Regional consultation of Think Tanks on implementation of SDG for better health outcomes in ESA

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Contribution to the: Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Health Sector Transformation Plan (HSTP) of Ethiopia
Presentation outline

Background information on EPHA

Overview of the Health Sector Transformation Plan (HSTP)

EPHA’s focus versus SDGs and Contribution of EPHA to HSTP

Conclusive Remarks
Background information

Facts about EPHA

✓ Established in 1989 (28 years old)
✓ Mission: to promote better health services for the public and maintain Professional standards through advocacy, active involvement of its members, networking and Advocacy
✓ It is a very vibrant Professional Association in the Nation
Facts about EPHA

✓ More than 6000 (ever registered) and 3500 active members distributed over 11 Regional EPHA chapters

✓ Multidisciplinary membership (Health, Social and Bio-medical Sciences)

✓ Implemented three 5 years SP and is developing the fourth one

✓ Its structure is organized having the GA and Executive Board as governing body and has a secretariat composed of experienced staff.
Background information cont....

Main focus areas:

✓ Membership development
✓ Operational research
✓ Dialogue/advocacy to inform the policy
✓ Networking and partnership
SDG implementation in Ethiopia

Growth and Transformation Plan-II (GTP-II)

✓ the second growth and transformation plan os taken as a vehicle towards the realization of Ethiopia’s vison to becoming lower middle income Country by 2025

✓ GTP II is built on sectoral policies, strategies, programs and lessons drawn from the implementation of the GTP I and the post 2015 - SDGs
Overview of the Health Sector Transformation Plan (HSTP)

Ethiopia implemented 4 five years Health Sector Development Plans (HSDP) mainly focusing on creating access to health care services.

Since 2015, the focus is changed to Equity and Quality of health services through developing and implementing the HSTP.
Overview of Health Health Sector Transformation Plan (HSTP)……..

Four pillars of HSTP:

✓ Equity and Quality Health
✓ Information Revolution
✓ Creating Compassionate, Respectful and Caring Health Professionals (CRC)
✓ Woreda/District Transformation
EPHA’s contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals and HSTP

EPHA mainly focused to the five SDGs contributing to implementation of the HSTP

GOAL 3: GOOD HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Goal 4: QUALITY EDUCATION

GOAL 5: GENDER EQUALITY

GOAL 6: CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

GOAL 17: PARTNERSHIP FOR THE GOALS
PHA’s contribution to GOAL 3 : GOOD HEALTH AND WELLBEING

• 1st Pillar of the HSTP: Equity & Quality Health
  ✓ Research to generate evidences for dialogue to influence health policy
  ✓ Capacity building of health professionals to improve quality of health care services
  • Eg: Training of Health Extension Workers (Grass roots) for FP expansion
EPHA’s contribution—GOAL 4: GOOD HEALTH & WELL BEING......

Equity & Quality .........

- Woreda/District Transformation
  - Capacity building of midlevel managers/leaders
  - Leadership training on strategic information for Zonal & Regional managers
EPHA’s Contribution: GOOD HEALTH & WELL BEING……..

2nd HSTP Pillar: Information Revolution

• EPHA generates data through DHSS with six universities
• EPHA disseminates information through bulletins and Newsletters and journals
• Undertakes mortality surveillance and cause of death determination
• Planning to undertake Health System Literacy
EPHA’s contribution - GOAL 4: QUALITY EDUCATION

HSTP 3RD Pillar “Creating Compassionate, Respectful and Caring Health Professionals” (CRC)

1. Public Health in the 21st century curriculum development

- Setting standards for recruitment for health science training
- Development of specific competencies for all levels pre-service training in collaboration with the MoE and MoH
- Identifying and engaging role model health professional at different levels of training programs
EPHA’s contribution- GOAL 3: Quality Education ..

2. Improving knowledge and skill of Health professionals through:

- Continuous Professional development (CPD)
- EPHA is already certified as a pre-accreditor of CPD
EPHA’S contribution-Goal 5: GENDER EQUALITY

Encourages women Public Health leaders

✓ Gender balanced Executive Board composition

✓ Balanced membership and leadership in EPHA Advisory Council

✓ Secretariat staff members mainly women

✓ The 4th Strategic Plan of EPHA will consider engagement of more female members in its work

✓ Encouraging gender sensitivity during the development of national health strategies (EX. AYSRH)

✓ Follow up through operational research
EPHA’s contribution-Goal 6: CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

- Improving food and drinking sanitation through inspection of establishments in Addis Ababa in collaboration with Food, Medicine, Health Care Admin & Control Agency (FMHACA)
- Advocating Urban Health through a Think-Tank group
- WASH is Main and Subthemes of EPHA annual scientific conferences
Goal 17: PARTNERSHIP FOR THE GOALS

Hosting African Constituency Bureau (ACB)-BMGF and Global fund in the fight against TB, Malaria and HIV/AIDS

Standing Board member of CCM/E (Global Fund)

EPHA secretariat plays fund flow facilitation role for CCM/E

Seat of African Federation for Public Health Association (AFPHA)

Established relationship with Ethiopian Academy of Sciences (EAS) in the area of existing, emerging and re-emerging health problems
Conclusive Remarks

• EPHA, based on its mandates, is contributing to the relevant SDGs through research, policy dialogue with government, capacity building and engaging its members

• Strengthening the health system at each level of the health care delivery from policy influence to capacity building of health professionals at different levels

• EPHA remains the major actor/partner in HSTP implementation together with Government and civil societies

• Ultimately, EPHA has a large contribution to the GTP –II and SDG as health is a cross cutting agenda
Thank You