



# WKD 2023 Report

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**Name:** Egen Senbeto

**Organization name:** Ethiopian Kidney Association

**Country:** Ethiopia

**Number of events organized/collected in your country:** 1

**Activities of note (please give a brief description of the activity with links to online sources that mentioned it):**

When we arrived, all the facilities for the program were already in place. Nurses and laboratory technicians from different hospitals and medical colleges came on time and were assigned to their respective places. Arsho advanced diagnostic center came with all their team for urinalysis screening. Participants from all over the city started arriving early, registering, and picking up educational pamphlets. The weight, height, blood pressure, blood glucose, and urinalysis-screening program started at 3:00 local time. Healthcare professionals were sent to four different health centers to conduct a free screening and awareness creation program with the necessary equipment.

**Participants:**

- Guest of Honor, Dr. Ayele Gonche (from the Ministry of Health),
- Board members of the Ethiopian Kidney Association (EKA):
- Dr. Lisane Seifu (nephrologist and president of EKA)
- Dr. Seifemichael Getachew (nephrologist)
- Dr. Zelalem Debebe (a dietitian) and Mr. Adane Kasa,
- Representative of the Ethiopia Medical Association (EMA): Dr. Eskedar
- Representatives of the Ethiopian Public Health Association (EPHA): Mr. Yesuf Abdu and the program moderator, Ms. Banchi, came and took their assigned places on time.

In the middle of the screening, an educational program and awareness-building activities started in the hall. The guests and specialists discussed the prevalence, risk factors, and prevention of kidney diseases and provided an overview of hypertension. In addition, a kidney patient shared his experience.

After the program in the hall ended, the screening process continued.

Children from primary school were also able to participate in the program.



Media from all over the country came to broadcast the program.

Overall, in the health centers and the Ethiopian National Theater, 421 participants had their blood pressure measured, 107 had their blood sugar measured, 153 had their weight and height measured, and 450 had a urinalysis exam.

Additionally, four cities hosted this event (Adama, Dire Dawa, Gondar, and Hawassa). We provided all of the instructional resources to those health clinics, and we were able to organize free medical examinations and awareness campaigns.

All the participants were glad and thankful for getting this chance.

Finally, the program finished at 6:30 local time.