



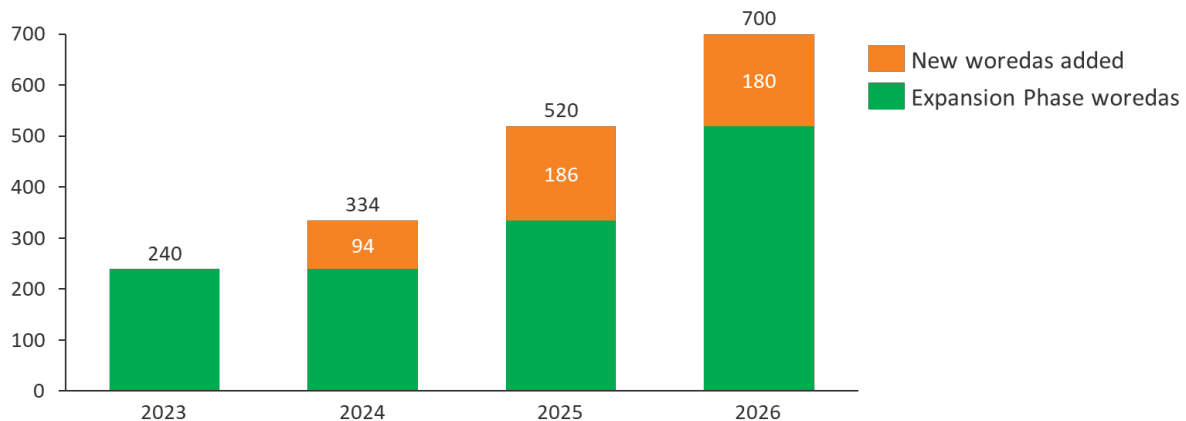
Seqota Declaration Resource Mobilization Plan for Expansion and Scale-up Phases

Key Messages to Help Achieve Ethiopia's Food and Nutrition Goals Through Sustainable Financing

The Seqota Declaration is the Government of Ethiopia's high-level commitment to end stunting among children under two years by 2030. It builds on and catalyzes the implementation of the national Food and Nutrition Strategy by delivering high-impact nutrition-specific, nutrition-sensitive, and climate and nutrition-smart infrastructure interventions. After a successful Innovation Phase, the government of Ethiopia launched the ambitious Expansion and Scale-Up Phases that aim to reach more vulnerable households with multi-sectoral interventions.

According to the Seqota Declaration roadmap the government aims to reach 700 woredas by the end of the Expansion Phase and cover the entire country by the end of the Scale up phase. Figure 1 below shows the Expansion Phase additional woredas plan that the government approved on January 1, 2024.

Figure 1: Seqota Declaration Number of Woredas in Expansion Phase and New Woredas to be Added



