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IntraHealth International has worked in Ethiopia since 2003, partnering with the Government of Ethiopia at all levels of its health system to contribute to the development of national health policies and guidelines, implement health projects, and ensure project investments align with national priorities and strategies.

IntraHealth has extensive experience leading efforts in Ethiopia to improve the quality of maternal, newborn, and child health (MNCH) and HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and treatment services. Our success has relied on leveraging existing networks, integrating services into health workers' scopes of practice, and strengthening linkages and referrals.

As a partner in the USAID-funded TRANSFORM Health in Developing Regions activity (2017-2022), we're working to reduce maternal, newborn, and child mortality by strengthening the health systems in regions primarily populated by pastoral and rural communities—Afar, Somali, Benishangul-Gumuz, and Gambella—where health indicators lag behind national targets. This work includes strengthening quality assurance and quality improvement in service delivery, health communications, gender integration and human resources for health (HRH) initiatives related to MNCH and family planning.

Selected Achievements

- Supported over 760 health centers and 1,870 health posts to provide quality, integrated MNCH, family planning, and prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) of HIV services; through these efforts more than one million pregnant women received HIV testing and thousands of HIV-positive women received treatment
- Facilitated the establishment of 230 Mothers' Support Groups for HIV-positive women with 1,975 members at facilities offering PMTCT 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



- Trained over 12,000 health workers in comprehensive integrated services
- Led production of a training package for health workers on obstetric fistula prevention and recognition and developed a diagnostic job aid for fistula
- Worked with local partners to create centers that provide physical and psychological support to women and adolescent girls both before and after fistula repair surgery
- Referred more than 850 young women for fistula repair surgery and trained 8,738 new health workers and community volunteers on fistula prevention and referral
- Successfully advocated for a fistula care training package and trained 33 instructors, allowing vital information about fistula and partograph use to be integrated into the health science colleges' midwifery courses
- Implemented a "Five Dimensional Model" for advocacy against female genital cutting
- Developed a "Gender and HIV/AIDS Integration Manual" and trained national- and district-level policy makers and program leaders to analyze gender issues and inequalities in PMTCT services
- Supported three Ethiopian colleges of health sciences to adapt and apply IntraHealth's Bottlenecks and Best Buys approach to conduct capacity assessments of their nursing and midwifery programs to scale up the quantity and quality of graduates.

Selected Projects and 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)
- Capacity Project (USAID)
- Fenote Tesfa (PC4) Project (USAID)
- Extending Service Delivery Project (USAID)
- Hareg Project (USAID)
- ACQUIRE Project (USAID)

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