Sec. Mike Leavitt Visits Black Lion Teaching Hospital during Visit to Ethiopia

US Sec. of Health and Human Services Mike Leavitt visited Black Lion Hospital in Addis Ababa Aug. 11, speaking to a group of medical faculty and students at the teaching hospital, which is affiliated with Addis Ababa University. Dr. Tedros A. Ghebreyesus, Ethiopia's Minister of Health, hosted the briefing.



Sec. Leavitt and Ethiopian Minister of Health Dr. Tedros A. Ghebreyesus (seated) at the August 11 briefing at Black Lion Hospital.

Addis Ababa University School of Pharmacy partner Ephrem Abebe and Howard University School of Pharmacy partners Bisrat Hailemeskel and Noreen Teoh attended the event, which focused on the important role the United States plays in assisting Ethiopia and other nations to combat HIV/AIDS.

Members of the audience posed questions on topics such as the need for university-level collaboration to improve lab services and more pre-service training. The dramatic loss of 60-70 percent of recent medical school graduates to the West was also stressed.