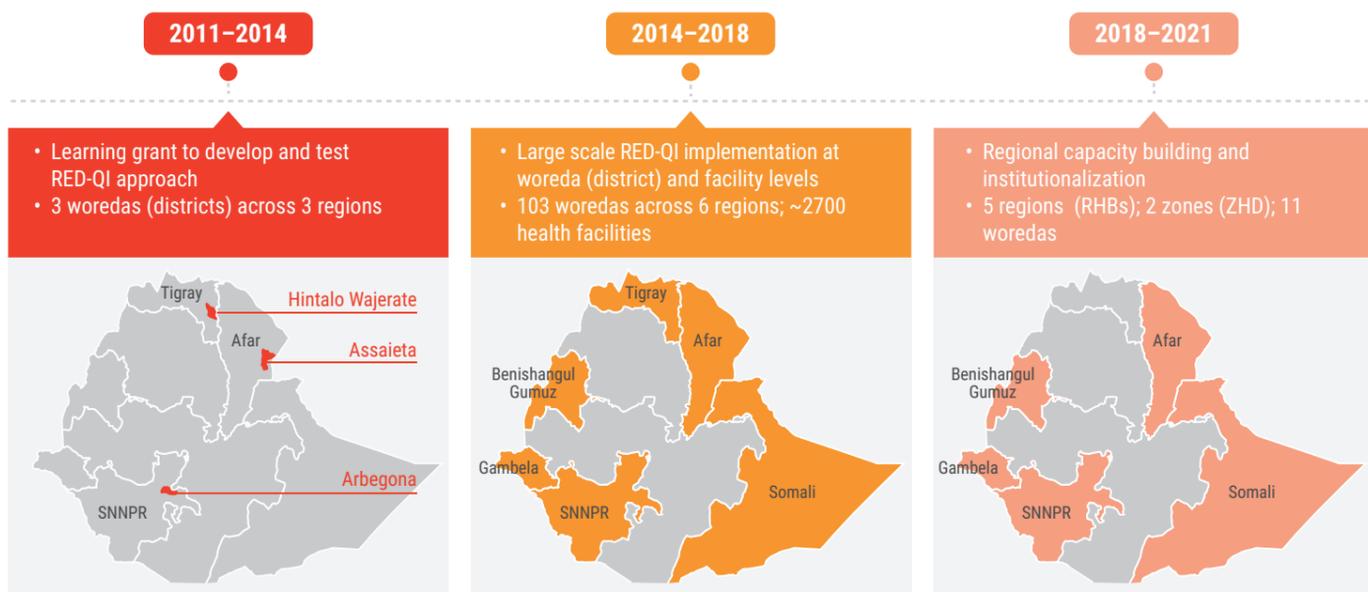


Universal Immunization through Improving Family Health Services (UI-FHS) Results Snapshot

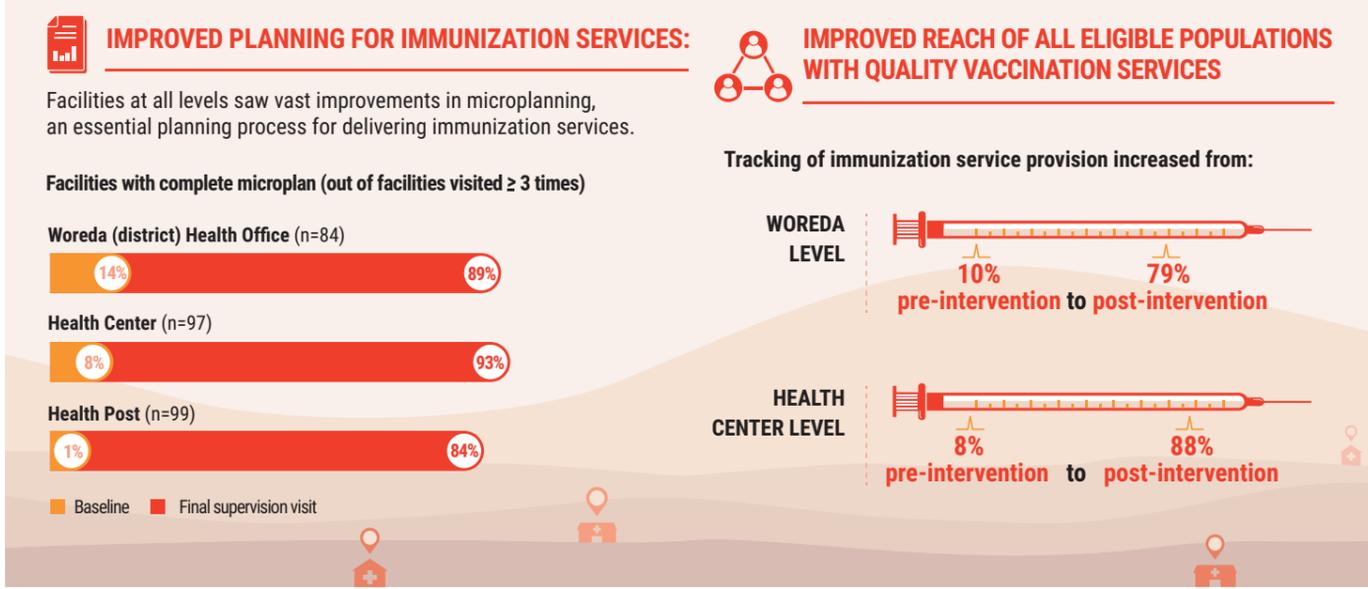
BACKGROUND

Since 2011, JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc. (JSI) has implemented the Universal Immunization through Improving Family Health Services (UI-FHS) project in Ethiopia. UI-FHS applied quality improvement methods and tools to the Reaching Every District (RED) strategy in order to strengthen the routine immunization system. This approach, known as RED-QI, focuses on improving equity in immunization service delivery to ensure that all children are reached with high-quality vaccination services.



