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## The need for women's leadership in anaesthesia in low income countries

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I was a graduating 12th grade student who was trying to decide where and what to study for my bachelor degree when the name Anaesthesia mentioned by my friend. "They [anaesthetists] are paid lots of money". She said and I was interested to hear more about it. I contacted some health professionals to find out more about anaesthesia. Now here I am, an anaesthesia professional focused on playing a role for providing safe anaesthesia for everyone in my developing country, Ethiopia, which is located in north-eastern Africa.

Despite wonderful natural gifts Ethiopia is struggling with a lack of resources (ranging from human power to equipment) which have resulted in a health care delivery system with so many apertures. Though these gaps exist I believe a healthcare provider should not be limited from participating in bringing forth a generation who will keep up the good work continuously. This could be achieved from encouragement, educating others and by working with government and higher education centres or teaching hospitals. I suggest we need also to give special attention for women's participation. When female participation is low, there will be a lot to miss as a profession, as well as a country. This uplift for women should not be limited to education, it should go beyond. Beyond to the level of women occupying higher positions and engaged in leadership. Hopefully, this story will encourage females working in anaesthesia in other low income countries to unveil their concealed potential in leadership, towards delivering quality anaesthesia care for all.

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