



## Current situation of our activities

Last few years we have been working together to improve the services of both Orrotta and Edaga- Hamus Hospital with the aim of improving maternal health in both obstetrics and gynecology. In addition to the general cooperation laparoscopic surgery and oncology services which were almost nonexistent were made to be part of the routine activities. so far we have achieved what was planned and despite many challenges we have managed to processed with our activities.

After the initial CORONA pandemic and the travel restrictions we continued our emergency and obstetric service but it was not possible to go on with planned surgeries. But later after the CORONA issue was stable we resumed our routine in Orrotta Hospital but Edaga-Hamus continued to give mainly obstetric service. In both Hospital because of the shortage of general anesthetic drugs following the pandemic the number of laparoscopic and oncologic cases managed were limited.

Last 3 months because of a better medication supply we are treating all case of obstetrics and gynecology in Orrotta Hospital but in Edaga-hamus because the laparoscopy surgery was completely discontinued we had to plan on how to train the staff again and reassemble our materials. We used experienced nurse from Orotta (Mihret) and we trained on how to assemble, sterilize and operate few days ago and we have started doing Laparoscopy in Edaga-hamus.

Edaga-hamus hospital also has started regular screening for cervical precancerous lesions and cancer. This recent but important development is going to be vital in women, s health and as both me and Dr. Kifleysus are involved in the service and training f other health personnel we can plan in the future to support by involving Dr. Kirsten in colposcopy and treatment of precancerous lesions.

We have shown that it is possible to continue these endoscopic surgeries in a developing country with limited resource and support from your organization and STORZ. we can strengthen our routine by continued training which is planned and dedication by all involved in this partnership.

Attached are some recent photos from Edaga-hamus training, assembling of instruments and a procedure

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