

## Qeerroo Bilisummaa Dromoo (QBD)



### **BREAKING NEWS: Nationwide Healthcare Strike Declared — Full Shutdown Begins May 19, 2025**

**Official Announcement from the Ethiopian Healthcare Professionals Movement (EHPM)**

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#### **FULL STRIKE LAUNCH — URGENT CALL TO ACTION**

Dear Esteemed Healthcare Professionals and Concerned Citizens, After weeks of tireless advocacy, over **17,000 of us** signed a formal petition addressing **12 essential survival demands**. We submitted it to all relevant government institutions and granted a **30-day deadline** for a response.

That deadline has expired—**and the government has responded with silence.**

In good faith, we began a **partial strike** to avoid immediate harm to the public. Still, the authorities refused to **acknowledge our suffering**:

- Wages below subsistence levels
- Unaffordable cost of living
- Inability to house, clothe, or feed our families
- A health system on the brink

Instead of dialogue, we've faced **intimidation, threats, harassment, and unlawful arrests** of our colleagues—**simply for demanding basic human rights.**

#### **EFFECTIVE MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025:**

We declare a **full, indefinite national strike** of all healthcare professionals **until our demands are addressed.**

#### **Key Directives:**

- **Refer to the attached schedule** for institutional guidelines.
- If your hospital or center faces **security threats or interference**, begin the full strike **immediately** for the safety of all staff.
- **Responsibility for all consequences** lies with the Government of Ethiopia, the Ministry of Health, regional health bureaus, hospital administrations, and the security apparatus.