

AIHA Showcases Our 20-year Legacy of Health Systems Strengthening Successes in Ethiopia at CSO Week 2026



AIHA Country Director for Ethiopia Kidest Hailu (far right) provides an overview of key program achievements and impact during CSO Week 2026, which was held March 5-7 in Addis Ababa.

AIHA's team in Ethiopia participated in CSO Week 2026 at the Addis International Convention Center March 5-7. The event brought together representatives from more than 120 civil society organizations (CSOs) from Ethiopia and Kenya.

CSO Week was organized by the [Ethiopian Civil Society Organizations Council](#) and the [Authority for Civil Society Organizations](#) to promote collaboration, knowledge exchange, and policy dialogue with government institutions, development partners, and other stakeholders.

AIHA hosted a booth during the event, displaying a broad range of materials showcasing AIHA's contributions to strengthening and advancing Ethiopia's healthcare system since we started working in the country in 2006 through our [HIV/AIDS Twinning Center Program](#) in support of the [U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief \(PEPFAR\)](#).

The team also highlighted recent and current work funded by the [Gates Foundation](#) – including projects building [primary health care capacity](#), [public health leadership](#), and [human resource management in the pharmaceutical sector](#) – as well as our work focused on hospital strengthening and training health workers at [Debre Berhan Comprehensive Specialized Hospital](#) through the [Dr. Joseph R. Masci Legacy Project](#).



Saba Sintayehu, AIHA’s Senior Program Manager for Ethiopia, (at right in the image on the left and center in the image on the right) shares information with CSO Week attendees.

The event provided valuable visibility for AIHA and served as an important platform for building relationships with CSOs working in both the humanitarian and development sectors, according to Mrs. Hailu.

“Throughout the event, we had many opportunities to exchange ideas, share experiences, and learn about ongoing and emerging initiatives across the health and development sectors,” she said, noting that it was particularly rewarding to connect with new organizations while also renewing relationships with long-standing partners and colleagues.

“These interactions fostered meaningful dialogue around shared priorities and challenges and opened the door to exploring potential areas for future collaboration,” Mrs. Hailu said, concluding, “Overall, participation in CSO Week strengthened AIHA’s network, enhanced visibility of our programs, and reaffirmed our commitment to partnership-driven approaches in advancing health and development outcomes in Ethiopia.”

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