

TRIBUTE TO DR ASFAW WONDIMU TEGEGN

A tribute to our colleague Dr Asfaw shared by Dr Michael Dejene, Ethiopia

Dr Asfaw Wondimu Tegegn (1968-2022)

Dr Asfaw Wondimu Tegene was born on 22 June, 1968 in Addis Ababa. He received his Doctorate Degree in Medicine in 1991 from the then Gonder Collage of Health Sciences and completed a Specialty Certificate in Ophthalmology from Addis Ababa University Medical Faculty in 2002. Dr Asfaw also had a Masters degree in Public Health from Haromaya University (2012).

Dr Asfaw served as a General Medical Practitioner in Pawe Hospital and Ataye Health Center between 1992 and 2000. After obtaining his specialty certificate in Ophthalmology, Dr Asfaw worked in different private eye specialty clinics until 2011 and as a Public Health consultant from 2012 until his death.

Dr Asfaw was very passionate about contributing to the reduction of the suffering of rural communities from avoidable blindness. Following his

passion Dr Asfaw worked extensively as a trachoma grader trainer and technical supervisor in the trachoma elimination programs in Ethiopia and other African countries.

Dr Asfaw was greatly appreciated by his colleagues both in Ethiopia and beyond. The trachoma community who worked with Dr Asfaw will always remember him as a committed and dedicated eye

care professional. He will be missed by all his colleagues in Ethiopia and beyond.

Dr Asfaw Wondimu passed away at the age of 54 following a short illness. He left behind a loving mother, sisters and brothers who will miss him so much.

