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Climate Change Adaptation Growth Implementing Climate Resilient and Green Economy plans

Ethiopia is a landlocked country with over two-thirds of its hundred million population living in rural areas. Ethiopia's economy largely depends on agriculture - for more than 80% of total employment and 45% of the country's GDP - is dominated by small-scale rural farmers. Approximately 55% of these farmers are cultivating less than a hectare of land, relying on rainfall and traditional farming practices.



UNDP's Approach

UNDP/GEF project on Climate Change Adaptation focuses on improving land use planning and decision-making to respond to flood and drought at a Woreda-level. The project will target 55,000 community members (about 50% women) to help reduce their vulnerability to climate change and enhance their resilience. Furthermore, focus will be made on the implementation of climate-smart watershed restoration and management measures.

This project will also help to mainstream and strengthen climate risk planning into federal, regional and Woreda-level planning processes so that local communities across the Ethiopian highlands are more resilient to climate change.



Project progress highlights

- Training programs have been prepared following the successful capacity and resource needs assessment for climate proof planning and strategies;
- Public awareness-raising campaign has on the implementation of climate resilient adaptation interventions and diversified livelihoods has targeted policy makers, experts at all levels (federal- woreda) and beneficiary communities;
- A total of 13,890 farmers (7,756 Male & 6,134 Female) have benefited from community-based seasonal climate forecast which has provided them with early warning information for their agricultural practices;
- Extension agents in the targeted area now have better knowledge of climate information and monitoring systems and therefore can provide enhanced support for local communities. Trainings have also built the understanding of women's groups, school clubs and youth groups as well as farmers on climate information and monitoring systems;
- 6,875 community members (3,781 male and 3,094 female) are benefiting from a new integrated watershed management and landscape management plans plan that is now in place following a vulnerability to climate change assessment were prepared for the project target Woredas;
- Communities have started implementing on-farm and off-farm climate resilient livelihood diversification interventions to increase their income.

Partnership

The Ministry of Environment, Finance and Climate Change is the key implementing partner and brings together government sectoral institutions at regional, zonal and woreda bureaus.

Funding partners

- The Global Environmental Facility (GEF): USD 6,277,000
- UNDP : USD 200,000
- Government in kind Co-financing: USD 10,250,000

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