

Public Notice

Rehabilitation of Water and Sanitation Infrastructure in Health Facilities in Ethiopia. – Public Comments Invited

September 30, 2024 – Global Affairs Canada must determine whether the proposed *Rehabilitation of Water and Sanitation infrastructure in the healthcare facilities*, located in Northwestern Tigray Ethiopia is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.

To help inform this determination, Global Affairs Canada is inviting comments from the public respecting that determination. All comments received will be considered public and may be posted online. Written comments must be submitted **by October 30, 2024** to:

International Assistance Partnerships and Programming Branch
Program Support and Oversight Division
Global Affairs Canada
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The Proposed Project

Project Title: Rehabilitation of Water and Sanitation infrastructure in the healthcare facilities, located in Northwestern Tigray Ethiopia.

Project Summary:

This project, funded by the Canadian Government through Global Affairs Canada (GAC) under the Comprehensive Humanitarian Multi-Sectoral Response for Conflict, Disaster and at-Risk Communities in Ethiopia, Lebanon, Syria, Ukraine and Yemen (2024-2026) initiative, and implemented by International Medical Corps (IMC), aims to improve healthcare services in Northwestern Tigray, Ethiopia. The project focuses on rehabilitating water and sanitation infrastructure in healthcare facilities and maintaining shallow water wells in surrounding communities.

The activities in Ethiopia include rehabilitation of 20 non-functional shallow water wells by replacing hand pumps and maintaining sanitary aprons. Additionally, the project will provide non-food hygiene items (laundry, and bathing Soaps, bucket and Jerry cans) to the most vulnerable 1000 families. The maintenance of 7 blocks of toilets and handwashing facilities at health centers are also planned. Target health facilities will be provided with cleaning/disinfection, and medical waste management supplies. Capacity-building training will be conducted for healthcare workers, on infection prevention and control (IPC) and medical waste management at the targeted health facilities.

All rehabilitation work will be coordinated with the Ministry of Health, the management of the targeted health facilities, and local authorities, ensuring adherence to local construction rules and regulations.

The implementation of these activities will be closely coordinated with the health cluster at both the national and sub-national levels in Ethiopia.

IMC UK will carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed activities, following the environmental regulations of Ethiopia and the Canadian Environmental Impact Assessment Act of 2019.

Partner: International Medical Corps (IMC)

Localisation: Tigray, Ethiopia