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Integrating equity sensitive monitoring and evaluation tools in to the existing performance management and accountability system of primary health care institutions

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Statement of the Problem: Measuring health equity remains an uneasy task in Ethiopia. It is usually measured arbitrarily and based on averages of selected key national health outcome indicators. Yet, institutionalizing equity sensitive M&E tool in the existing performance management system of the primary healthcare system is the foundation to changing the current 'status quo' of midstream focused strategies to a more upstream focused strategy (SDOH approach). To address this, Yale Global Health Leadership Initiative (GHLI) plans to develop equity sensitive M&E tool.

Methodology & Theoretical Orientation: As part of the I-CAN, a senior leadership team was formed from Yale GHLI Ethiopia team with the aim of addressing a large-scale problem; improving the health inequity. The project is planned to align with the contemporary Ethiopian Health Sector Transformation Plan.

Key areas of organizing: Developed a process to engage the senior leadership, started with narrative call to action, one-on-one meeting and mapping stakeholders.

Summary of result: Developed project concept note, result framework project strategies. Engaged with potential global health equity experts/scholars who could further contribute for the best outcome of the currently initiated project.

Next Steps: 1) Measure the result and assess the impact of pilot intervention 2) Demonstrating proof of project concept 3) Disseminating efficacy of intervention for plan to scale up