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Ethiopian Public Health Institute (EPHI)

Fact Sheet: The Establishment and Historical Evolution of EPHI

Year in GC	Institution Name	Remarks
1922 – 1934	Teferi Makonnen Hospital ^(1, 2) George Memorial Building	The all-stone building was constructed by Dr. Thomas Alexander Lambie with most money donated by Mr. William Shaw George of East Palestine Ohio, USA. Although the plaque placed in the foyer of the new building carried the name of the hospital as stated, the facility was also frequently used to be called George Memorial Hospital
1935 - 1940	Ministro Dela Santia	During the 2 nd Italian invasion and occupation of Ethiopia it was relocated to the current premises of Public Servants Social Security Agency around Arat Kilo
1941 – 1951	Imperial Medical Research Institute	Moved to the former Princess Zenebework H/Selassie School in Kazanchis, then to “Casa Popular” around Mexico area in 1943 and again back to Gulelle, the current premises of EPHI, in 1950
1952 - 1964	Institute Pasteur d’Ethiopie	Bilateral Agreement between the Governments of Ethiopia & France
1965 - 1984	Imperial Central Laboratory & Research Institute (CLRI)	Specialized technical and research arm of the Ministry of Health
1985 - 1995	National Research Institute of Health (NRIH) ⁽³⁾	An autonomous public authority having its own legal personality with accountability to the Ministry of Health
1996 - 2012	Ethiopian Health & Nutrition Research Institute (EHNRI) ⁽⁴⁾	Merger of the three sisterly institutions: The NRIH, Department of Traditional Medicine of the MoH (1979 -1995), and the Ethiopian Nutrition Institute/ENI (1962 -1995)
2013 - to date	Ethiopian Public Health Institute (EPHI) ⁽⁵⁾	Vision: To be a center of excellence in public health in Africa.

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