

PROGRAM DELIVERY UNITS (PDU) - AN INNOVATION OF THE SEQOTA DECLARATION

The Program Delivery Unit is a small, full-time, delivery-oriented unit composed of the best local talent from the civil service, non-governmental organizations and private sector in Ethiopia.

There are;

- 4 - Seqota Declaration Program Delivery Units - One federal and three regional-

PDU ESTABLISHMENT

The establishment of functional Program Delivery Units (PDUs)- allowed for an innovative multisectoral response to address stunting in Ethiopia. Endorsed and led by the Deputy Prime Minister, the PDUs is currently fully operational and owns the Seqota Declaration and is responsible for its program management across the fifteen sector ministries. At regional level the PDUs report directly to the Regional Presidents.

The PDUs have played a pivotal role in the development of one well-prioritized multi-sectoral investment plan, which includes clear targets, a mapping of resources across the different sectors. Their main functions include strategic management, monitoring and performance management, high level leaders' engagement, communication and ensure accountability of implementing sectors and development partners. The PDUs also support the leadership and implementing teams in the Seqota woredas through ongoing monitoring process and addressing areas that need course correction.

PDU CORE FUNCTIONS

1. **Strategic management** - Providing leadership and clarity of the Seqota Declaration vision. Through this leadership, the PDU articulates and signals the importance of a small number of key government delivery priorities informed by the strategic objectives of Seqota Declaration in order to ensure coherent, actionable and measurable goals.
2. **Coordinating the declaration** - Providing secretarial support to existing inter-ministerial coordination bodies and technical committees for the design and

implementation of nutrition smart programs reflecting the multi-sectoral dimension of Seqota Declaration.

3. **Monitoring and performance management-** Overseeing a direct monitoring mechanism for the priorities to connect senior leadership with front-line outcomes and keep the system focused on their achievements by maintaining political pressure for results and reporting progress to the government. Providing analytical support and recommendations to enable departments, agencies and front-line workers to overcome key delivery challenges and unblock obstacles.
4. **High level leaders' engagement** - Conducting the political and technical negotiations with other actors to ensure buy-in to the government's priorities and sending a clear message throughout the system that implementing sectors and stakeholders are being held accountable for performance against government's key priorities.
5. **Communicating results and accountability** -Producing a coherent narrative of the government's actions and achievements and being accountable to the public. The PDU is responsible to report to the Deputy Prime Minister on a fortnight basis holding each ministry responsible for the agreed upon actions to achieve the endorsed priorities.