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ETHIOPIA FACT SHEET

Domestic Resource Mobilization

BACKGROUND

Ethiopia is among the world's highest tuberculosis (TB) burden countries with a rate of 126 cases per 100,000 people in 2022 (WHO), but the country has made progress against the disease with TB deaths dropping from 66 per 100,000 population in 2010 to 17 people per 100,000 in 2022 (WHO). Ethiopia is committed to ending TB by 2030 but is heavily reliant on international donor funding for TB health services, with 72 percent of funding coming from international donors in 2022 (WHO).

HS4TB

USAID's Health Systems for TB (HS4TB) project supports high TB burden countries with financing and governance strategies, tools, and approaches to achieve TB elimination goals. Led by Management Sciences for Health, HS4TB ensures both that TB care and prevention approaches have a strong underpinning in health system concepts, and that health system approaches are directly tied to improved TB outcomes. The result is a more directed and measurable approach to TB and health systems work. HS4TB supports policy reforms for increased and improved domestic contracting of TB services, greater domestic financing,

and more efficient use of resources, while building in-country financial and managerial skills and leadership.

HS4TB SUPPORT FOR ETHIOPIA

Ethiopia has sought to increase domestic funding for TB, as it faces a funding gap to sustain its TB health services and international donors require increased co-financing. Ethiopia's Ministry of Health recognizes the importance of planning for securing and protecting sustainable funding for its TB response. Ethiopia has made contributions to the TB program through support of the health workforce and the health facility and laboratory infrastructure, but with unreliable external resources and a high burden on low-income households through out-of-pocket costs, domestic resources are required to fund core elements of the TB program.

HS4TB worked with the country's Ministry of Health to support domestic resource mobilization from 2020 to 2024.

The major goal for HS4TB was to develop a **TB Domestic Resource Mobilization and Sustainability Roadmap**, under the umbrella of the Government's Health Financing Strategy, that will guide increased domestic funding from different sources to sustain TB health services into the future.

Exactly how HS4TB would go about creating the roadmap and supporting the work of the Ministry of Health and National TB Elimination Program (NTP) was set out in an [Inception Report](#).

TB Domestic Resource Mobilization and Sustainability Roadmap

The [Roadmap](#) is a strategic and operational plan that outlines objectives and concrete steps towards domestic resource mobilization options and opportunities. It gives direction for engaging organizations, coalitions, and champions to structure decision-making and support advocacy efforts to spur domestic resource mobilization for TB. This includes leveraging and integrating TB programming into existing and new health financing initiatives. The Roadmap includes an implementation plan, with defined activities, roles and responsibilities, and a timeline to achieving the Roadmap's objectives.

The overall goal of the Roadmap is for Ethiopia to finance 20 percent of the cost of the TB program (TBL-NSP) from domestic sources by June 2026. The Roadmap covers four key areas:

- Public Domestic Financing Initiatives
- Innovative Financing Initiatives
- Critical Enablers for Efficiency and Sustainability
- Governance and Implementing Arrangements

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Pursuing the initiatives under this Roadmap will represent a critical step in achieving long-term sustainability for Ethiopia’s TB response.

TB Resource Tracking Tool

Calculating how much the Ethiopian government and its partners spend on TB annually is a challenge. It is difficult for the Ministry of Health to identify financing gaps in TB program areas as compared to annual plans due to the inability to track current investments in TB programming. TB expenditures are managed across a number of financial management systems, with varying tracking and reporting functionalities.

HS4TB, working with the NTP and the Strategic Affairs Executive Office, developed a TB Resource Tracking Tool that can be used to address the current TB resource tracking challenges. The tool will be used for annual resource tracking and reporting purposes, which will enhance advocacy efforts for additional domestic financing and co-financing negotiations with the Global Fund and other partner organizations.

Stakeholder Engagement and Advocacy Plan

For the NTP to effectively advocate for the TB program, it is critical to have a comprehensive [stakeholder engagement and advocacy plan \(SEAP\)](#). HS4TB supported the creation of the SEAP, which guides the NTP to advocate for increased domestic TB financing.

The SEAP identifies the “decision makers” (*target audience*) who play a critical role in policy, planning, and approval processes. It crafts compelling arguments and key messages that can be used by advocates to persuade (*tell*) decision makers to implement the initiatives outlined in the Roadmap. The SEAP also identifies the most appropriate channels and opportune windows (*timing*) to communicate these messages.

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