

## **Shiferaw Gebre Mariam, Ph.D.**

Born in Ethiopia, Shiferaw first came to the United States as an exchange student for high school through the AFS (American Field Service) program. By the time he finished his secondary education, he earned a scholarship to Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio, studying mathematics and biology as an undergraduate. Then he obtained his M.S. degree in Mathematics from Western Illinois University and his M.S. in Statistics from Ohio State University. He completed his PhD in Biostatistics at the University of Cincinnati. Shiferaw then moved to New Jersey to join Johnson & Johnson as a biostatistician.

Shiferaw has more than 30 years of global experience in the pharmaceutical industry. As Vice President for eighteen years, he managed a global staff from US, Europe, and China with expertise in Clinical Biostatistics, Modeling & Simulation, Statistical Programming, Epidemiology, Medical Writing, and Data Management. He has contributed to many Johnson & Johnson products in the areas of global strategy, global resource management, enhancing scientific excellence in clinical trial design and analysis.

At this juncture of his career, Shiferaw is interested in helping young Ethiopian students build a good educational foundation. He is the Founder and President of Disatu EYES (Empowering Young Ethiopians for Success) Foundation. His overall goal is to help low-income female students graduate from high school, attend college, and build their careers through educational support. The foundation currently has seventy-five girls attending 10-12 grades. In the last two years, twenty of our students have passed the national exam and are now attending colleges in the medical and engineering fields. Please visit our website: <https://EYES.Foundation> for more information.

In his spare time, Shiferaw enjoys walking, hiking, traveling, reading, and spending quality time with his family and friends.