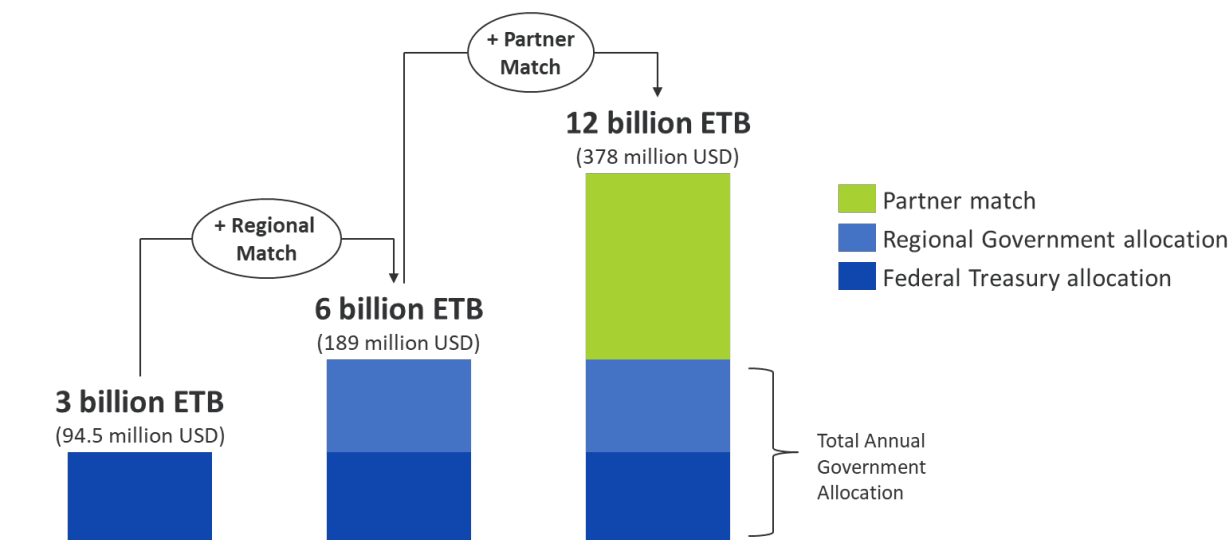
Impact of the Expansion Phase

In 2021, in collaboration with the Ethiopian Public Health Institute (EPHI) and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), it was determined that the Seqota Declaration helped to avert 59,717 children from stunting in 2021, and 2,904 children were prevented from death. Similarly, according to research conducted by Johns Hopkins University (JHU) in 2023, 99,080 children could be saved from stunting in 2022 and 3033 infants could be prevented from death. In order to continue and magnify these results, program implementation is set to be expanded from 240 woredas to 700, according to the high leadership forum held on January 1, 2024.

Funding for Expansion and Scaleup Phases

The Seqota Declaration Roadmap indicates that over a 10-year period, scaling up programs to achieve the eight strategic objectives of the Seqota Declaration would cost a total of 146 billion ETB, funding the Expansion and Scale-Up Phases. To meet these costs, the federal government has committed to allocate **3 billion ETB** annually from Treasury which will be matched by regions for an additional allocation of **3 billion ETB** annually from regional governments. The Seqota Declaration has issued a request to partners to match the government contribution of **6 billion ETB** annually for a total of 12 billion ETB annually in government-managed funding to meet the Scale-up Phase costs. See figure below for USD conversion.

Figure 2: Annual financing needs for the Seqota Declaration Scale-Up Phase



To help achieve these funding targets the Seqota Declaration has established three sustainable financing goals and have established thirteen supportive partner actions to reach these goals.

Supportive Partner Actions to Sustainably Finance the Expansion & Scale-Up Phases:

<p>Goal 1: Strengthen multi-sectoral financial management for nutrition for improved nutrition outcomes and evidence-based decision-making.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fund capacity strengthening activities to expand training on costed woreda-based planning to additional woredas. 2. Fund capacity strengthening activities to expand training on the Resource Tracking Partnership Management (RTPM) tool at woreda level to strengthen resource tracking and accountability mechanisms. 3. Scale-up of the Unified Nutrition Information System for Ethiopia (UNISE) as multisectoral nutrition information system helping to monitor performance and program quality. 4. Strengthen the Triangle of Knowledge Partnership to enhance engagement of partner universities at local levels in supporting local level data generation, data quality assurance and formulation of policy briefs. 5. Fund capacity strengthening activities to support implementation of the gender mainstreaming checklist tool to strengthen gender-responsive resource allocation and planning.
<p>Goal 2: Increase sustainable funding sources by engaging with existing and new and innovative stakeholders to fund the Seqota Declaration.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Support the existing multisectoral nutrition fund through Treasury to support Seqota Declaration interventions. 7. Consider the creation of a new multi-sector pooled fund for the Seqota Declaration (like One-WASH). 8. Fund implementing woredas and partners directly using agrant-under-grant (GUG) approach that enables a transfer of funds to woredas through a call for proposals from the woreda and kebele administrations. 9. Issue a call for proposals for community-based organizations through a competitive process that factors in gender mainstreaming to ensure women empowerment (apply for funding). 10. Fund IPs directly to help scale-up priorities identified to fill the gap in Costed Woreda Based Plans (CWBP). 11. Engage public-private sector collaboration to fund nutrition programs.
<p>Goal 3: Mobilize resources to finance the Expansion & Scale-Up Phases.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. Over the next three years, commit funding for the Expansion Phase to help mobilize the financing needs required from partners to scale programs and strengthen systems. 13. During the Scale-up Phase, help mobilize 6 billion ETB (189 million USD) per year from external partners channeled directly to the government.