



Population Health and Environment

Ethiopia Consortium

Organizational Profile

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“The harmonization between people and nature is the focus of our work.”

– Negash Teklu, Executive Director, PHE EC

About Us

We, the Population, Health and Environment Ethiopia Consortium (PHE EC), are an Ethiopian Civil Society Organization working to advance holistic, multi-sector development in nationally in Ethiopia and Globally. Our guiding philosophy upholds that in order to effectively help vulnerable communities, you must address the social, economic, and environmental constraints in an integrated manner.

Initiated at the International Conference on Population and Development for East Africa in 2007 and formally established in 2008, PHE EC has grown significantly both in influence and size over the past 10 years. Since 2008, PHE EC, together with our 66 member organizations and our national and international partners, has successfully facilitated the implementation of pilot PHE interventions in over 78 woredas (districts) in Ethiopia and has directly reached over 7.8 million people.

VISION:

An Ethiopia with a sustainable use of resources, resilient ecosystems, sustainable livelihoods, and a healthy population.

MISSION:

To contribute to sustainable development in Ethiopia by promoting and enhancing the integration of population, health and environment through multi-sectoral approaches.

Our Values

Respect for Nature and Human Well-being

We believe that human beings should be the main focus of development and that human wellbeing is inextricably linked to the health and sustainability of the environment.

Partnerships and Collaboration

We believe that partnerships and coalition building is the cornerstone of successful multi-sectoral PHE integration. We are committed to fostering and sustaining partnerships with member organizations, government bodies, development partners and other stakeholders in order to **achieve SDGs and our consortiums goals and objectives.**

Equality, Rights and Diversity

We promote social inclusion and the rights of all people to be respected and protected, including women, children and marginalized communities. Our program work with people from all walks of life and encourages the active participation of people regardless of age, gender, disability, or any other differences.

Accountability and Transparency

We accept full accountability and committed to transformative change for all our agreed commitments, strongly support the use of evidence and demonstrated results to influence decision-making, and pledge to measure the effectiveness of their interventions and activities. We strive to openly demonstrate the results of its work transparently to our members, partners, stakeholders, and the general public.

Community Ownership, Participation and Empowerment

We believe that community ownership, participation and empowerment is an essential component of successful interventions to promote creativity, imagination, innovation, and sustainability.

Our Structure and Mode of Operation

General Assembly: Our consortium is governed, supported, and held accountable by our member 66 organizations which form the general assembly. At our highest management level sits a general assembly where all members are represented. The general assembly is made aware of all our operations, provides feedback and approves our annual plan and reports.

To promote a shared vision among our members, we created a common strategic plan that was endorsed by the general assembly. This plan guides all PHE EC's current and future work.

Member organizations and the public are also kept apprised of all project activity through a regular organizational newsletter, an updated website, and other formal publications.

Board: Below the general assembly sits the organization's board, which is comprised of an elected group from member organizations. Elections are held every three years in order to choose the board representatives in a fair manner. PHE EC's Executive Director reports to the board to attest to the organization's fiscal and managerial health. Additionally, PHE EC is audited to have complete financial transparency.

Senior management: The project has management team that is established comprising Executive Director, program Coordinators for environment, gender, health, livelihood M&E section and finance and admin. Finally, PHE EC's staffs in Addis Ababa, supported by field coordinators, are responsible for operating all organization programs throughout the country. Our Secretariat also directly supports our member organizations and partners in their operations in various ways, including:

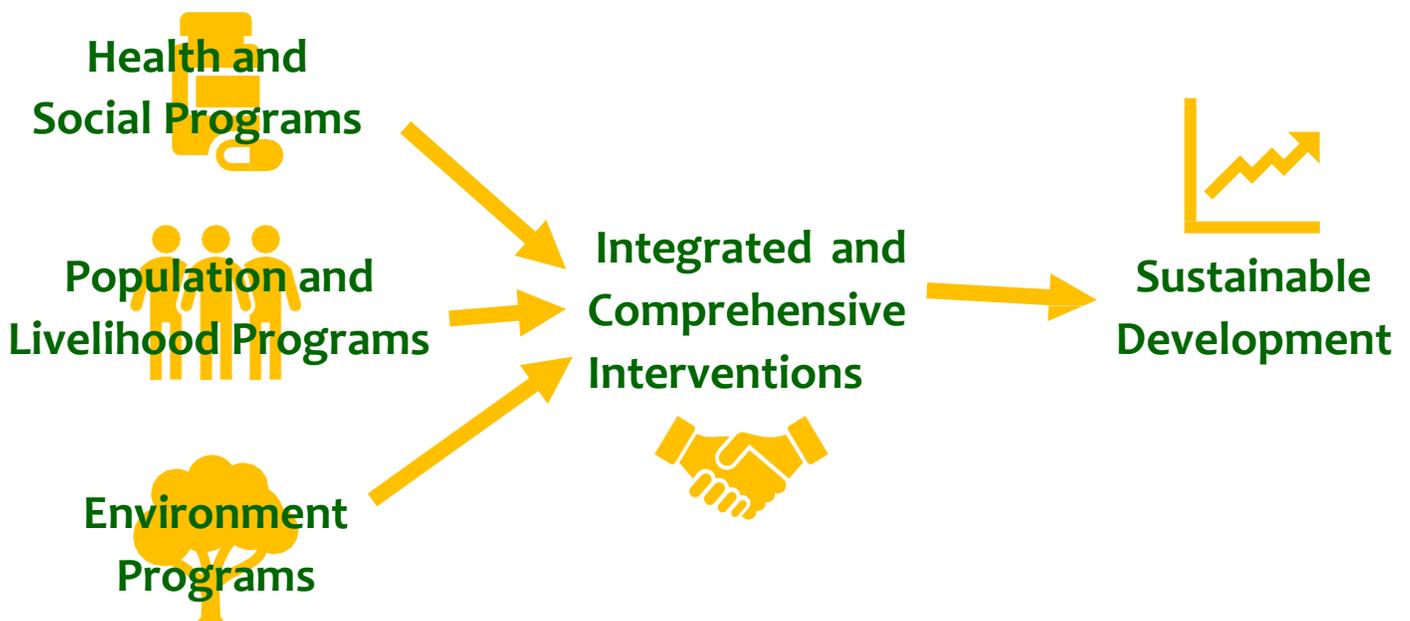
- Supporting the implementation of integrated Population, Health and Environment (PHE) interventions;
- Conducting research and knowledge dissemination activities to identify and raise-awareness of good practices;
- Promoting improved policies and programs to build an appropriate enabling environment;
- Actively engaging in capacity building, networking and coordination and;
- Providing fund acquisition and technical assistance.

