

World Diabetics Day on 14 November was commemorated at national level in the port city of Massawa. Massawa, 16 November 2012 – World Diabetics Day on 14 November was commemorated at national level in the port city of Massawa.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Goitom Mebrahtu, Chairman of the National Association of the Diabetic, pointed out that instance of non-communicable diseases in general and that of diabetes in particular is on the rise at global level, and that tackling such trend requires joint venture.

Indicating that more than 50% of diabetes victims worldwide are said to have no awareness regarding their situation, Mr. Birhane Gebretinsae, head of the health service department in the Health Ministry, explained that it is pursuing prevention-oriented strategic plan in combating the disease.

Dr. Yohanes Tekeste, medical director of the Ministry's branch in the Northern Red Sea region, conducted a seminar pertaining to the disease and elucidated ways and means of nurturing the desired behavioral change in the society. Moreover, the seminar dealt with the endeavors being made by the Ministry to promote patient-based follow-up of diabetes.

A long distance walk and different activities were also conducted in connection with the Day.