



### CONTEXT

With youth between ages **15-29** accounting for **33.8%** of the urban population, and another **32.8%** below the age of **15**, Ethiopia is poised for a significant youth bulge.

<b>29%</b> Ethiopian youth finished secondary school and only	<b>25.5%</b> Ethiopia's urban youth unemployment rate in 2020	<b>34%</b> of young girls have experienced physical violence
<b>13.3%</b> went on for tertiary education.	<b>18.4</b> Median age at first sex for urban girls	<b>30%</b> of girls have been raped
<b>2.6</b> million youth that are out of school	<b>21.5</b> median age for first contraceptive for urban girls	<b>40%</b> rural to urban migration

Source: EDHS 2016; MoE Annual Statistics (2019-2020); MoE Report, 2020 CSA; Ministry of Women, Children and Youth National Roadmap to End Child Marriage and FGM/C 2020-2024; 2019 PMA Survey Result, 2019; Muluneh, M.D. et al. Gender Based Violence against Women in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

Kefeta is an Amharic word which means to elevate. In this spirit, with support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Amref Health Africa and its consortium of partners are working hand-in-hand with Ethiopia's youth to advance their own economic, civic, and social development.

## OVER THE **5** YEARS Kefeta aims to reach **2 million** youth in **18** cities.



#### Build capacity for advocacy and agency

- » Establish 26 Democratic and Representative Youth Coalitions
- » Provide youth advocacy training for 16000
- » Build the capacity of 24000 youths in civic engagement activities



#### Create new economic opportunity

- » Enable 236,000 youths with training in foundational skills leading to workforce development
- » Form Saving and Credit Cooperative Organization (SACCO) with reach to 150,000 youth across the 18 target cities
- » Create more than 50,000 full-time jobs



#### Increase access to youth friendly services

- » Establish 61 youth-friendly hubs, career centers, health and financial service centers
- » Build the capacity of 1100 health service providers youth friendly services
- » Reach 2000000 Youth through targeted youth friendly messages on youth services

## CURRENT IMPLEMENTATION STATUS AND KEY ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE



- » Established youth coalitions in 17 of the 18 target cities
- » 143 youth advocacy officers and 703 youth trained in youth advocacy



- » Built the capacity of 451 peer educators and volunteers on life skills and basic business and entrepreneurship in the IDP set-up in Dessie, Kombolcha, Semera/Logia, Debre Berhan, and Bahir Dar
- » 738 youth from 17 cities received life skills training
- » Provided training for 511 youth on work readiness skills
- » 404 youth received functional literacy skills training
- » 283 youth trained in entrepreneurship skill
- » 481 full-time internship and job opportunities created
- » Kefeta youth SACCO established in three cities



- » 67,205 youth IDPs received SRH focused health education
- » Trained 130 health care providers in IDP sites on SGBV
- » SRH services provided to 23,882 young people in different SDPs(Service Delivery Points)
- » 841 young women and girls were referred to near-by health facilities

### Managing adaptively to respond to needs of conflict affected cities

Quick-win activities in the northern part of the country affected by the war including Dessie, Kombolcha, Semera/Logia, Bahir Dar and Debre Berhan benefiting youths from a series of interventions designed to support sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services and livelihoods.

### Partnership building with key stakeholders including government agencies, private sector partners to lay the foundational work

Through strategic meetings with key stakeholders at federal, regional, and city levels, Kefeta validated its proposed approaches were indeed aligned with government priorities.

### Standardization

Strategies, guidelines, manuals and standard operating procedures under the various thematic areas are developed. Youth Mobilization Strategy (YMS), youth coalition establishment guideline, youth-focused advocacy and civic engagement manuals, Gender and Social Inclusion (GESI) guidelines were developed in the first year of Kefeta's implementation.

### Generating evidence to guide the five years implementation

Kefeta conducted formative assessment, field visits, consultative meetings and a number of desk reviews to generate evidence that inform its partners and beneficiaries the status of the youth in Ethiopia. A tailored assessment was also conducted in Dessie, Kombolcha, Semera/Logia, and Debre Berhan to assess the youth profile and impact of conflict related burdens. Kefeta also completed the baseline organizational capacity assessment (OCA) for its CSOs to inform its capacity building process.



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## **GENERATING EVIDENCE TO GUIDE THE FIVE YEARS IMPLEMENTATION**

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### **Formative assessment key findings**

- » 41.4% of youth 15-19 years old are below grade 7 and 59.7% of youths 20-24 years old did not attend a higher education institution
- » 59% of youth had been unemployed in the preceding 12 months
- » Only 2.8% of youth have ever received a loan of any amount, and only 1.6% of youth received a loan in the requested amount
- » The contraceptive prevalence among youth in the community setting was 26.6% and 17.8% in the HEI
- » Only 1.8% youth ever participated in mentorship to 31.4% for volunteerism among youth in the community setting
- » Only 17% of youth in the community setting had exposure to at least one training
- » Most preferred life skill trainings amongst youth: Financial literacy 48.2% in the community setting and 71.2% in HEI

### **Post conflict assessment (in Dessie, Kombolcha, Semera/Logia, and Debre Berhan) key findings**

- » Women and girls in both cities suffered from SGBV, with detrimental effects on their physical and mental wellbeing
- » The conflict caused and exacerbated youth unemployment by destroying existing jobs and limiting the labor market's potential to create new ones
- » Youth civic participation is negatively affected by the conflict, with an implication on their level of peacebuilding participation in the post-conflict settings
- » Youth-serving organizations were affected to the extent that many of them ceased operations for at least some time
- » Heightened tension and feelings of insecurity are rampant

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