



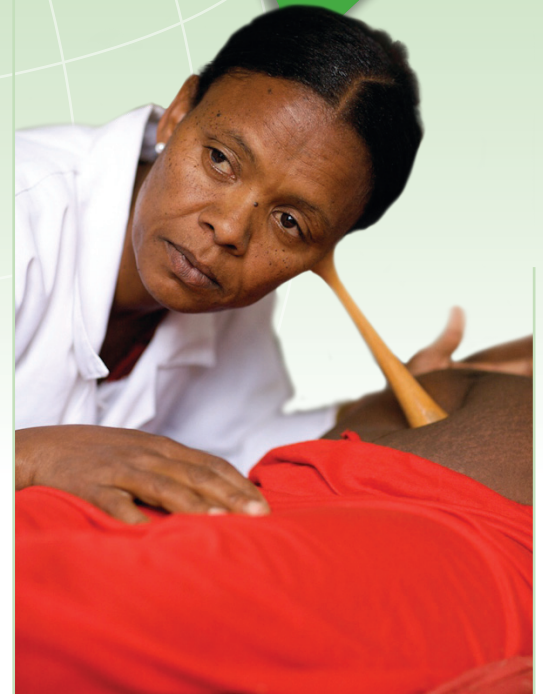
Program Summary

I-TECH ETHIOPIA

Ethiopia, with a population of over 80 million people, is the second most populous country in Africa.

Like many resource-limited countries, Ethiopia is working to overcome widespread poverty, a limited health care infrastructure, and infectious diseases including malaria, HIV, and tuberculosis. To address these issues, the Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH), Federal HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Office (FHAPCO), and local and regional partners have set ambitious goals to increase access to quality care for all Ethiopians.

Since 2003, I-TECH Ethiopia, together with the FMOH, FHAPCO, and partners, has provided technical assistance to support the knowledge, capacity, and skills of health care workers and improve Ethiopia's health care systems. I-TECH works primarily in the three northern regions of the country, Afar, Amhara, and Tigray, to support comprehensive HIV and AIDS programs and health systems strengthening in 46 health facilities (35 hospitals and 11 health centers). Together, these regions account for nearly 40% of the national HIV burden. Originally, I-TECH's work focused on increasing access to HIV treatment and care, and on preparing health care workers to face the challenges associated with the epidemic. Increasingly, I-TECH is expanding this work to focus on a wide-reaching portfolio of health programs. These efforts are designed for sustainable transition to local ownership — allowing them to become an enduring part of the national health care system.



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ETHIOPIA FACTS

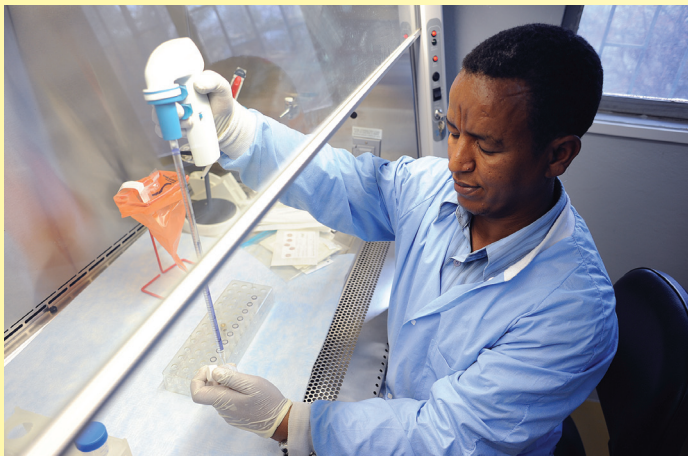
- Estimated total population: 88,013,491
- Area: 435,186 square miles
- HIV prevalence proportion (adults 15-49): 2..1%
- Infant mortality: 79 per 1,000 live births
- Maternal mortality ratio: 720 per 100,000 live births
- Physicians per 1,000 people: 0.03
- 23% of the population lives on less than \$1 a day

Source: USAID Country Health Statistical Report: Ethiopia, January 2011



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

I-TECH Ethiopia collaborates with local partners to:



- Ensure high quality **HIV care, treatment, and support** for Ethiopian adults and children.
- Provide **maternal, neonatal, and child health** services.
- **Prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV** through health care worker training and patient education.
- Make **HIV testing and counseling** available, reliable, and widely-accessed throughout Ethiopia.
- Ensure that **antiretroviral adherence case management** and mothers' support groups are available to help people living with HIV continue to take their medication—on time, every day.
- Strengthen **pre-service** educational institutions, so that they can graduate a greater number of qualified health care workers.
- Provide **in-service** capacity building, including mentoring of mentors, to strengthen the confidence and skills of health care workers; and transition programs to local ownership.
- Respond to the training and support needs of Ethiopian **nurses**, who, as in many countries, often form the “backbone” of patient care.
- Strengthen the **leadership and management** skills of civil and institutional leaders.
- Build and support systems to **collect and organize strategic information**, including patient data, to ensure that relevant information is available to health care workers, health leaders, and local scholars.
- Develop **robust, reliable, laboratory systems**: support laboratories to achieve WHO-AFRO stepwise accreditation, introduce appropriate diagnostic technologies, upgrade facilities, and support laboratory professionals.
- Support health care workers and facilities as they implement **HIV infection prevention and control activities**.
- Prevent, diagnose, and treat **tuberculosis**, MDR-TB, and TB/HIV coinfection.
- Integrate **prevention and care for sexually transmitted** infections into routine medical services.
- Build strong **clinical mentoring** programs for health care workers, and transition them to local partners.

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