



THE IMPROVE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICE DELIVERY PROJECT IN ETHIOPIA

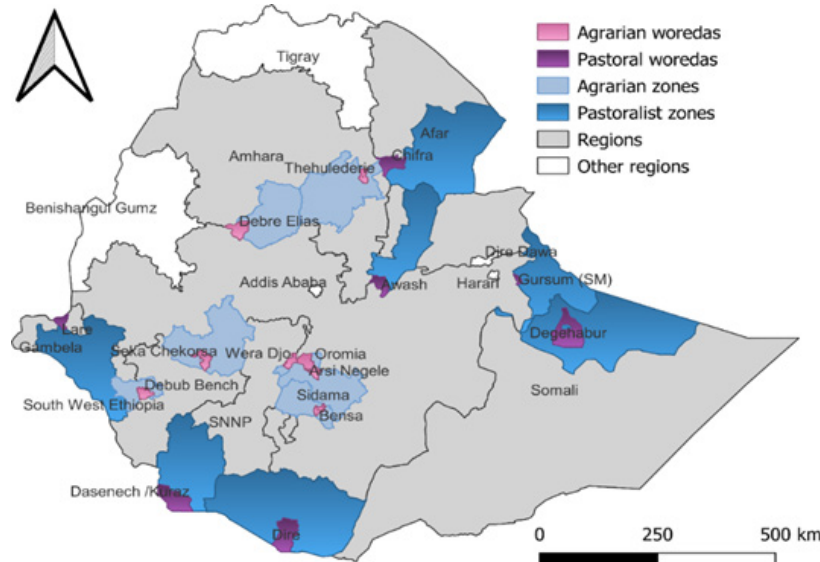
BACKGROUND

Over the last 30 years, JSI has partnered with the government of Ethiopia and the Ministry of Health to improve health systems and primary healthcare (PHC) service delivery. JSI's Improve Primary Health Care Service Delivery (IPHCS D) project furthers this work. This five-year project, launched in 2022, is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, is co-implemented with Amref Health Africa, and operationalized with local partners and national organizations.

The project builds on current and upcoming contributions and commitments of the national Health Extension Program roadmap, which defines targets and approaches in community health and welfare across the country and helps to inform broader PHC service delivery redesign. IPHCSD aims to improve the efficacy of, and linkages between, PHC delivery

platforms, including health posts, community health actors, health centers, primary hospitals and private facilities. The goal is to better reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, adolescent health, and nutrition (RMNCAH-N) outcomes across Ethiopia.

IPHCS D is being implemented in eight agrarian and pastoralist regions in Ethiopia. The project will improve the quality of essential health services, secure equitable accessibility and utilization of essential health services, and strengthen technical oversight and national accountability for PHC. JSI leads activities that improve the quality of essential health services and JSI guides those activities to ensure equitable access and use of essential health services. Due to disparities in health service utilization, gender is also a key interest that is integrated into all aspects of implementation, monitoring, and evaluation.



KEY ACTIVITIES

- Improve the functionality of Ethiopia's community-based PHC delivery system, the Health Extension Program platform (HEP) by testing innovative approaches of the platform's roadmap
- Provide technical assistance to build health system capacities in target districts and regions
- Use *Network of Care* approach to test PHC models in both agrarian and pastoral regions
- Produce evidence to assist the MOH in addressing challenges within the PHC system
- Develop models and provide evidence on what PHC models are feasible and scalable



GAINS

IPHCS has, to date, trained over 2,500 village health leads and nearly 330 health workers including community health workers on comprehensive and client-centered maternal and child health care offerings. Working hand-in-hand with communities, strengthening offerings of existing health systems, and enabling better linkages between care sites, the project has seen increasing trends in antenatal care attendance, safe labor and delivery practices and childhood vaccination use.



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