

Background

This project idea emanated from the PHE Consortium's (PHE EC) plans to develop PHE learning center and generate evidence in two districts of Western Oromia region Illuobabora Zone (Metu& Hurumu) through multi sectoral collaboration, active participation and ownership of the communities and local administration.

The learning process will be serving as the baseline for initiating the national learning center on multi- sectoral integrated PHE approach. This project financially supported by David and Lucile Packard Foundation from 2014 to 2017 for three years. The intervention is carried out by Ethio- Wetlands and Natural Resource Association (EWNRA), which is member organization of the consortium. EWNRA so far implemented two projects that integrate the three concepts of Population Health and Environment since 2009 with financial assistance from BALANCE project &PHE EC.

Underlying Philosophy

This project was build on the PHE corner stone philosophy of integration and multi-sectoral partnerships, which create synergies to enable more effective achievement of health and environmental outcomes and promote strong community participation and ownership to contribute to sustainable development.

General Objective

To strengthen capacity, generate evidence, and improve partnership among PHE implementing member and partner organizations in order to achieve the population and reproductive health goals of the country and bring sustainable development.

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Specific Objectives

- Develop multi-sectoral integration of Population, Health and Environment (PHE) learning center by implementing PHE approach in two district of western Oromia in the coming three years
- Establish multi- sectoral partnership and mainstreaming of RH/FP issues in non-health sectors at national level in the coming three years
- Generate and disseminate PHE evidences and good practices that could accelerate RH/FP outcomes in the coming three Years
- Build the capacity of the consortium and its members and partners in the coming three years

Expected Outcomes of the Project

- Added values of multi-sectoral integrated PHE approach to RH/FP targets well demonstrated and communicated nationally and globally
- Non-health sector line ministries and partner organizations mainstream RH/FP in their activity plan and strengthened partnership
- Good practices and knowledge of PHE approach and RH/FP generated and used to improve program implementation

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Some of Outputs of the Project

- Improved capacity of multi sectoral task forces in the four kebeles, two districts and zonal level
- Improved capacity of youth and women on RH/FP, environmental protection and livelihood issues through application of different multi-sectoral PHE approaches
- Improved capacity of teachers and members of school clubs on RH/FP, environmental protection and livelihood issues in the two woredas through using the different PHE tools
- Scaled up community based distribution of family planning commodities through non health actors like ADA's and others in the woredas
- Improved capacity of 6 schools in Mettu and Hurumu woreda on RH/FP, environmental protection and livelihood issues
- Improved economic empowerment and increased capacity of youths(out of school)on environmental health and livelihoods issues in Mettu and Hurumu woredas
- Improved experience of multi stakeholders in the two woredas

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Strategies

To accomplish the above goal and objectives, PHE Ethiopia Consortium will coordinate and facilitate activities in close collaboration with EWNRA and partners (local and international). The project implementation will focus the following strategic approaches:

- Transparent and participatory approach that benefits the grass root communities
- Joint partnership, planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluation
- Providing sustained capacity building support for members and partner organizations
- Strengthen partnerships among existing members, concertina, collaborating universities and government offices.
- Strengthen the use of Multi-sectoral tools and manuals and M&E system of the Consortium and member organizations so that they can generate data that shows evidence of success and use data for decision making.

Project Beneficiaries

EWNRA will implement the project in two woredas of Metu and Hurumu to benefit the rural community in 4 kebeles. Women, school children, youth in particular and the entire population of the two woreda's will be benefited from this project. Generally more than 17,656 people expected to be benefited indirectly and 2233 poor women and jobless youth directly benefit from the project. PHEEC will provide technical support to different non- health sectors to help mainstreaming of RH/FP and the learning from pilot multi sectoral PHE learning sites will be used to scale up the approach to benefit the community at large.

Donors and Partners

The David Lucile Packard Foundation, EWNRA, Jimma and Mettu Universities PHE EC and many other national and local partners are collaborating to realize this project

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Partial view of Wuchi micro-wetland, Metu woreda

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