JSI works at every level of the health system in support of the government’s commitment to expand access to health care to all citizens. We partner with the country’s largest donors, including the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), and UN agencies to help the country transform its health system. JSI-led initiatives have had a positive and lasting impact on the Ethiopian health sector. Working with the Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH) and other partners, we have:

- Developed Ethiopia’s first child health survival strategy.
- Contributed to the design of the agrarian and urban health extension programs.
- Introduced the Community Health Promoter Initiative in SNNPR.
- Piloted the first initiative on community case management of childhood illnesses in Bolosossore, now a national program.
- Helped the FMOH and regional health bureaus strengthen health management information systems.

Building on our initial family planning logistics management work in Ethiopia, we have continued efforts to improve contraceptive security and supply chain management.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- Support government-led initiatives.
- Develop innovative, scalable, and sustainable interventions.
- Emphasize community engagement and patient-centered services.
- Focus on systems-level support to build resilience.
HEALTH SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING FOR IMPROVED REPRODUCTIVE, MATERNAL, NEWBORN, AND CHILD HEALTH

JSI’s maternal, newborn, and child health programs are designed to strengthen the health system and ensure that all women and children have access to the services they need, when and where they need them.

TRANSFORM: Primary Health Care, the U.S. government’s flagship health program in Ethiopia, is helping the government implement its Health Sector Transformation Plan (HSTP) and end preventable maternal and child deaths. Using a health systems strengthening approach, TRANSFORM builds the capacity of regional health bureaus to manage the way primary health care services are delivered at the woreda level.

The Last Ten Kilometers 2020 (L10K 2020) project, funded by BMGF, focuses on strengthening health systems for equitable access to, quality of, and use of reproductive, maternal, newborn, and child health services. Using human-centered design principles, L10K 2020 strengthens the capacity of national, regional, and zonal health bureaus to realize the four transformation agendas of the FMOH HSTP: woreda transformation; transformation in equity and quality health care; compassionate and respectful care; and information revolution with a focus on data use for improving performance.

Funded by BMGF, Universal Immunization through Improving Family Health Services supports “Reaching Every District,” Ethiopia’s national routine immunization strategy, by developing quality-improvement tools to improve availability, use, quality, and sustainability of routine immunization services, with a particular focus on regions.
Strengthening Ethiopia’s Urban Health Program, with funding from USAID, improves the quality of community-level urban health services; works to increase demand for facility-level urban health services; strengthens regional platforms for improved implementation of the national urban health strategy; and enhances cross-sector collaboration for improved urban sanitation and waste management.

HEALTH SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

JSI manages complex supply chain projects in a cost-effective way to make sure logistics systems provide medicines, vaccines, and other health products and supplies to the people who need them.

The Strengthening High Impact Interventions for an AIDS-free Generation (AIDSFree) project, funded by USAID, improves the quality and effectiveness of high-impact, evidence-based HIV interventions—such as testing, treatment, prevention of mother-to-child transmission, voluntary medical male circumcision, and condom promotion—to meet country-specific objectives. AIDSFree is managing the integration of Ethiopia’s Health Commodity Management Information System in health facilities, which facilitates faster access to and application of data analytics at each level of the health system to prevent stockouts of HIV test kits, treatment, and other essential health products.

The BMGF-funded Vaccine Transition Support to Pharmaceuticals Fund and Supply Agency (PFSA) and Visibility and Analytics Network Implementation is working to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the vaccine supply chain in Ethiopia by transferring responsibility for vaccine supply chain management to the PFSA; increasing visibility and use of logistics data for decision making; and improving performance and sustainability of PFSA’s supply chain management information systems.
DATA FOR DECISION MAKING

JSI works with countries and partners around the world to find innovative ways to use the latest technologies for data-informed decision making to improve health programs and health outcomes.

The Ethiopia Data Use Partnership, funded by BGME, is a platform that supports the FMOH’s collaborative endeavor to advance the country’s information revolution. Improved information technology and use of data are key focus areas, which ultimately aim to improve health outcomes.

The USAID-funded Health Management Information System (HMIS) Scale-Up project supports the FMOH in health information systems in SNNPR and Oromia Region; coordinates the multi-partner scale up of the HMIS; and provides technical support to the Federal HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Office to implement paper-based and electronic multi-sectoral response information systems.

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIOR CHANGE COMMUNICATION

JSI’s social change and behavior change (SBCC) approaches are grounded in the complex contextual and social determinants of human behavior. We design country-led SBCC strategies that include national-level advocacy, enhanced by deeper interventions at the community and individual levels.

Communication for Health, funded by USAID, contributes to the adoption of healthy behaviors by Ethiopians in four regions (Amhara, Oromia, SNNPR, and Tigray) and builds capacity at national, regional, and sub-regional levels to design, implement, and evaluate effective SBCC programs and interventions.