

Maternal and Child Health Research Fellowship Program

HaSET (“happiness” in Amharic) Maternal and Child Health Research Program is a collaborative effort between the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, the Ethiopian Public Health Institute, and St. Paul’s Hospital Millennium Medical College (SPHMMC).



Through the **Maternal and Child Health Research Fellowship Program**, early career professionals will have the opportunity to pursue research in priority maternal, neonatal, and child health (MNCH) topics, generate high quality evidence for decision making, and inform national policy and program implementation guidelines.

All fellowship activities will leverage the platform of the Birhan (“light” in Amharic) field site in Amhara Region and SPHMMC catchment facilities in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Applications are open to and welcomed from all Ethiopian public institutions. Fellows will be based in Addis Ababa with dedicated time at the field site.

Fellowship cohorts (12–24 months) will consist of research teams, each focusing on one priority research area, comprising:

- **Postdoctoral Fellows**, PhD graduates (Full time)
- **Implementation Fellows**, professionals at government institutions (Part time)
- **Mentors**, experienced professionals in the field of MNCH research and policy

Overall Goals

- Foster a culture of evidence-based policy formulation and good clinical practice from idea generation to execution of research and use for decision making
- Create a conducive environment for faculty members and public health leaders to guide fellows through MNCH research and translation of evidence to policy, and ensure the development of engaged and productive public health professionals
- Establish a national research hub by connecting regional health bureaus with medical and public health facilities for future collaborative research, long-term sustainability of this initiative, and to enhance retention of the health workforce
- Develop a cohort of MNCH researchers in Ethiopia to lead priority research studies, translate evidence to policy through mentorship, and learning by doing models



Deliverables generated from each of the five teams include:

- **Publications in peer reviewed journals**
- **Policy briefs**
- **Program implementation plans**

For questions about the fellowship, please contact the program at hasetmch@gmail.com.