If we are to make progress, we must not repeat history but make new history. We must add to inheritance left by our ancestors.

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**Mahatma Gandhi, The Wit and Wisdom of Gandhi**

Project: Ethiopia, Bisidimo General Hospital,  
[https://www.dahw.de/unsere-arbeit/ Einsatzlaender/aethiopien.html](https://www.dahw.de/unsere-arbeit/ Einsatzlaender/aethiopien.html)

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Dental station, visit Dr. Dietmar Klement, November 2022.

**It's on:**

Dentistry, Oral Health Department is housed in a separate building.

The current, structural and condition of the facility allows to treat mostly only pain patients, however, the senior dentist has the oral surgical professional qualification.

The dental assistant treating the patient takes care of the emergency, extractions!

Material for conservative treatments, fillings, etc., especially for children, sealing, for young people, traffic/sports accidents, none.

**Two treatment rooms:** 5 million people live in the catchment area of the clinic!

**Room 1:** A-dec chair - treatment station purchased from the provincial government.

There are also cabinet elements, stocked with instruments for the doctor and assistant.

**Room 2:** KaVo E Stehtika, old not functional; Spare parts are no longer available.

**X-ray room:** Panorama X-ray, OWANDY, France, [www.owandy.com/](http://www.owandy.com/)

Intraoral X-ray, cannot be used. The chemicals for developing the films are missing.

**Technical room:** Compressor for supplying the two treatment stations with compressed air, emergency power generator.

There are also *(two)* sterilizers, condition and function questionable!

**Foil sealing device,** see photo gallery, attachment.

**Urgent:** Required Desired, for the catchment area of the hospital with more than 5 million patients:

Establishment of a children's dental treatment station, instruction, help for conservative tooth preservation measures, training of auxiliary staff, dental assistants, hygienists for oral - mouth prophylaxis.

**General – health begins in the mouth:**

recommended to be considered as a subject in the associated school.

Commitment from the representative of the Ministry of Health to support this
Sponsorship and management of the Bisidimo Hospital is with: DAHW https://www.dahw.de Würzburg, or German Leprosy and TB Relief Agency (GLRA) https://endanethiopia.org/german-leprosy-and-tb-relief-agency-glra/

Next decisions on further project development and targets require the approval of the DAHW headquarters in Würzburg.

For dental treatment, this includes the hygiene and safety of the water supply for the dental treatment units, which cannot be determined at the time of the visit.

**Conclusion:** Even taking into account the special conditions in Ethiopia, Bisidimo (although in comparison with other African countries) dentistry, oral health a good level, the circumstances found do not meet the requirements and technical necessities for a statistically measurable improvement in the WHO requirements that meet the WHO requirements Oral health targets set in the WHO Global Oral Health Status Report. [www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2022/11/18/default-calendar/launch-of-the-who-global-oral-health-status-report](http://www.who.int/news-room/events/detail/2022/11/18/default-calendar/launch-of-the-who-global-oral-health-status-report)

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Attachment: photos – photo series