Is Ethiopia reaching UNAIDS fast track target 10?

To what extent have PLHIV and key groups access to Social Protection?

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Four study groups:

- People Living with HIV (PLHIV)
- Member of key groups: people at high risk, and people affected by HIV (MKG)
- People with disabilities (PWD)
- People not living with HIV or major disabilities. (PND)

4 study sites: Addis Ababa, Goba, Debre Eliyas, Fincha

Survey questionnaire (N=304), FGDs (N=123) and KI (N=52)

38% respondents members of COP or other NGO
Research questions

1. What are the social protection programs that are available and for which PLHIV and key groups are eligible?

2. To what extent are PLHIV and key groups actually accessing these social protection programs?

3. What are the obstacles PLHIV and key groups face in accessing social protection programs?

4. How useful do PLHIV and key groups find the state social protection programs they are able to access?

5. To what extent do the COP’s programs complement those of state social protection and how can that be improved for the benefit of PLHIV and key groups?
Availability programs

- 12 social protection programs identified in national policy
- State-administered social protection programs (48%):
  - Provision of basic services
  - Support to vulnerable children
  - Support to persons with a disability
  - Employment promotion
- NGOs (43%) and CBOs (10%)
Accessing social protection programs

- 37% of respondents do not receive support from any program
  - PLHIV 11%
  - MKG 54%

- Average program obtained:
  - PLHIV: 2 programs
  - PWD: 1.3 programs
  - MKG and PND: 0.9 programs
Figure 12. Attempt and success rates in accessing social support programs by group and by membership status. The rates are defined in the text.
Membership advantage

- Members access 2.1 programs
- Non-members access 0.73 programs
- 57% of non-members access no social protection programs at all.

- More programs available
- More attractive and accessible services
- More empowered

Members of NGOs are more successful in accessing state-led Social Protection programs.
Mean number of programs respondents successfully accessed of the four that are provided in Goba and Addis Ababa-Bole by Government, without NGO involvement. N (members/non-members): PLHIV (26/16), MKG (17/21), PWD (14/6), PNHD (27/49).
Obstacles accessing programs

- Effective unavailability of social protection programs
- Lack of Information (not knowing procedures, where to go to)
- Lack of Awareness of Rights and Low Confidence
- Unrealistic / not clear eligibility/ inclusion criteria
- Bad understanding needs of target group
- Stigma and discrimination
How to reach fast track target 10?

- Assess social protection policy
- Reconsider eligibility criteria
- Increase awareness of social protection
- Extend availability of social protection
- Improving government-NGO collaboration: “membership advantage”