



# FACT SHEET

## Urban Health in Ethiopia

Population (2013)	86.6 million
Percentage of current urban population	17%
Urban population growth rate	4.1%
Under-five mortality rate (per 1,000 live births) in urban areas	83
Births assisted by skilled provider in urban areas	51%
Urban population with improved latrine coverage	27%
Urban HIV prevalence	4.2%

According to Ethiopia's Central Statistical Agency "urban" includes small towns with a population size of at least 2,000 and with 50% of the population engaging in non-agricultural activities.

- The Urban Health Extension Program (UHEP) is an important strategy of the Government of Ethiopia (GoE) to promote Primary Health Care (PHC) at the community level.
- UHEP provides 'household-centered' health promotion, disease prevention, and strong referral linkages to the public sector health facilities.
- Currently more than 4,000 Urban Health Extension Professionals are trained and deployed by the GoE.

## Program Goal

The Strengthening Ethiopia's Urban Health Program's (SEUHP) goal is to improve the health status of the urban population of Ethiopia by reducing HIV/TB-related maternal, neonatal and child morbidity and mortality, and the incidence of communicable and non-communicable diseases.

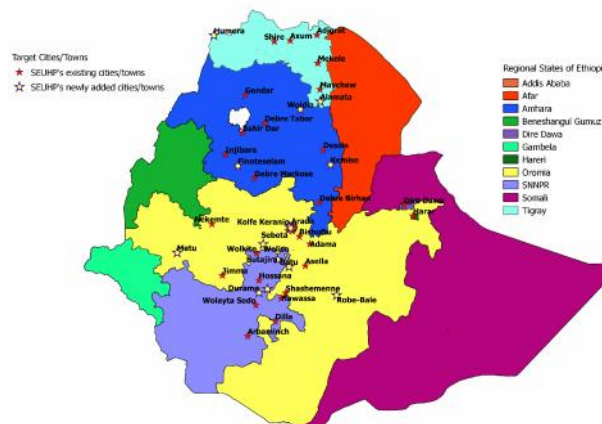
## Implementation Strategy

- Aligning all SEUHP services to the government's UHEP packages and priorities
- Integrating key services as appropriate
- Strengthening referral linkages and the health management information system for urban health services
- Achieving efficiency and program effectiveness
- Building innovative urban health service models through ongoing learning and documentation
- Promoting Public Private Partnership
- Forging strong inter-sectoral collaboration and partnership

## Targeting

SEUHP targets vulnerable populations and will reach an estimated 1.6 million households in 49 cities/towns over the life of the program.

SEUHP began its support in 29 cities/towns in the first year of its implementation. SEUHP is currently supporting implementation in 40 cities/ towns.



Central Statistical Agency of Ethiopia  
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