



## EXEMPLARS IN GLOBAL HEALTH

# ETHIOPIA



### Under-Five Mortality

*Project Status:* **Complete**

#### TOP-LINE FINDING

From 2000 to 2015, Ethiopia reduced its under-five mortality (U5M) rate by 56%.

- » Ethiopia created a strong comprehensive community health system, centered on its Health Extension Program, to make health services more accessible to many communities.
- » To increase access to primary health care (PHC), the government advanced construction of health posts and health centers and converted existing health centers to primary hospitals.



### Stunting

*Project Status:* **Complete**

#### TOP-LINE FINDING

From 1992 to 2016, Ethiopia cut its stunting rate from 67% to 38%.

- » Ethiopia made significant investments in agriculture, education, vocational training, health systems, and water, sanitation, and hygiene conditions through impressive community-based programming, to deliver services at a large scale.
- » This successful implementation was driven by a unified plan with decentralized execution, pro-poor policies targeting the most vulnerable communities, training for community health workers, effective donor coordination, strong data collection, and evidence-based program design.

## ABOUT EXEMPLARS IN GLOBAL HEALTH

The Exemplars in Global Health (EGH) program is a global coalition of partners including researchers, academics, experts, funders, country stakeholders, and implementers. Our mission is to identify positive global health outliers, analyze what makes countries successful, and disseminate core lessons so they can be adapted in comparable settings. We aim to help country-level decision makers, global partners, and funders make strategic decisions, allocate resources, and craft evidence-based policies. A small, core team supporting EGH is based at Gates Ventures, the private office of Bill Gates, and closely collaborates with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

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## Neonatal and Maternal Mortality

*Project Status: In Progress*

### TOP-LINE FINDING

Since 2000, maternal mortality ratio (MMR) in Ethiopia has declined 61%, from 1,030 to 401 deaths per 100,000 live births, and neonatal mortality rate (NMR) declined 45%, from 60 to 33 deaths per 1,000 live births in 2017.

- » Improvements in uptake of key interventions between 2000 and 2019, including mCPR (6% to 40%), ANC 4+ (10% to 48%), and institutional births (5% to 45%), contributed to Ethiopia's success.
- » MMR and NMR declined in the past two decades due to improvements in socioeconomic conditions, declining out of pocket costs, improvements in women's literacy, and total fertility declines.

### PARTNERS



Ethiopian Public Health Institute (EPHI)  
Countdown to 2030



## Community Health Workers

*Project Status: Complete*

### TOP-LINE FINDING

Ethiopia's community health worker (CHW) program's rapid expansion, national scale, comprehensive services, integration into the primary health care system and impact, make it a positive outlier.

- » The ratio of health workers to population per 10,000 people increased from 0.4 in 2000 to 4.9 in 2016.
- » Ethiopia adopted a problem-driven approach to program design, which was initiated by strong, national political leadership and supported by well-aligned donors.
- » Operationally, Ethiopia's reforms involved multiple monitoring mechanisms to drive evaluation and adaptation, as well as an extended pilot period to develop regional and national consensus.

### PARTNERS



International Institute for Primary Health Care—Ethiopia (IPHCE-E)  
Last Mile Health



## Women's Health and Wellbeing

*Project Status: In Progress*

### TOP-LINE FINDING

Women's health and wellbeing refers to the physical, mental, and social wellness of women and their overall quality of life, from birth through old age. Ethiopia has emerged as a positive outlier when assessing country performance across 10 dimensions of health and wellbeing. The objectives of the project are as follows:

- » Improve conceptualization of women's health and wellbeing holistically, across the life course, and recognizing socio-economic inequalities to provide recommendations on measurement.
- » Understand how specific countries made progress in improving women's health and wellbeing and distill key lessons that can be used to inform funding streams, policies, and programs.

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