

# Healing Beyond Borders: Dr. Sirak Semere Abrha's Journey to Revolutionize Healthcare for Eritrean Refugees in Addis Ababa

## Sirak Semere Abrha, Cohort 54 - Eritrea



Dr. Sirak is a licensed general medical practitioner in Ethiopia with four years experience. He currently works as a volunteer health worker in Addis Ababa with Trinity Mission for the Lost.

After the YALI RLC EA leadership program, Dr. Sirak committed to form a caucus with his fellow Eritrean doctors across the globe to sustain quality medical care for Eritrean refugees in Ethiopia.

Sirak Semere Abrha, a passionate doctor from Eritrea, is dedicated to improving healthcare access for Eritrean refugees in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. After completing his medical degree at Mekelle University in Ethiopia, with over three years of experience as a licensed General Medical Practitioner at Legehar General Hospital and witnessing the healthcare disparities faced by Eritrean refugees in Ethiopia, Sirak was determined to make a difference.

His experience at the YALI Regional Leadership Center East Africa (YALI RLC EA) was transformative. The Design Thinking course ignited his passion for tackling complex healthcare challenges, inspiring him to find innovative solutions tailored to the unique needs of Eritrean refugees. The "7 Habits of Highly Effective People" course allowed him to explore his potential and improve his self-awareness and equipped him with a clearer vision for change. Additionally, the "This is Africa" class revealed the immense potential within the continent, further fueling his determination to revolutionize healthcare access.

Motivated by his YALI RLC EA experience, Sirak's goal is to enhance the accessibility of affordable, equitable, and high-quality healthcare for Eritrean refugees in Addis Ababa. Currently volunteering as a General Practitioner at Trinity Mission for the Lost World, he actively seeks to understand the specific healthcare challenges faced by this vulnerable population.

With his newfound knowledge, Sirak is collaborating with local organizations and stakeholders to establish tailored healthcare initiatives. Through partnerships, raising awareness, and advocating for policy changes, he aims to create a sustainable and inclusive healthcare system that leaves no one behind.

Sirak Semere Abrha's YALI RLC EA experience was transformative. With his medical expertise, compassion, and invaluable knowledge gained through YALI, Sirak is poised to have a lasting impact on the lives of Eritrean refugees in Addis Ababa. His vision of accessible and equitable healthcare, coupled with his determination and commitment to effect positive change, serves as an inspiring example of the power of education, empathy, and resilience.