This governance model was established and is actively maintained in order to ensure **transformative change, transparency** and accountability.

THEMACTIC AREAS AND MODEL OF OPERATION

Population, health and environment (PHE) interventions are a holistic, participatory development approach where diverse issues are addressed together in an integrated manner for improved livelihoods and sustainable well-being of people and ecosystems.

We implement and support PHE interventions at all levels of governance, from partnerships and joint planning with ministries at the national level to establishing multi-sector taskforces and community committees at the kebele level.



The center of our success is our diverse range of members and partners that allow us to demonstrate the effectiveness of PHE interventions across Ethiopia and internationally. Together, we are able to set up pilot projects and programs that support sustainable development, create resilient communities, and influence government policies by demonstrating widespread success.

Another main role we played is as a leader of the Ethiopian Civil Society Forum, and frequent participator in Ethiopian civil society. As chair of the Ethiopian Charities and Societies Forum, we have played great responsibility in shaping a hospitable environment for non-profit work in the country. We are also very active participants in national and international forums, including, the national Family Planning, Population and Development, REDD + technical working groups, and international networks like IUCN, the Climate Action Network and many more.

We take our leadership role in civil society as a great honor and opportunity as we build respect for PHE interventions and support integrated approaches to sustainable development.

PHE EC is working towards the following strategic objectives

Our work is diverse in both topic and geography, so we developed strategic goals to guide us as we work towards achieving ambitious targets in sustainable development. Our aim is to achieve these goals at the end of the strategic period, which we are well on the way to doing. All our development interventions in selected sites of the country such as Bale Eco-region, Central Rift Valley areas, Southwest Ethiopia, Amhara, Afar, Tigray and Southern Regions designed to contribute to all of the following strategic goals.

- Promote for harmonization of population growth and development:
- Addressing Climate change and Environmental sustainability issues:
- Advancing national and international Health outcomes: Contributing to the National and International Sustainable Development Targets:
- Promote PHE multi-sector approach and become an internationally recognized center of excellence:
- Contribute to gender equality, human right and democracy outcomes
- Effective Service for PHE EC member and partner organizations in Pursuing common goals

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN DEMONSTRATING PHE INTEGRATED APPROACHES

PHE EC also continues to be an active contributor to national and international policy dialogues on a range of critical issues, including:

- Demonstrating the effectiveness of PHE approaches for achieving family planning and fertility outcomes (for instance through our intervention we have reached about 7.8 million people in 78 woredas located in five regions and bring significant change in knowledge, attitude and practices that contributed to the increase contraceptive prevalence by 50% in areas where social norms are strong barriers to reproductive health/family planning service utilization);
- Advocating for the importance of addressing the population dividend in the context of Ethiopia;
- Endorsing and initiating development projects that make gender a priority, such as creating livelihood opportunities for women;
- Championing the importance of protected areas, upper catchment river basin, wetlands, forests, and biospheres;
- Advancing the role of multi-sector partnerships in rehabilitating Ethiopian river catchments, forests, protected areas and biosphere areas;
- Promoting research on the linkages between climate change, food security; population growth, and actively participating in international climate dialogues;
- Promoting multi-sector engagements for democratization and human rights including elections; and
- We have played active role in evidence based policy such as consideration of

community participation in protected areas management, forestry policy and so on.

As a consortium organization, PHE EC also plays a unique and vital role as a bridge between many diverse actors. Our ability to work in partnership with CSO, universities, government ministries, private and the media ensures a comprehensive approach to sustainable development.

Where We Work

We work in high impact areas across Ethiopia, where social, economic, and environmental impacts can do the most good for the largest number of people. This often means that we operate in areas of high poverty, high environmental degradation, and host post areas. Our work helps improve conditions in vulnerable communities across the country.

While we have pilot programs and projects in diverse areas across the country, we prioritize areas that have both a high biodiversity value and have shown a challenge of harmonization of population, health, and environment challenges.

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