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Addis Ababa, Ethiopia gets world class Eye Care facilities with the opening of OIA India Eye Care Centre

March, 20th 2014, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: The public private partnership between the Government of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Overseas Infrastructure Alliance (OIA) has borne fruit in the form of OIA India's Eye Care Centre.

Ethiopia has one of the highest blindness prevalence rates in the world having around 1.2 million blind people and an estimated 5 million people having some kind of visual imparity out of which more than 80% is preventable, but due to lack of basic eye care access tens and thousands continues to lose their eye sight.

OIA feels honored that H.E. Dr. Mulatu Teshome, the President of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia has consented to inaugurate the Eye Care Centre and grateful for the support provided by the Zewditu Memorial Hospital, the Mayor of Addis Ababa and the OIA Africa Health and Welfare Endowment with a belief that the Eye Care Centre will be a shining example of a successful public-private partnership between the Ministry of Health of Ethiopia and OIA.

With a 15 bed dedicated state of the art and ultra-modern Ophthalmology facility based in the campus of Zewditu Memorial Hospital in Addis Ababa, OIA Eye Care Centre will offer relief to patients suffering from conditions such as Cataract, Glaucoma, Eye problems due to Diabetes and Plastic surgery around the eyes. The facility also has an in house training centre for surgeons, paramedic and administrative staff to build the local human resources and has been built in technical collaboration with the Indian Centre of Excellence which provides expert advisory and consultancy services.

Dr. Rashmin Gandhi, the lead ophthalmologist monitoring the OIA India's Eye Care Centre says, "We have a vision to treat 100,000 patients and perform 10,000 sight restoring surgeries per year at the centre and also plan to introduce Mobile Eye Care Clinics in the remote areas in the near future."



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“OIA India Eye Care Centre will provide world-class eye care facilities to meet our commitment towards corporate social responsibility on a non-profit basis and we believe that the Eye Care Centre will be the pride of Addis Ababa and Ethiopia which offers holistic and quality health services to the Ethiopian citizens and develops the local human resource capacity through training in healthcare by following a service model which is innovative and self-sustainable.” says, **Mr. Suresh Chaturvedi, the group chairman of OIA.**

The excellent healthcare facilities of the Centre will be welcomed by the people of Ethiopia and will be seen a concrete symbol of the government’s commitment to its people and also take further the budding relationship between the two countries of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and India.

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