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**Profile**

# About Us

**P**opulation, Health and Environment Ethiopia Consortium (PHE EC), an Ethiopian Civil Society Organization working to advance holistic, integrated multi-sectoral developmental approach in Ethiopia. Our guiding philosophy upholds that in order to effectively help vulnerable communities, you must address the social, economic, and environmental constraints together.

Initiated at the Integrated Development for East Africa conference in 2007 and formally established in 2008, PHE EC has grown significantly in both size and influence over the past 12 years. Since 2008, PHE EC, together with our 71 member organizations and our international and national partners, has successfully facilitated the implementation of pilot multi-sectoral integrated interventions in over 70 woredas (districts) in Ethiopia and has directly engaged with over 800,000 community beneficiaries.

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

- Demonstrating the effectiveness of multi-sectoral integrated PHE approaches for achieving right based family planning and fertility outcomes, that contribute for balanced population growth and productive citizens;
- Endorsing and initiating development projects that make gender equality a priority, such as creating livelihood opportunities for women by addressing the bottle neck social norms;
- Advocating for the importance of addressing the population dividend in the context of Ethiopia, by incapacitating the youth through skill development and job opportunities;
- Championing nature based solutions in an integrated way, mainly focusing : protected areas, upper catchment river basins, forests, biospheres and wetlands;
- Advancing the role of multi-sectoral partnerships and coordination in building resilience of communities to climate change;
- Promoting research on the linkages between climate change, food security; population growth, and actively participating in international climate dialogues; and
- Promoting inclusive governance and multi-sector engagements for democratization and human rights.



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

*Negash Teklu,  
Executive Director, PHE EC*

As a local CSO 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 communities, CSOs, universities, government ministries, private sector and the media is leverage to a comprehensive approach to sustainable development.

**VISION:**

**To see Ethiopia with sustainable resource-use, 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 Human Well-being and Nature

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

## Partnership and Collaboration

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

## Equality, Rights and Diversity

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

## Accountability and Transparency

We accept full accountability 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 Governance Structure

**General Assembly (GA):** Our consortium is governed, supported, and held accountable by our member organizations, which are 71 as of 2020. At our highest governing body level sits a general assembly where all members are represented. The general assembly is made aware of all our operations and the assembly's approval is sought for our annual plan.

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

**Board:** Below the general assembly sits, the organization's board, which is comprised of five elected, from member organizations executives. Elections are held every three years, in order to choose the board representatives in a fair manner. The board has three years and one person can serve for two terms depending on the approval of the GA. PHE EC's Executive Director reports to the board to attest to the organization's fiscal and managerial health. Additionally, PHE EC is externally audited to have complete financial transparency.

**Secretariat Office:** The consortium office has the secretariat office, which has the Management Committee (MC), which is led by the Executive Director. The Management Committee (5 or 7) members depending on the size of programs and thematic issues ) is established constituting the Executive Director, representatives from the core thematic programs and sections.

Finally, PHE EC's staffs in Addis Ababa, supported by field team, are responsible for operating all organization programs throughout the country. In addition, 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;
- ▶ Advocating and strengthening the civil society space through the implementation of the CSO proclamation and the civic engagement policy;

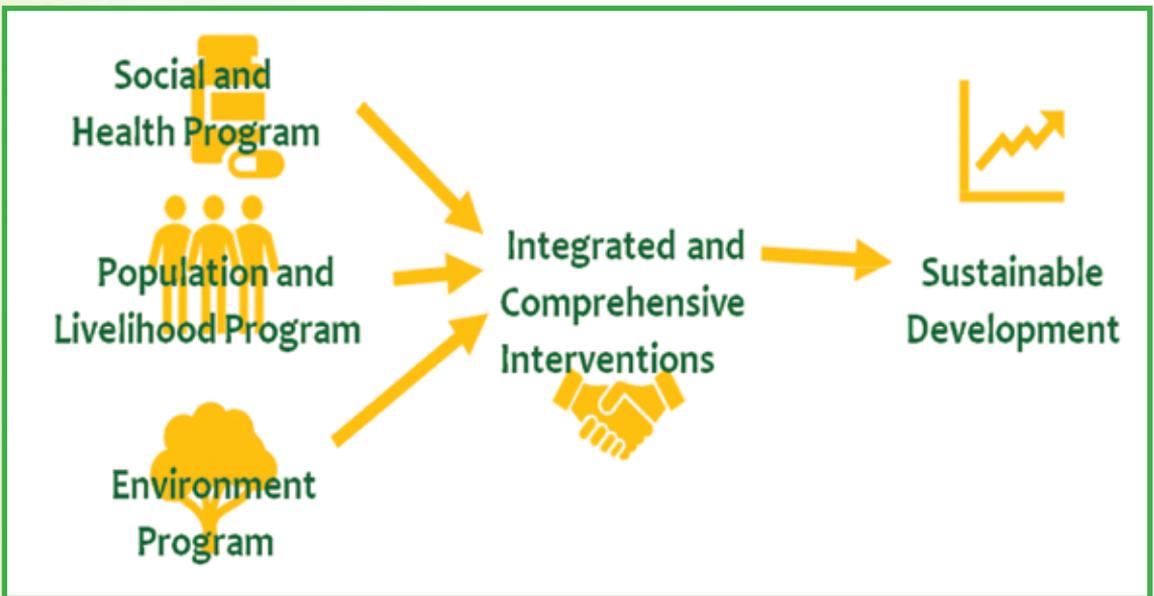
- Partnering and engaging in research and knowledge dissemination activities to identify and raise- awareness of good practices, learnings to inject policies;
- Advocating and promoting improved policies on development, democracy and human right programs to build a sustainable development process and outcomes;
- Actively engaging in capacity building, networking and coordination and;
- Providing technical assistance and partnering with members on generating joint resources

