

**CHAMPS**

**Ethiopia** Child Health and  
Mortality Prevention  
Surveillance

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Healthy Child,  
Healthy Nation !**

## HEAD LINES

- CHAMPS Ethiopia commenced MITS in early February
- Radio programme was launched
- Trainings organized
- CHAMPS network annual meeting
- International symposium
- MITS and counselling rooms launched in Kersa
- The 4th Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting
- Scabies campaigns
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- Community services and engagement activities
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  - Open visits

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## The First Headline



**CHAMPS Ethiopia commenced the first MITS.**

**Supervisor from Barcelona came to launch MITS and stayed in the site for 15 days. And CHAMPS Ethiopia Harar site conducted the first MITS on Feb, 9/2019.**

**In this reporting year 873 deaths were notified and among them 89 were CHAMPS eligible.**

**And so far 60 MITS samples were collected from Kersa Weter and Harar.**

## Your Second Heading

**CHAMPS Ethiopia and Haramaya Fana FM radio station have launched the first radio programme on Maternal and Child Health in January, 2019.**

**The programme is being broadcasted both in Affan Oromo and Amharic local languages. There are teams of listening groups in Kersa Weter and Harar.**

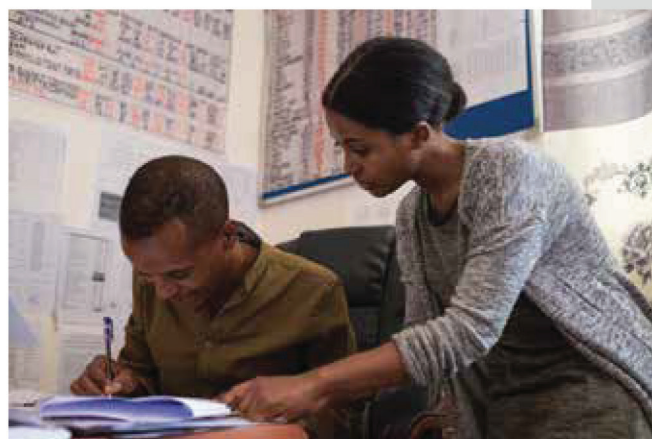






## Trainings Organized

Multiple training on incident reporting, nationally notifiable diseases and infection prevention and control have been given to staff members.  
Second round death notification training have been given for 85 community death notifiers in Kersa and Water.



Trainings on good clinical practice good clinical laboratory practice and TAC procedures have been given in the year completed by AHRI, CDC-Atlanta, Leica, as well as refresher training on consent and MITS procedures were given by our senior staff.



# CHAMPS

## NETWORK ANNUAL MEETING

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CHAMPS Ethiopia site coordinator, Dr. Lola Madrid and co-PI Dr. Nega Assefa, attended CHAMPS network annual meeting in Seattle in May along with CHAMPS Ethiopia PI, Prof. Anthony Scott.

### Your Second Heading

Training on qualitative research methods and a masterclass on medical anthropology for all HHR and Haramaya University first year PhD in Public Health students was organized in the year completed

Along with Dr. Caroline Ackley, SBS team hosted an international symposium on 'Anthropological approaches to understanding child and maternal mortality, and recommendations for improving health outcomes in Ethiopia'.



## MITs and Counselling Rooms Launched in Kersa

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MITs and counselling room have been launched in Kersa Health Centre in June. This helps the project in avoiding body transport from Kersa to Harar, which was one of the main causes of MITs refusal among Kersa eligible cases.



## Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting

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## Scabies Campaigns

As part of community services, a number of scabies campaigns had been conducted this skin infection, which affects more than half of the Kersa population.

The approach of campaign was identifying the index case and treat all inhabitants of the household to reduce and eventually eliminate the scabies transmission within the family.



Besides the medical treatment, CHAMPS team had been providing health education on how to clean clothes and entire house as good sanitation and hygiene is the best way to eliminate scabies.



# DECODE PANEL

The first DeCoDe panel which included a training organised by Emory University, was held at Harar Ras Hotel.

Prof. Rob Breiman (Emory CHAMPS PI), Prof. Anthony Scott (LSHTM CHAMPS PI), Dr Diana Blau (International Lab Director for CHAMPS), HHR staff and external experts from Ethiopian Universities and Hospitals were participants of the panel.



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The second Decode panel was hosted by EPHI in Addis Ababa on November 27, 2019. Twelve new cases were reviewed and assigned cause of death. There were 10 panellists as well as observers from results delivery team.





# Community services & Engagement Activities



Community services are an essential piece of community engagement programme. CHAMPS Ethiopia Harar site conducted scabies campaigns and provided free blood pressure and diabetes tests for the community.

Sanitary pad distribution was also among community service activities conducted in this year. The distribution was conducted in Kersa.

More than 250 female youths were given the pad so that they could attend their education with out worries of sanitation.

