

Ethiopia ACT

Capability Statement



Ethiopia ACT is a faith-based non-profit working to reduce the impact of extreme poverty and disease within the geographic region of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. ACT was founded in 2002 and has served over 9,000 individuals affected by both poverty and chronic illness with health care support, economic development interventions and basic needs provision using a home-based community worker model. Our core values are generosity, impact, flexibility, commitment and respect.

- US 501(c)3
- Ethiopia registration number 3722
- SAM UEI C1M5NZUNJWN6
- 20 full time staff; 19 Ethiopian nationals, one US national
- Total expenditures in fiscal year 2023; \$700,240
- Total assets as of January 1st, 2024; \$606,280



Core Competencies

-Supporting ART treatment adherence and treatment continuity.

ACT was an early provider of adherence and treatment support in Addis Ababa, working to train expert patients and create systems that remain in place. We currently provide healthcare support to 1,139 individuals, 271 of them HIV+ including 40 children under age 18. 100% of these individuals are on ART with 98% having undetectable viral loads and 96% on first line therapy.

-Monitoring and Evaluation

ACT has maintained a 20-year database of key indicators for all supported clients and uses this to routinely evaluate and guide our programming and activities.

-Technology Integration

ACT was an early adopter of mobile technology for our community workers, creating a system for in the field data collection that includes GPS tagging to ensure ease of client follow up and integration with our monitoring and evaluation systems.

-Women's Economic Empowerment

We focus on women's economic strengthening through small business and vocational training and grants. Of 412 current client households, 381 (93%) are female headed. Since 2002, 2,418 households have been supported with 2,009 (83%) achieving long term economic self-sufficiency.

-Education Access for Girls and Vulnerable Children

Since 2002, 2432 orphans and vulnerable children have received a package of school support, with 616 school aged children currently supported. 133 have completed University/College. Girls' education is supported in partnership with the Women and Children's Affairs office with provision of menstrual hygiene supplies to 2,468 female secondary school students on a monthly basis.

Past Partnerships

-ART treatment support program, USAID/Geneva Global sub-contractor 2007-2010

ACT managed a \$380,000 dollar award and rapidly scaled up to design and implement the government ART counseling and treatment support program at 13 government health centers and the Black Lion teaching hospital. This included hiring and training 26 expert patients, 13 case managers, 5 data clerks, and purchasing laboratory equipment for 7 high patient burden health centers. In total 57,209 patients received treatment support through this program prior to planned handoff.

-Community Led Monitoring, PEPFAR partnership 2022 to 2023

ACT received a \$25,000-dollar award to design and implement community led monitoring at two Ethiopian government health centers and one drop-in center. Major accomplishments in this program included advocacy leading to increases in condom availability, private rooms for counseling and an improved patient record flow at the health centers.

-Emergency epidemic/pandemic response 2018-2020

ACT has partnered with local Woreda governments to respond to community outbreaks including cholera in 2018-2019 and COVID in 2020. Community workers were rapidly deployed to provide educational materials, conduct surveillance and provide WASH supplies and vaccine programs. During the cholera epidemic 1,562 households were assisted with water treatment supplies. During COVID 13,260 individuals were provided with prevention supplies and 804 vulnerable households were assisted with basic needs provision to prevent eviction and malnutrition.

Differentiators

-Trusted Partner

ACT has been considered a reliable and trustworthy partner by both local health centers, Woreda level government and city government departments, including the Women and Children's Affairs Office and the Health Bureau. ACT is regularly approached for assistance and partnerships. During ACT's 2022 government review it was described as "an example to other organizations."



-Organizational Stability

Staff retention has been a key strength of Ethiopia ACT with both the country director and deputy country director having been with the organization for 20 years, allowing significant institutional continuity.

-Proven track record on rapid scale up

While partnering with USAID, PEPFAR and Geneva Global, ACT has been able to rapidly hire and deploy additional staff and effectively use allocated budgets to meet planned objectives. During design of the government ART program, ACT scaled from a staff of 13 and budget of 1,322,000 birr (\$126,300 USD) to a staff of 57 and budget of 13,512,500 birr (\$1,072,400 USD) over 3 years while maintaining core programming and meeting deliverables.

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