



# **Regional consultation of Think Tanks on implementation of SDG for better health outcomes in ESA**

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# **ETHIOPIAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION (EPHA)**

**Contribution to the: Sustainable Development  
Goals (SDGs) and the Health Sector  
Transformation Plan (HSTP) of Ethiopia**



# Presentation outline

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# Background information

## Facts about EPHA

- ✓ Established in 1989 (28 years old)
- ✓ Mission: to promote better health services for the public and maintain Professional standards through advocacy, active involvement of its members, networking and Advocacy
- ✓ It is a very vibrant Professional Association in the Nation



# Background information.....

## Facts about EPHA

- ✓ More than 6000 (ever registered) and 3500 active members distributed over 11 Regional EPHA chapters
- ✓ Multidisciplinary membership (Health, Social and Bio-medical Sciences)
- ✓ Implemented three 5 years SP and is developing the fourth one
- ✓ Its structure is organized having the GA and Executive Board as governing body and has a secretariat composed of experienced staff .



## **Background information cont....**

**Main focus areas:**

- ✓ Membership development**
- ✓ Operational research**
- ✓ Dialogue/advocacy to inform the policy**
- ✓ Networking and partnership**



# SDG implementation in Ethiopia

## Growth and Transformation Plan-II (GTP-II)

- ✓ the second growth and transformation plan is taken as a vehicle towards the realization of Ethiopia's vision to becoming lower middle income Country by 2025
- ✓ GTP II is built on sectoral policies, strategies, programs and lessons drawn from the implementation of the GTP I and the post 2015 - SDGs



# **Overview of the Health Sector Transformation Plan (HSTP)**

**Ethiopia implemented 4 five years Health Sector Development Plans (HSDP)**

**mainly focusing on creating access to health care services**

**Since 2015, the focus is changed to Equity and Quality of health services**

**through developing and implementing the HSTP**



# Overview of Health Sector Transformation Plan (HSTP).....

Four pillars of HSTP:

- ✓ Equity and Quality Health
- ✓ Information Revolution
- ✓ Creating Compassionate, Respectful and Caring Health Professionals (CRC)
- ✓ Woreda/District Transformation



# **EPHA's contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals and HSTP**

**EPHA mainly focused to the five SDGs contributing to implementation of the HSTP**

**GOAL 3 : GOOD HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

**Goal 4: QUALITY EDUCATION**

**GOAL 5: GENDER EQUALITY**

**GOAL6: CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION**

**GOAL 17: PARTNERSHIP FOR THE GOALS**



## **PHA's contribution to GOAL 3 : GOOD HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

- **1<sup>st</sup> Pillar of the HSTP: Equity & Quality Health**
  - ✓ **Research to generate evidences for dialogue to influence health policy**
  - ✓ **Capacity building of health professionals to improve quality of health care services**
    - **Eg: Training of Health Extension Workers (Grass roots) for FP expansion**



# **EPHA's contribution-GOAL 4:GOOD HEALTH & WELL BEING.....**

## **Equity & Quality .....**

- **Woreda/District Transformation**
  - **Capacity building of midlevel managers/leaders**
  - **Leadership training on strategic information for Zonal & Regional managers**



## **EPHA's Contribution: GOOD HEALTH & WELL BEING.....**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> HSTP Pillar: Information Revolution**

- **EPHA generates data through DHSS with six universities**
- **EPHA disseminates information through bulletins and Newsletters and journals**
- **Undertakes mortality surveillance and cause of death determination**
- **Planning to undertake Health System Literacy**



# **EPHA's contribution -GOAL 4 : QUALITY EDUCATION**

**HSTP 3<sup>RD</sup> Pillar "Creating Compassionate, Respectful and Caring Health Professionals" (CRC)**

## **1. Public Health in the 21<sup>st</sup> century curriculum development**

- ✓ Setting standards for recruitment for health science training**
- ✓ development of specific competencies for all levels pre-service training in collaboration with the MoE and MoH**
- ✓ Identifying and engaging role model health professional at different levels of training programs**



# **EPHA's contribution-GOAL 3: Quality Education ..**

## **2. Improving knowledge and skill of Health professionals through:**

- ✓ Continuous Professional development (CPD)**
- ✓ EPHA is already certified as a pre-accreditor of CPD**



# **EPHA'S contribution-Goal 5: GENDER EQUALITY**

## **Encourages women Public Health leaders**

- ✓ **Gender balanced Executive Board composition**
- ✓ **Balanced membership and leadership in EPHA Advisory Council**
- ✓ **Secretariat staff members mainly women**
- ✓ **The 4<sup>th</sup> Strategic Plan of EPHA will consider engagement of more female members in its work**
- ✓ **Encouraging gender sensitivity during the development of national health strategies (EX. AYSRH)**
- ✓ **Follow up through operational research**



## **EPHA's contribution-Goal 6: CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION**

- Improving food and drinking sanitation through inspection of establishments in Addis Ababa in collaboration with Food, Medicine, Health Care Admin & Control Agency (FMHACA)**
- Advocating Urban Health through a Think-Tank group**
- WASH is Main and Subthemes of EPHA annual scientific conferences**



## **Goal 17: PARTNERSHIP FOR THE GOALS**

**hosting African Constituency Bureau (ACB)-BMGF and Global fund in the fight against TB, Malaria and HIV/AIDS**

**standing Board member of CCM/E (Global Fund)**

**EPHA secretariat plays fund flow facilitation role for CCM/E**

**Member of African Federation for Public Health Association (AFPHA)**

**Established relationship with Ethiopian Academy of Sciences (EAS) in the area of**

**existing, emerging and re-emerging health problems**

# Conclusive Remarks

- **EPHA, based on its mandates, is contributing to the relevant SDGs through research, policy dialogue with government, capacity building and engaging its members**
- **Strengthening the health system at each level of the health care delivery from policy influence to capacity building of health professionals at different levels**
- **EPHA remains the major actor/partner in HSTP implementation together with Government and civil societies**
- **Ultimately, EPHA has a large contribution to the GTP –II and SDG as health is a cross cutting agenda**

**Thank You**