

**IntraHealth**  
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# ETHIOPIA

Since 2003, IntraHealth International has partnered with the government of Ethiopia at all levels of its health system to help prevent HIV transmission from mothers to their babies, improve emergency obstetric care, prevent obstetric fistula and child and maternal deaths, streamline health worker management, and strengthen local health organizations.

To do this, we help local implementing partners, the Ministry of Health, and health facilities strengthen systems and policies, improve health seeking behavior and demand for services by reducing gender inequalities, increase access to and provide high-quality care, and use strategic information for evidence-based decision-making and program learning.

## Accelerating Support to Advanced Partners (ASAP) (2019–2022)

IntraHealth works with 12 local implementing partners in Ethiopia to comply with USAID rules and regulations and implement President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) programs in compliance with performance and reporting requirements. We conduct organizational assessments using the Non-US Organization Pre-Award Survey Plus, develop organizational strengthening plans, and provide onsite or virtual technical assistance in financial management, award/grant management, USAID regulation compliance, PEPFAR reporting, monitoring and evaluation, gender equity, and board leadership and governance to strengthen organizations and continually measure progress as we work toward PEPFAR's goal of allocating 70% of funding to local partners.

Five ASAP-supported organizations have received \$12.9 million in funding as USAID prime partners. Key interventions included successfully pilot testing a technical assessment and quality improvement training and mainstreaming gender throughout the Mekdim Ethiopia National Association through the development and revision of their policies, strategies, programs, and administrative functions. With these changes in place, organizations are not only strengthened internally, but they are able to reach more clients with high-quality HIV care and treatment services.



**1.4 million pregnant women tested for HIV**



**230 peer-to-peer mothers' support groups established**



**Over 24,000 health workers trained in PMTCT, MNCH, and related services**



### Ethiopia Digital Health Activity (2019–2024)

As part of a consortium led by John Snow, Inc., IntraHealth leads the human resources information system (HRIS) activities and helps the Ethiopian Federal Ministry of Health and three other health agencies analyze and improve its HRIS system. This ensures that health workers are providing the right high-quality services where they're needed most, including helping the government plan for changes in the health workforce and tracking health worker education, performance training, and registration.

### TRANSFORM Health in Developing Regions Activity (T-HDR) (2017–2022)

As a partner to Amref Health Africa, we're working to reduce maternal, newborn, and child mortality in Ethiopia by strengthening health systems in the regions primarily populated by pastoral and rural communities—Afar, Somali, Benishangul-Gumuz, and Gambella—where health indicators lag behind national targets.

Since 2017, there has been a 72% increase in the number of health facilities with a quality improvement (QI) project plan to improve family planning and maternal, newborn, and child health services. Through training for health workers in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), coaching and mentorship, policy revisions, and a NICU facility redesign, neonatal deaths also decreased in participating health facilities.

To increase service demand among mothers, IntraHealth also worked with 200+ religious leaders and trained 400+ health extension workers and community leaders

on how to develop tailored information, education, and communication materials for mothers in the region. This has reduced gender and other sociocultural barriers to lifesaving services and support. Now, mothers and babies have better access to high-quality health services and information about maternal, newborn, and child health and family planning.

### Global Health Supply Chain - Procurement Supply Management (GHSC-PSM) (2016–2022)

IntraHealth provides technical assistance, tools, and training for health workforce interventions as a partner for this USAID project in Ethiopia. We created a human resources strategy for supply chain cadres, which provides a career path for health workers and encourages retention and career-long learning. We also developed a leadership, governance, and management course to enhance the master's in supply chain management degree at the University of Addis Ababa. Fifty-five students have completed the degree and 20 recent graduates are now working to improve the availability of medicines at the Ministry of Health.

### Selected Past Projects & Funders

- CapacityPlus (USAID)
- Community Prevention of Mother-to-Child HIV Transmission Project (USAID)
- Social Welfare Workforce Assessment (UNICEF)
- Fistula Care Project (USAID)
- HIV/AIDS Care and Support Program (USAID)
- Preventive Care Package (USAID)

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