WHAT IS RED-QI? Reaching Every District using Quality Improvement tools (RED-QI) is an innovative approach that strengthens the quality of management and helps health managers and workers at the district, sub-district, and facility level operationalize the RED strategy. RED-QI equips health workers and managers with the data and skills they need to identify, analyze, and prioritize problems and foster local solutions.

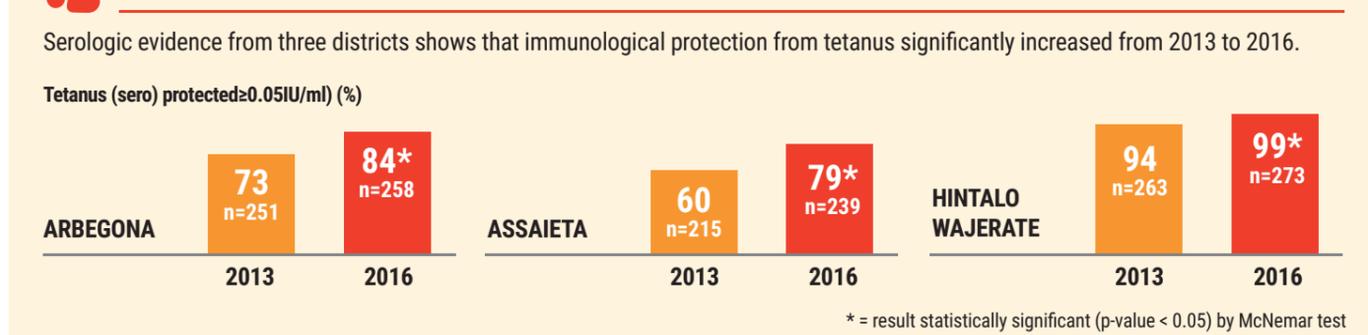
UI-FHS, using the RED-QI approach, improved the health system's capacity to plan, reach, and deliver immunization services to children in rural, remote, and pastoralist regions of Ethiopia.



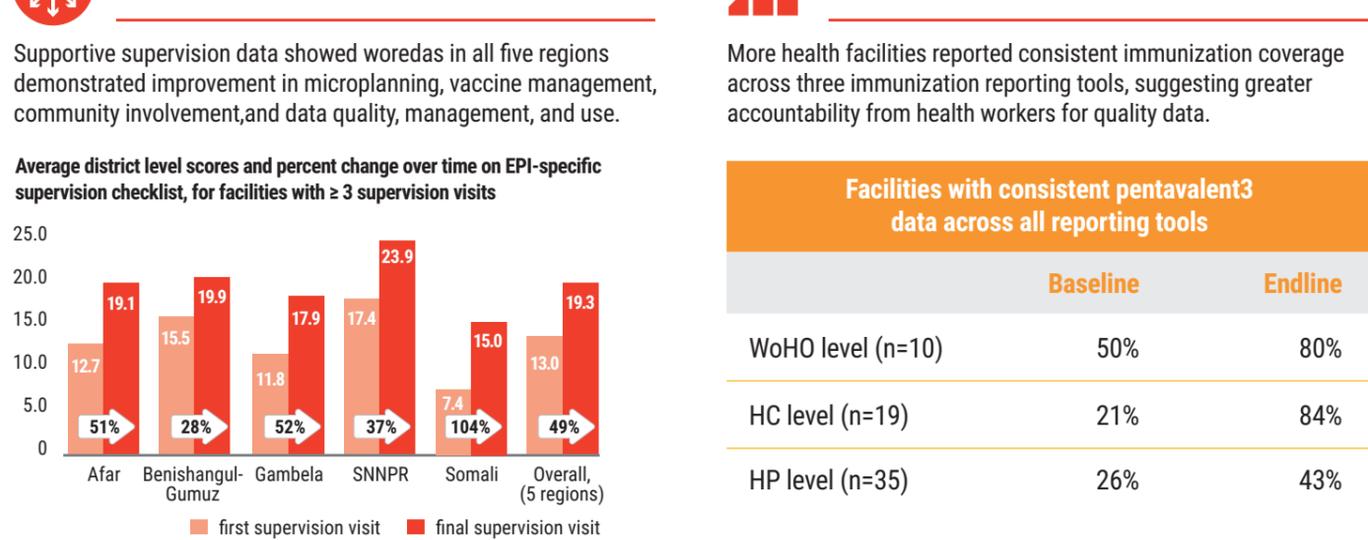
ACCESS TO IMMUNIZATION SERVICES HAS BEEN EXPANDED



MORE CHILDREN WERE REACHED WITH IMMUNIZATION THAN BEFORE



HEALTH STAFF WITH GREATER CAPACITY TO PROVIDE AND MANAGE SERVICES



RED-QI INCORPORATED INTO NATIONAL POLICY

- Since implementing RED-QI, the Ethiopian Federal Ministry of Health and Regional Health Bureaus (RHBs) have:
- Institutionalized the RED-QI microplanning process, incorporating bottom-up microplanning into National RED Guidelines.
 - Supported the development of immunization microplans in 75% of the woredas in four regions (Afar, Benishangul-Gumuz, Gambela, and Somali); many of these woredas had never created a microplan before.
 - Introduced updated guidelines for implementation of RED at the Primary Health Care levels. Activities, tools, and processes from the RED-QI approach were included in the guidelines, including the process for bottom-up microplanning.
 - Adopted a project-adapted checklist for integrated supportive supervision (ISS). All five UI-FHS-supported RHBs currently use the adapted checklist for ISS.