



HE Ms Mekdes Daba Feyssa, Minister of Public Health of Ethiopia

HE Dr. Mekdes Daba is a distinguished medical professional and currently serves as the Minister of Health in the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. With a specialization in obstetrics and gynaecology, her academic journey includes an undergraduate degree from Hawassa University and residency training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at AAU. Notably, she is the first family planning sub-specialist in Ethiopia.

Prior to her ministerial role, Dr. Daba served as a Team Lead at the Deputy Director General Office of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva and held roles as a medical and technical officer at the Department of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Research at WHO Headquarters. Additionally, she was Managing Director of the Center for International Reproductive Health and Training (CIRHT) Africa, represented the East, Central, and Southern African College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (ECSACOG) as Country Representative, and held leadership positions at Hawassa University, including Head of the School of Medicine and Department Head of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

Dr. Daba's contributions to women's health have garnered international acclaim, exemplified by her receipt of the International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) Women's Award in 2021.