This governance model was established and is actively maintained in order to ensure complete transparency and accountability. A list of our member organizations is included at the end of the profile.

# How We Operate: Our Methodology

**P**opulation, Health and Environment (PHE) interventions are a holistic, participatory development approach where diverse issues are addressed together in an integrated manner for nature based solutions, 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-sectoral task-forces at all levels from national to kebele, show-casing at a house hold level.



Our development initiatives are designed with focus on promoting integration and harmonization of the environment, social and population issues. The thematic areas of our interventions are structure into social and health, population and livelihood, governance and environment. The development of interventions for each program area is guided by a principle of multi sectoral integration with central focus given to the entry respective programs.

A key to our success is our diverse range of partners and members that allow us to demonstrate the effectiveness of PHE interventions across Ethiopia

and internationally. Together, we are able to set up pilot projects that support sustainable development, create resilient communities, and influence government policies by demonstrating widespread success.

Another main role we play is as a leader and frequent participator in Ethiopian civil society engagement and activities. As a member of the leadership of the Ethiopian Civil Society Forum and the CSO sector, we have a great responsibility in shaping a hospitable environment for non-profit work in the country. We also are active participants in international and national forums, including the African and global PHE families, the national SRHR, environment, gender, IUCN, the Climate Action Network, many more working groups, platforms and networks.

We take our leadership role in civil society as a great honor and opportunity as we build respect for democratic and human right values, aligned to multi sectoral integrated approaches to sustainable development.

# Where We Work

**W**e work in high impact areas across Ethiopia, where social, economic, and environmental where impacts can be addressed focusing the communities interest. This often means that we operate in areas of high poverty, high environmental degradation, and poor social mobility. Our work helps improve ecosystem conditions in highly vulnerable communities across the country.

While we have pilot 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/climate change.

# What We Work

**O**ur work is diverse in both thematic area and geography at landscape and eco-regional level, so we developed strategic goals to guide us as we work towards achieving ambitious targets in sustainable development way. Our aim is to achieve these goals by 2030, which we are well on the way to doing. Below is a summary of the work we have done towards each goal:

## **Promote for harmonization of population growth and development:**

The harmonization of the population growth and development will be key pillar of our development interventions. The harmonization population and development will be done through promoting and implementing the ICPD targets. In line to this we promote for the zero unmet need, maternal mortality and gender-based violence, through addressing deep-rooted cultural norms and social inequities for women and girls. Our integrated approach allows for these economic, population and environmental issues to be addressed together in harmonized way, in a way it creates greater opportunities for the wellbeing of people and the sustainability of the environment

In addition, advocating for demographic dividend and supporting the integration of population dimensions into all spheres of interventions. The demo-

graphic dividend is an important, yet challenging goal for Ethiopia. In order for the country to reach middle-income status, significant adjustments need to occur to the populations' age structure and employment. Currently, the ratio of working-age people to dependent children and elderly is far too small to encourage economic growth. To achieve the demographic dividend goal in Ethiopia, still it is needed to be done in more collaborative, inclusive and aggressive way. PHE-EC is helping tackle this national challenge by encouraging SRHR, improving community acceptance of female education and youth employment opportunities, and developing sustainable livelihoods of communities align to nature based solutions across Ethiopia through its programs and advocacy work.