In the year 2019 the team conducted so many community engagement activities so as to build partnership and implement CHAMPS activities in line with community values and interests.



Monthly meetings with Community Advisory Board (CAB) established both in Harar and Kersa and also attending community gatherings organized under the catchment areas of the study were the major ones.



# TFD

## Performances



Theatre for development has been one of community engagement and sensitization activities.

Different actors from the community have been selected both from Kersa, and Harar for the purpose of playing scripts on different topics related to maternal and child health.

The scripts were developed by the actors themselves and focus on the problems of the community on the ground. This helped the acceptance of the performances by the community.



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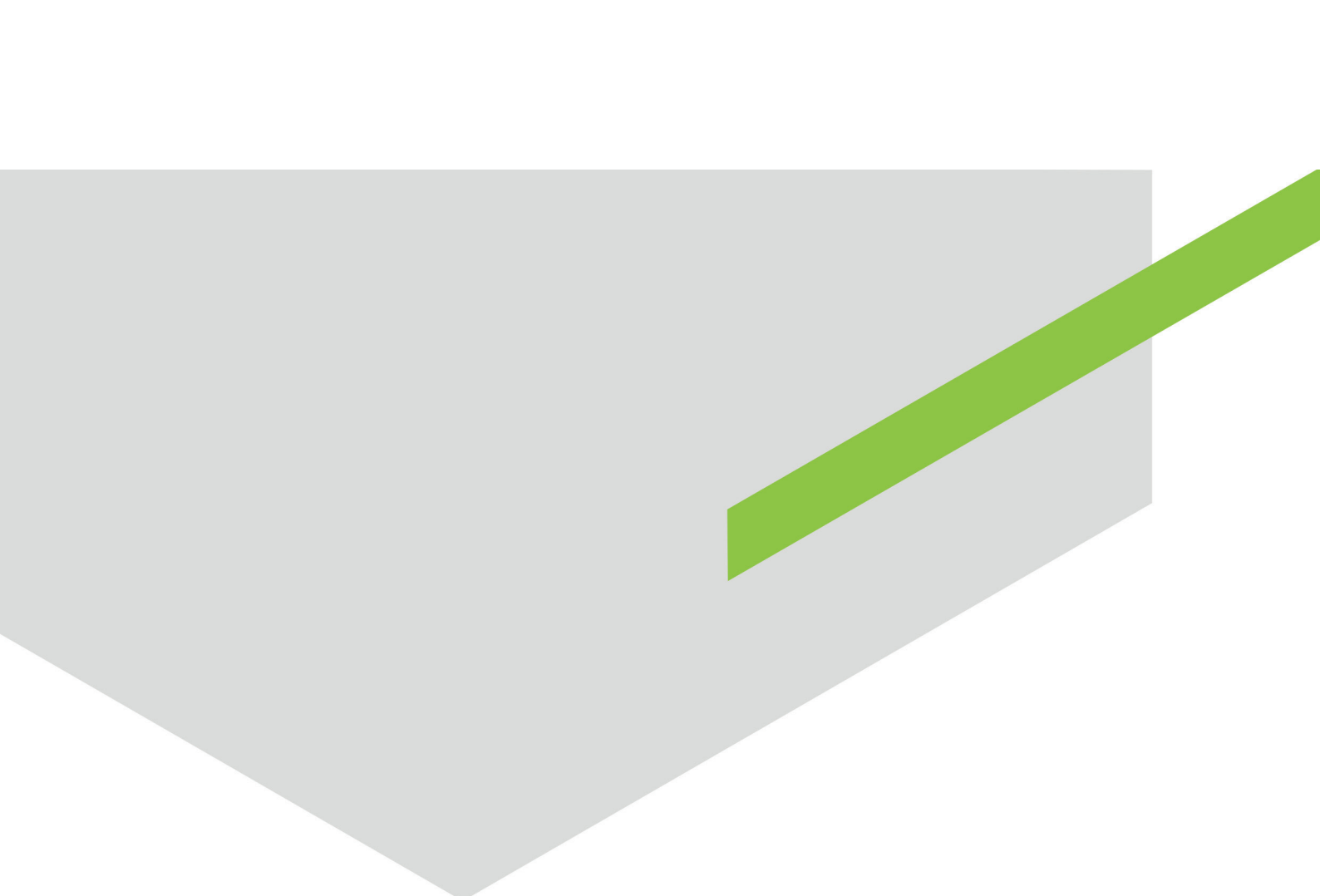
## Open Visit Programs

Sections under CHAMPS, collaboratively organized an open laboratory visit as a community engagement approach to build trust with different influential people among communities in Harar and Kersa.

Three groups of people visited the CHAMPS microbiology and pathology laboratories, counselling room and the MITS room. First, around 40 elders from Kersa, Water, and Lange visited the laboratory.







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