



A photograph of two women in a rural setting, each carrying a large, rectangular bundle of dry sticks or brushwood balanced on their heads. The woman on the left is wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt and a blue skirt, and is walking away from the camera. The woman on the right is wearing a red headscarf with a white pattern, a red top, and a patterned skirt, and is walking towards the camera. The background shows a dirt path and lush green trees. A semi-transparent red banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the title and subtitle.

Village Health Partnership

WASH and Maternal Healthcare Initiative

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Village Health Partnership

Mission:

- To prevent maternal and neonatal death in childbirth and to treat and prevent gynecologic complications of childbirth

Approach:

- Grassroots

Goals:

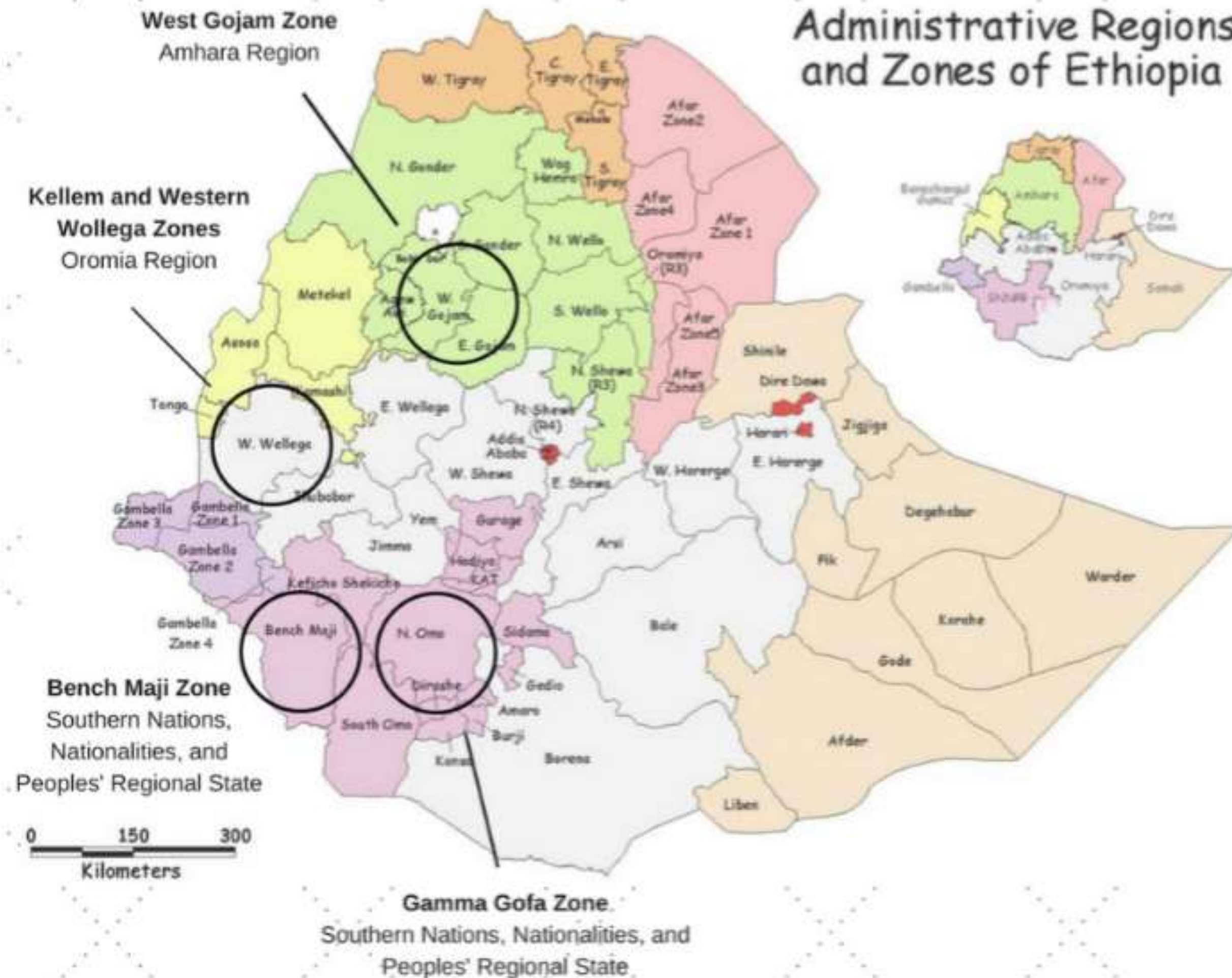
- To create health systems of care that will break down barriers to seeking, accessing, and receiving medical care
- Align all programs with the Ethiopian government efforts for safer motherhood and WHO best practices



Administrative Regions and Zones of Ethiopia

Where VHP Works

- Four rural areas of Ethiopia where need is greatest



What We Do: Programs

Healthcare:

- Screen, Transport, and Treat Program (STT Program)

Capacity Building:

- WASH and Maternal Healthcare Initiative

Education and Training:

- Skill-Building for Rural Healthcare Providers (SBRHP)
- Basic Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care (BEmONC)
- Nurse-Midwife Scholarship Program



2016 Survey of WASH and Maternal Health Infrastructure in 13 Rural Medical Facilities



Findings

- Few healthcare facilities had places for pregnant women to stay
- Most had no access to clean water
- Latrines were dirty
- Open defecation was common
- Instruments were not being sterilized
- Hand-washing stations were empty even when present
- Most lacked critical medical supplies

The Issue



- In rural Ethiopia
 - Most women give birth at home
 - 1 in 10 die in the process
 - 30-40% experience gynecologic complications from childbirth
- WHO data suggests that the solution is to improve access to:
 - Skilled birth assistance
 - Emergency obstetric care at time of delivery
- How can we ask pregnant women to come into healthcare facilities that don't have infrastructure for maternal health or WASH for safe delivery?



Can You
Imagine
Labor &
Delivery
without
Water?



WASH and Maternal Healthcare Initiative

Working in partnership with:

- Ethiopian government officials
- On-the-ground NGOs coordinating efforts

Pilot Project: 5 healthcare facilities – 1 District Hospital and 4 Health Centers

- Maternity Waiting Areas (MWAs) with:
 - Kitchen
 - Shower
 - Latrines
- Improved access to clean water
- Clean facilities and compounds with:
 - Fenced biohazard areas
 - Placenta Pits
 - Incinerators
- Hand-washing stations with soap
- Education of healthcare providers: Clean and Safe Healthcare





Phases of the Initiative

Phase I

- Shey Bench, Chebera, Jomu and Tum Health Centers
- Construction underway
- Scheduled for completion in April 2019
- Zonal Health Department Circuit Rider Program

Phase II

- Bachuma Hospital Water System
- Scheduled for completion April 2019

Phase III

- Assessment of 5 new healthcare facilities April 2019
- Train water departments – maintenance and sustainability
- Construction in 2019-2020



VHP and Rotary

Opportunity for engagement

- 1 champion club + 4 clubs in support
- Matching district and global grants
- Rotary Club of Addis Ababa
 - Shimeta Ezezew – Afro Ethiopia Integrated Development
 - VHP to supervise and coordinate project implementation
 - Rotary member to assist with M&E

Sustainable, long-term relationship





Thank you for your support!

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