



AIHA organized study tours for IPHC-E staff to learn from successful PHC models in Australia, Cambodia, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Sustainability and Localization

- Six regional PHC Hubs established and operational
- Training materials institutionalized
- Trainers capacitated to continue delivery
- Government ownership and WHO Collaborating Center pathway underway

Why Does This Program Matter Now?

Strong primary health care systems require strong institutions. By building IPHC-E's capacity to lead training, research, and advocacy, this project strengthened Ethiopia's PHC system at scale thereby ensuring local ownership, workforce readiness, and long-term sustainability.

AIHA is a nonprofit that works to strengthen health systems through long-term, locally led partnerships that build leadership, workforce capacity, and institutional resilience — ensuring impact lasts beyond donor support. We've been working with Ethiopia's Federal Ministry of Health and leading hospitals, universities, associations, and other stakeholders since 2006.



LOCAL INSTITUTIONS. GLOBAL EXPERTISE. SUSTAINABLE HEALTH SYSTEMS



Twinning Partnership Program to Strengthen Primary Health Care in Ethiopia

This completed project exemplifies AIHA's approach to strengthening primary health care (PHC) systems through our signature twinning partnership model. AIHA worked to build the institutional and human resource capacity of the International Institute for Primary Health Care – Ethiopia (IPHC-E) to function as a national and regional center of excellence for PHC training, research, and policy leadership. Established by the Federal Ministry of Health, IPHC-E plays a central role in advancing universal health coverage.

Over the course of the partnership, AIHA strengthened training systems, faculty capacity, regional PHC Hubs, and institutional governance, leaving behind durable capacity that continues to support high-quality, locally-led primary health care in Ethiopia.

Key Project Focus Areas

- Primary Health Care Workforce Training
- Human Resources for Health (HRH) Capacity Strengthening
- Institutional Leadership and Governance
- Evidence Generation
- Policy Analysis
- Localization through Regional PHC Hubs



By the conclusion of the twinning partnership with the University of Queensland in November 2024, the team had developed and piloted 28 training courses on various aspects of primary health care.

HEALTH WORKFORCE TRAINING OUTCOMES

29 PHC Master Trainers trained

254 Health workers trained in basic PHC

372 Total health professionals trained across PHC, advocacy, M&E, quality assurance, pandemic preparedness, and climate-resilient PHC



Evidence of Impact: Institutional Capacity Strengthening

- IPHC-E formally registered as a legal entity, enabling independent financial and HR management
- Staff expanded from 10 to 19, with diversified funding streams established
- Improved governance, compliance, and operational systems compared to baseline

Evidence of Impact: Training Relevance and Effectiveness

- 173 trainees evaluated (88% response rate)
- 100% rated trainings as relevant
- Significant improvements reported in:
 - Quality improvement
 - Operational research
 - Policy analysis
 - PHC service delivery