### **Addressing Climate change and Environmental sustainability issues:**

In order to help vulnerable communities in a sustainable manner, we believe it is important to understand and address future environmental threats in addition to present concerns. In Ethiopia, environmental degradation and impacts aggravated by climate change are threats that have the potential to increasingly affecting natural resources and communities existence across the country. At PHE EC, we are doing our part to advance knowledge on the threat of environmental impacts like degradation of land, deforestation and climate change impacts and the ways to address it. To do so we are active participants in national and international dialogues on the topic, including our engagement and participation in many forums including the National Climate Resilient Green Economy Facility, the World Conservation Congress (IUCN), World Climate Change Conference (COP), International Conference of Population and Development (ICPD), in the SDG HLPF and more, in a way we contribute for SDGs, specially goal 13 and 17. We also encourage and facilitate research on developmental topics, by partnering with relevant universities and research institutions how climate change is affecting and impacting higher levels of food insecurity and the solutions in the context of Ethiopia. Finally, our integrated approach to development at field level at landscape and eco region level helps communities develop their own resilience to future threats, including climate change.

### **Advancing national and international SRHR outcomes: Contributing to the National and International Development Targets:**

We strongly work towards contributing to the national (HSTP) and GTP, international health outcomes goal 3 (3.1,3.3, 3.7), 5 ( 5.3, 5.6) of SDGs, FP2020, ICPD through promoting multi-sector integration. Awareness creation and behav-

ioral change to communities and supporting to the improvement of health outcomes are our focuses. So as to improve health outcomes we will work on multi-sectoral approach among members and partners at field and policy level. The multi-sectoral integrated pilot projects will be used as important tests for the effectiveness of PHE approach in improving SRHR services and up scaling to wider areas.

We fully support the Ethiopian government's ambitious and innovative development targets that seek to advance human and economic development while maintaining a sustainable and green pathway. We recognize the importance of these goals and we are committed to advancing their cause by participating in policy dialogues and adhering to these strategies during the implementation of our development initiatives. Our integrated approach proves that both development and environmental conservation can occur together and even mutually reinforce each other to healthy people and healthy environment. We also multiply our efforts by spreading the success of our integrated approach through our beneficiaries, members, partners and the platforms we organize and participate and the media.

### **Contribute to gender equality, human right and democracy Outcomes:**

PHEEC will work towards promoting democracy, gender equality, and other human right issues through applying both need based and human rights based approaches. It integrates gender to contribute for SDG 5 and, human right and democratic issues into its development interventions. The application of human right issues is given an emphasis while developing programs/projects.

### **Effective alignment with PHE EC member and partner organizations in pursuing common goals**

The engagement towards achieving of the common goal of national policies, strategies and SDGs is the major focus of the consortium to wards members and partners. Establishment of common platform, promoting enabling environment, working on their capacity, their active participation and ownership for joint thematic interventions and popularization of good practices and success stories. In addition, partnering, sharing of information, and mobilizing joint resources has been the important approach in improving effectiveness of the members and partners.

## **Promote PHE multi-sectoral approach and become an internationally recognized center of excellence:**

As the leading PHE network in Ethiopia, it is our duty to promote the integration of multi-sectoral interventions in Ethiopia and to help foster a diverse network of global practitioners who work at the interdependence and intersection of these issues. To date our consortium has 71 members, which are implementing integrated interventions linking livelihood, health, environment and societal issues throughout the country. The implementation of integrated interventions, through, the multi sectoral platforms, we establish are initiated, at household level and linked to village, Kebele, woreda, zonal, regional and national level. At the same time the learning's are shared to the global forms and partners.

# Our Current Engagements

PHE Ethiopia Consortium together with its members and partners has active strategic engagements in jointly implementing projects. The major projects, which are under implementation, are the following.

## I. Scaling out integrated and multi-sectoral approach: SHARE BER II Project

This is European Union funded project, which is implemented in 16 woredas of Bale Eco-region, incorporating the Bale Mountain National Park, which is located in Oromia Regional State of Southeastern Ethiopia. The project, which is being implemented by a consortium of five organizations, namely, Farm Africa (Lead), SoS Sahel Ethiopia, IWMI, FZS and PHE EC since 2016 until 2024. It is implemented comprehensively, using integrated and multi-sector eco-regional approach covering the highland, midland and lowland ecological zones. The interventions were identified in line to fitting the different ecological zones and with consideration of the ecosystem linkages. PHEEC's role is addressing the crosscutting issues like health, gender, and knowledge sharing and facilitating the multi sectoral platforms and partnership activities and mechanisms

## II. Growth for the future

This is SIDA supported project, which is implemented in seven woredas of Oromia and Southern Nations and Nationalities People Regional States incorporating Abjata Shalla National Park and the Senkele Sanctuary. A consortium of five organizations namely Farm Africa (lead), SoS Sahel Ethiopia, IWMI, SEDA and PHE EC implements the project. Likewise, it is implemented with the use of integrated comprehensive interventions aiming at demonstrating multi sectoral and coordinated natural resources management practices with the aim of complementing and contributing to the GoE's strategic agenda as indicated in GTP II and CRGE. The project applies a consortium working methodology of integrated landscape management in both locations, a programmatic approach to synthesizing best practice, learning and policy advocacy on a set of common cross-cutting technical approaches to implementation. The programme will intensively apply participatory, multi-sector and stakeholders engagement including establishment of joint platform to restoring, manag-

ing and using resources in a coordinated and integrated manner by fostering collaboration among multiple actors: community, private sector, CSO and government at various administrative levels. PHEEC's role is similar to what we have at SHARE BER, but incorporating the park intervention at Abjata and Senkele sanctuary.

