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Data from the Records Office of the University show that, over the period 1979-2003, Alemaya University trained and graduated a total of 492 students at Masters of Science degree level. The study also reveals that shortage of experienced and highly qualified resident national instructors, brain drain, scarcity of financial resources, lack of laboratory equipment and supplies, and shortage of relevant and up-to-date library materials have been the principal factors affecting the smooth running of postgraduate training programmes. Finally, the study shows that as part of its national capacity building programme, the Ethiopian Government is committed to strengthening the School of Graduate Studies at Alemaya University. (HRK / Abstract übernommen)