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# USAID Empowered Communities Activity

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# Overview

- A five years Activity with a funding amount of \$25,000,000
- The purpose of this activity to achieve better health and nutrition outcomes through improved community engagement and ownership of health and strengthened social accountability systems.
- The objectives are:
  - Improve community engagement, ownership, and ability to make informed decisions about its own health.
  - Enhance CSO capacity to advocate for improved health system accountability, transparency, and responsiveness.
  - Strengthen accountability systems and platforms to improve the health outcomes.
- It will be implemented in selected woredas of Amhara, SNNP and Oromia regions

**Activity Goal: Community systems and platforms strengthened to improve health & nutrition outcome**

**Purpose: Greater community engagement, empowerment and ownership of RMNCAH-N services**

**IR 1. Enhanced community ownership of their own health and health services**

**IR 1.1. Increased health literacy among communities to improve health-seeking behavior**

**IR 1.2. Enhanced community engagement to improve RMNCAH-N services**

**IR 2. Advocacy capacity of NSAs for accountability, transparency & responsiveness of the health system strengthened**

**IR3. Accountability systems and platforms strengthened to improve health & nutrition outcomes and service utilization**

**IR 3.1. Strengthen community structures**

**IR3.2. Accountability mechanisms improved**

**IR 3.3. Community & health system partnership strengthened to ensure high quality health & nutrition services**

**Special and Optional IR 4.**

**Increased delivery of quality RMNCAH-N services through local NSA health facilities**

**Cross cutting(CC) IR:**

- 1. Greater understanding and visibility of NSA and community contributions to health sector**
- 2. Greater leadership, visibility and voice of women in delivery and accountability of RMNACH services**

# Implementation Approach

- The activity will be implemented by international/local prime partner and local sub-partners including CSOs
- Applicants should propose an innovative mix of interventions that integrate local knowledge and improve local ownership and sustainability.
- The Apparently Successful Applicant (ASA) will participate in a co-design process