### **III. Agriculture, Livelihood and Conservation & Population, Reproductive Health**

The project is striving to improve practices of biodiversity conservation and increase resilience in two woredas of Jima and Ili Ababora zones of Southwestern Ethiopia as a showcase. Introduction of integrated sustainable agricultural practices, Participatory forest management (PFM) and increased knowledge and service uptake of SRHR are the method interventions sought to achieve the objective. The project is implemented in partnership with Ethio Wetlands and Natural Resources Association (EWNRA) and PHE Ethiopia Consortium (lead). Packard Foundation supports it.

### **IV. SRHR and Environment Integration**

This project, is aiming at addressing the nexus between population dynamics and Environmental Sustainability/Climate Change Adaptation with focus on both policy advocacy and operational level integration. It has envisioned creating community and environmental resilience. The project is implemented in one woreda of Southwest Ethiopia as a model so that it can be replicated. It is supported by DFPA/DANIDA.

### **V. Citizen-state engagement: Stronger, better CSOs and networks/coalitions**

This project has the main objective of improving the engagement within and between CSOs, government and communities thereby contributes to responsive and accountable governance that addresses environmental and land right issues. It is implemented in five regions (Amhara, Tigray, Oromia, South and Afar) and Federal levels, using pilot sites. A consortium of six member organizations implements this project, which is supported by CSSP 2. PHE Ethiopia Consortium (lead), Enhanced Rural self-help Organization, Lem Ethiopia, New Millennium Hope development Organization, Gurage Self Help Organization and Organization for Sustainable Development are the implementing members and partners.

## **VI. Service Delivery Improvement and Citizens Engagement: Civil Society Fund III**

This project is designed with the aim of filling gaps in the areas of improving service delivery. It has the overall objective of contributing to improvement in the well being of citizens' and service delivery in the project area. It has also two specific objectives: 1) To improve effectiveness of service delivery mechanisms; and 2) To empower citizens to claim their basic rights. The project intervention areas constitute four adjacent Woredas of Afar and Oromia Regional States. The Woredas are found in Eastern Shoa and West Harerge zones of Oromia and Zone three of Afar Regional States. The communities are pastoralist and semi-pastoralists, which have strong interactions and interests over resource uses mainly the pasture lands. Implementing member organizations are, OSB, EWNHS, Green Art and PHE-EC(lead).The project will directly address 6500 people through engaging livelihood interventions, capacity building trainings and service delivery improvements through introduction of social accountability interventions.

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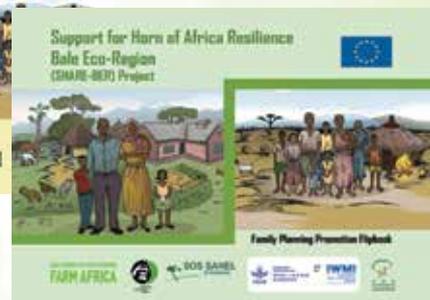
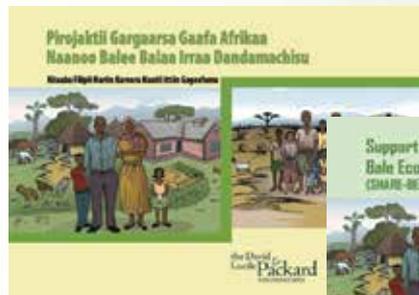
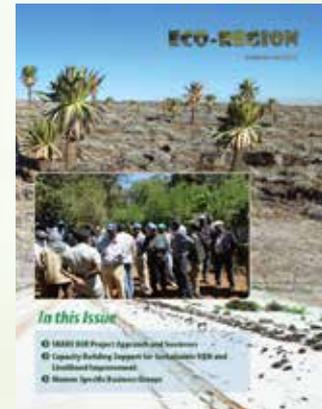
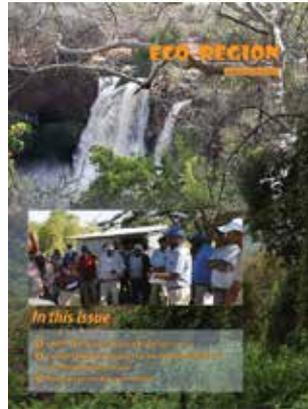


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