Mission
To proactively engage and drive the advancement of primary health care policy and programming for the attainment of UHC.

Mandate of the Institute
The Institute is expected to play a critical role in strengthening PHC systems to ensure high standards of care and to increase service coverage and the use of timely evidence-based interventions. Specifically, the mandate of the Institute is to:

- Provide short-term trainings on PHC tailored to the need of health workers, health managers, and other policy-makers from Ethiopia, other African countries, and the rest of the world.
- Carry out need-based PHC systems implementation research, organize national and international forums to provide a platform for researchers and program implementers to share their research findings and experiences, and subsequently address issues remaining attention.
- Develop a platform/hub for the collection and dissemination of evidence and best practices about PHC, accompanied by valid, reliable, timely and useful PHC-related documents utilizing various communication formats.
- Advocate for PHC through promotion of best practices, innovations, evidence base, and developing partnerships.

Vision
To see a world where all people have UHC through PHC.

Background
The International Institute for Primary Health Care - Ethiopia was established on February 1, 2016 to serve as a hub for capacity building training, implementation research and provide resources related to Ethiopia’s successful Primary Health Care (PHC) programs, particularly the Health Extension Program (HEP).

Today the Institute plays a critical role in developing a structured, proactive, flexible, problem-solving and resilient PHC system globally by building capacity on operational, programmatic and managerial matters.

Although Ethiopia has created a PHC system that has served as a model for other countries to follow, the ongoing socio-economic, demographic and epidemiologic changes require need-based PHC implementations research in order to accommodate to these changes. Thus IIFPHC-E also excels in conducting implementation research, designing innovative PHC programs in the interest of ensuring sustainability, staying up to date, and further strengthening Primary Health Care.

Among other reading materials on PHC, the results of the research findings will be printed out, collected, classified, and displayed at the IIFPHC-E Institute’s state-of-the-art, accessible Resource Center.

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The Global PHC Programmatic Area of HIPHC-E is the outward facing section of the Institute that aims to share Ethiopia’s best experiences in PHC with other low- and middle-income countries whilst at the same time taking lessons learned from other African countries and sharing it with Ethiopia. The exchange of best experiences is done to strengthen the PHC System of other low- and middle-income countries while also supporting Ethiopia’s PHC System.

General Objective
To strengthen the PHC policy design, programming and implementation capacity of 24 countries who commit to building resilient PHC.

The Institute supports the Ethiopian PHC system to ensure it evolves to meet the needs of people and remain exemplary. HIPHC-E accomplishes this by designing and implementing a continuous capacity development program for Ethiopia’s health sector leaders at all levels in order for them to become change agents in PHC systems. Furthermore, the Institute plays a key role in the transformation of PHC systems by generating innovative ideas, testing the ideas in community innovations centers and consolidating the learning and best practices to facilitate for knowledge transfer among PHC facilities and further achieve the highest possible impact.

General Objective
To support Ethiopia’s PHC system through building leadership, catalyzing information sharing and enhancing innovative & evidence-based PHC programs.

The Institute aims to strengthen the PHC system through building capacity of implementation research for policy translation, increasing access to data/information, and embedding program/system’s monitoring & evaluation. HIPHC-E synthesizes evidence-based information and research findings gathered from all over the country and world to inform policy, PHC practices and generate policy options. It also organizes a knowledge sharing platform to disseminate newly gained knowledge and practical experience for larger audiences.

General Objective
To create a knowledge powerhouse in the interest of enhancing design and implementation of Primary Health Care.

HIPHC-E is committed to increase the focus on PHC on a global scale. The Institute plays a key role in advocating for the implementation of new reform policies that support reorganization of health services, strengthening of management and leadership, increase of funding, reduction of inequities and better response systems to the needs of the global population.

General Objective
Promote evidence-based and impactful advocacy to drive and establish resilient and sustainable PHC.