Livelihood recovery and peace building support for communities affected by COVID-19, desert locusts, floods and conflict in Oromia and SNNP Regions



FACTSHEET

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KEY PARTNERS: National Disaster Risk Management Commission of Ethiopia, Oromia Disaster Risk Management Commission and SNNPR Disaster Prevention and Food Security Sectors

OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the project is to strengthen the capacities of the affected communities to rebuild their resilience and livelihood recovery, benefit from improved resilient livelihood opportunities, live in a peaceful environment, and to contribute their voices in improving local governance systems and all democratic processes. The project is also expected to prevent the social and regional unrest, which would be worsened by COVID-19 pandemic, desert locust infestation, flooding and conflict among ethnic groups in the area.

PROJECT OUTPUTS

Output 1: Improved livelihoods of communities affected by the COVID-19, desert locusts, floods and conflict.

Output 2: Enhanced social cohesion and peaceful coexistence among conflict affected communities in Oromia and SNNP regions.

CONTRIBUTION TO SDGS

The project will contribute to SDGs 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, and 16

















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DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES

The Gedeo and West Guji communities are still recovering from the impacts of intercommunal conflict that erupted in 2018. The conflict resulted in almost one million IDPs; triggering an acute humanitarian crisis.

It caused widespread destruction of private properties as well as vital social and economic infrastructure, including health facilities, schools, roads, markets, farmlands, and water supplies, as well as psychological trauma for individuals. Unknown armed groups have been operating in West Guji areas often clashing with government forces and resulting in instability in the target project woredas. The situation intensified following the relocation of defence force to the northern part of the country.

The project falls in a critical time frame for the targeted interventions in Gedeo and West Guji Zones. COVID-19, DL and floods have disrupted what were already precarious livelihoods due to the impact of the conflict.