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Jemila Hussein, CBHI Deputy Administrator, Silti Woreda, SNNP Region

## CBHI Leadership

Key to the success of CBHI in Silti woreda is Deputy Administrator Jemila Hussein (pictured), the woreda's top leader. She says the woreda came to the realization that health was not the job of the health sector alone.

During the general assembly a year ago and before commencement of annual CBHI mobilization, Jemila had all woreda officials—including health, finance, agriculture and educational office heads—sign a letter of commitment to CBHI success. These officials undertook daily follow-up of all CBHI activities at each kebele, including mobilization to registration, membership contribution collection, issuance of receipts, deposit of money in the bank, and return of used and unused receipt voucher pads to the woreda.

Jabir Hussein, CBHI Coordinator, remembers that they had to stay in the office until 8 PM to make sure reports were ready to be delivered to the woreda administration the following morning. The woreda lent them several secretaries from various sector offices to enter data on time and allocated extra vehicles and operational budget to enable various office heads to visit their kebeles—and kebele officials to visit woredas.

“We were able to finish most of the work in one week,” Jemila says. “The second week, there were only bits and pieces of work here and there. Our success in CBHI has created a feeling in us where we wish we could replicate similar success in other sectors.”

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