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With CBHI membership, Brehane Hailu is prepared for the unpredictable time when her family needs medical care.

How CBHI Supported Berhane's Life: A Woman's Story of Health and Hope

(Brehane Hailu met USAID's Mission Director for Ethiopia, Scott Hocklander during his visit to the Harari Region in October 2023. She discussed how CBHI has impacted her family).

Brehane Hailu is a 30-year-old woman who runs a small retail shop in Harari. Her husband works in the maintenance of electrical equipment. Together, they have two children, with another one on the way. Since 2018, her household has been a member of community-based health insurance (CBHI), which continues to improve their lives.

Every year, the family has paid 570 Birr premium to ensure that they have access to the best health care possible. "We never know when sickness will strike, so it is good to be prepared," Brehane said.

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Her children often suffer from respiratory problems, and her husband and she have also needed medical attention from time to time. "In the past two years, we have visited the health center three times, and each time we received excellent service and treatment. Thanks to CBHI, we have saved at least 4,000 Birr each year on health expenses, as we do not have to pay for expensive medications," she said.

As a CBHI member, if Brehane and her family do not find the prescribed drugs at the health center, they have access to other pharmacies, including the community pharmacy, the Red Cross pharmacy, and the pharmacies at Jugol and Hiwot Fana hospitals.

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