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In the meeting in which branch heads of the Health Ministry, representatives of health and invited guests took part, the director general of social service in the Northern Red Sea region, Mr. Tesfai Tekle, indicated that the achievements so far registered are the outcome of the tasks accomplished, and highlighted the need to exert maximum efforts so as to achieve still more gratifying achievements.

The participants of the meeting reached understanding on the significance of undertaking intensive campaign towards promoting community-based health care and sanitation programs in remote areas in particular.

Moreover, health representatives presented report on the activities carried out in the region over the past six months. In this regard, they noted the importance of implementing properly-studied programs on health care and sanitation in reducing mortality rate of children under the age of 5 and preventing communicable diseases.

Addressing the closing session, the head of environmental health department in the Ministry, Dr. Kesete Araya, pointed out that noticeable outcome has already been registered in this regard through the coordinated endeavors of health professionals and the general public in such a short period of time. He further underlined the paramount importance of implementing development programs in a manner that takes into account the condition of water resource, health care and environmental sanitation.