

FACT SHEET RHD Ethiopia

YOUNG PEOPLE

AGED 5-15 YEARS

ARE AT RISK OF ACUTE

RHEUMATIC FEVER AND RHD



IT IS ALSO COMMON CARDIAC PROBLEM IN PREGNANT WOMEN

More than **10,000**



PEOPLE ARE WAITING FOR SURGERY

It is one of the causes of premature death in developing countries including Ethiopia



AN ESTIMATED **2 %**(1 MILLION) CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS IN ETHIOPIA ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE RHEUMATIC HEART DISEASE

CONTRIBUTES TO AT LEAST **50 %** OF HEART PROBLEMS SEEN AT MAJOR PUBLIC HOSPITALS



It can be prevented by improvement in socioeconomic and living status and early identification and treatment of bacterial tonsillitis



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