

PRIVATE HEALTH SECTOR PROJECT



Project Achievements

- Established 23 temporary malaria clinics and supported 31 workplace clinics in remote areas to serve more than 1 million migrant and mobile workers
- Private health facilities supported by PHSP provided care and treatment services to more than 2 million patients
- Supported the development of national guidelines on Public-Private Mix Implementation for TB, Malaria, and RMNCH to standardize and institutionalize best practices
- Trained over 3,600 health staff from private and public health facilities to improve service delivery
- Linked more than 300 private facilities to the National Laboratory Sample Transportation System and External Quality Assurance Program to expand medical commodity distribution and improve quality of care
- Facilitated the approval of loans for private facility owners reaching a total value of \$USD 11.4 Million

Overview

The Private Health Sector Project (PHSP) is a five-year project (October 2015 – October 2020) funded by USAID and implemented by Abt Associates. PHSP aims to improve the provision of critical public health services by engaging private sector health facilities to deliver high quality care at an affordable cost. In Ethiopia, half of the population's health expenditures are captured by private health facilities, making private providers key actors to reduce the burden of public health diseases. PHSP's main goal is to improve the quality and expand the availability of priority health services including malaria, tuberculosis (TB), HIV, reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child health (RMNCH) and family planning services in Ethiopia with support from the Ministry of Health. To achieve these objectives, PHSP conducts the following activities:

- Provide technical assistance to 862 private health facilities to expand the availability of priority health services in eight regions and two city administrations—Oromia, Amhara, Benishangul-Gumuz, Gambella, SNNP, Tigray, Afar, Dire Dawa, Harari, and Addis Ababa
- Enhance the capacity of clinical staff in private health facilities by providing training, supportive supervision, and mentoring to improve the quality of diagnosis and treatment for TB, malaria, HIV, and RMNCH, and family planning
- Increase access to finance and loans for small and medium-size private health facilities to expand access to priority health services
- Strengthen the capacity of private medical associations to provide mentoring and supportive supervision to private clinics, train health workers, and advocate for a stronger collaboration between public and private clinics
- Foster public-private partnerships between regional public health clinics and private businesses located in hard-to-reach areas with high-risk infection of malaria to provide quality care and treatment in workplaces
- Establish referral networks between public and private facilities who only offer diagnostics services so patients can be referred and receive treatment

Through these activities PHSP is expanding the availability of high-quality health services and strengthening the capacity of the private sector to take a prominent role in the prevention and reduction of public health diseases in Ethiopia