The Ethiopian Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists-American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Collaboration, generously supported by UM-CIRHT and in alignment with the FMoH of Ethiopia, demonstrated how two peer organizations can be catalytic. The Ob-Gyn professional association can impact and improve women’s health care in a multitude of ways.

ESOG was primed to enhance deep technical skills both clinical and academic, had the leadership to align and review residency education, and the courage to take on difficult topics like ethics and e-learning. ACOG provided support to their vision, expertise and training, and mentorship and partnership to the physician leaders of ESOG. The opportunity to work closely with our colleagues has been a privilege for each one of the ACOG Fellows who have participated.
This innovative collaboration, launched in June 2016, offered the opportunity to jointly define a broad set of initiatives that were implemented simultaneously and to realized significant achievements in a short period of time.

ACOG supported ESOG in its aspirational and important goals. Focusing on medical education before and after schooling, pursuing accountability and professionalism of its cadre, and addressing clinical training deficits were all part of the ambitious set of goals.

The program had major eight objectives, and produced the following outcomes:

**Standardized ob-gyn residency training**
- Finalized National Harmonized Obstetrics and Gynecology Specialty Training Curriculum, and finalized Minimum Requirements for Accreditation of Residency Training Programs

**Develop certification examination for all graduates of Ethiopian ob-gyn residency programs**
- Administered the first national in-service exam at eight locations to 264 residents

**Provide High quality, up-to-date continuing medical education (CME)**
- Provided enhanced CMEs to ESOG Members and enhanced ESOG’s capacity to develop, create, and deliver similar CMEs

**Develop a Code of Ethics for obstetrics and gynecology practice in Ethiopia**
- Drafted a Code of Ethics for ESOG

**Develop the Ethiopian Journal of Reproductive Health into one of the premier Ob-Gyn journals in the region**
- Published three sequential volumes of the EJRH and created an independent website – www.ejrh.org

**Strengthen Leadership Capacity**
- Provided leadership training to a core group of ESOG members, Participated in the Robert C. Cefalo National Leadership Institute

**Professional Association Strengthening, including communications strategies to enhance promotion and develop ESOG’s program relations strategy to educate key stakeholders**
- Created a weekly, national radio program, Produced weekly, national newspaper column

**Strengthen the IT capacity to support management of members and educational initiatives**
- Developing a robust IT system and infrastructure for association management and provision of CME and membership support