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To UNDP Ethiopia Country Office
Addis Ababa

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Subject: Submission of 2nd Quarter Activity Implementation Report

We have prepared the 2nd quarter activity implementation report of year 2020 for the Highland CCA project.

Please find, attached herewith, 12 pages activity implementation report of the project.

Sincerely



Tesfaye Woldeyes Gammoo
Highlands-CCA Project
Manager



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Highland CCA Growth Project

2020 budget year 2nd Quarter Activity and Financial Performance Report

June 30, 2020

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



I. Executive Summary

Ethiopia is a landlocked country with a population of about 101,500,000 people, of which about 80% of whom live in rural areas. The Ethiopian economy has grown rapidly in the last decade primarily as a result of increased agricultural production. The agricultural sector accounts for more than 80% of total employment and 45% of the country's GDP. Farming is undertaken mainly by small-scale rural farmers whose activities are often unsustainable. This is because farmers are forced to cultivate land and graze livestock on steep slopes with fragile soils in order to meet daily food needs. The watersheds in such mountainous land are further mismanaged through overharvesting of trees for fuel wood. As a result of these factors – as well as intense and infrequent rains – topsoil erosion and land degradation are widespread across the Ethiopian highlands.

Local communities in the Ethiopian highlands are increasingly vulnerable to the above climate change effects. Their agricultural productivity is being greatly impeded in particular by increased rainfall variability, droughts, floods, soil erosion and by limited availability of surface and groundwater for irrigation and drinking needs. Stream flows are decreasing, groundwater levels are declining, mountain springs are drying up and their lakes are increasingly being silted up. Certain crops that were being grown in the past are no longer able to be farmed. Predicted future climate change will further exacerbate their vulnerability to climate change.

To increase the climate resilience of local communities in the Ethiopian highlands, the proposed LDCF project will: 1) integrate climate change risk adaptation measures into federal, regional and Woreda-level development planning, budgeting and execution; 2) improve the availability of climate information products; 3) undertake climate-smart integrated watershed management for improved rainwater harvesting and retention; 4) introduce climate-smart agricultural practices; and 5) diversify livelihoods. This will be achieved through three complementary components that focus, respectively, on capacity development, provision of climate risk information and investments in climate-smart land management. Environment, Forest and Climate Change Commission (EFCCC) will implement the project over a five-year period across four regions and in eight Woredas. During the past two quarter of the budget year there are a number of activities planned under the three outcomes of the project and their respective achievements are summarized and illustrated below:

- A forum for sharing experiences and innovations between different universities and research institutions as well as relevant line institutions have been conducted. Accordingly a total of 656 (M 453 F 203) and 87 extension agents (M 69 F 18) have been participated the meeting

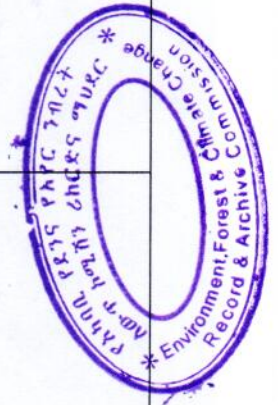


- Public awareness campaigns have been conducted throughout the project sites. Accordingly; a total of 181,429 (M 90,122 F 91,307) community members have been addressed through public awareness campaign using local medias to inform communities on the effects of climate change and benefits of implementing appropriate CCA interventions
- Downscaled weather forecasts have been disseminated to the project site beneficiary farmers through small group gatherings. Accordingly a total of 468 (354 M & 114 F) beneficiaries have been accessed the information
- A total of 1,048,500 plant seedlings were raised and nursery management activities have been conducted across the project Woreda's
- In order to enable natural regeneration and reforestation of degraded watersheds through, inter alia: i) agroforestry practices have been implemented by planting multi-purpose seedlings on farmland; ii) using a mix of drought-resistant indigenous and fast growing exotic species
- In order to enable beneficiary farmers to implement different climate-smart-agricultural technologies and methods, 30.5 quintal of drought resistant, high yielding improved variety of crop seeds were provided to a total of 153 (M 125 F 28) beneficiary farmers across all the project target areas
- In order to enable beneficiary farmers to adapt to climate change impacts through diversifying their income and enhance employment opportunities, 400 chicken and 36 small ruminants for 713 (371 Male 342 Female) beneficiaries were supported

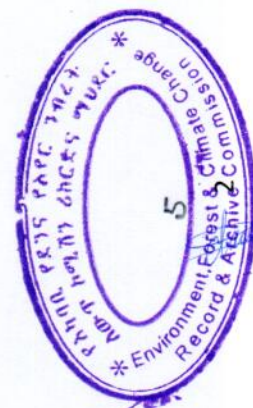


Table 1: Progress Report

Output Indicators and annual Targets (1)	Planned Activities (2)	Results achieved during this quarter (3)	Cumulative result achieved since Q 1 (4)	Expenditure reported (5)			Remark (6)
				Budget Allocated	Expenditure To Date	Budget Balance	
Outcome 1: Capacities enhanced for climate-resilient planning among communities, Woreda, regional and federal governments							
Output 1.4: Annual knowledge-sharing forum of regional and Woreda-level sectoral experts, extension agents and community representatives <ul style="list-style-type: none">Indicator : Number of annual/bi-annual cross-regional knowledge-sharing forums heldBaseline: Zero (0)Target: At least one knowledge-sharing forums held at national levelTarget: At least one documentation product prepared on the results and lessons of the project activities	Activity 1.4.1. Establish a forum for sharing experiences and innovations between: i) University of Addis Ababa and other research institutions; ii) relevant line ministries including EPA, MoANR, MEFCC and NMA; iii) extension services; and iv) CBOs including women's, youth and farmer groups, within regional and Woreda government structures.	<p>This activity performed as planned.</p> <p>A forum for sharing experiences and innovations between different universities and research institutions as well as relevant line institutions have been conducted.</p> <p>Accordingly a total of 656 (M 453 F 203) and 87 extension agents (M 69 F 18) have been participated the meeting.</p> <p>Similarly</p> <p>Thus in Dewa Chefa Woreda and Dessie City Administration of Amhara regional State, a knowledge & experience sharing forums were conducted that involved 45 participants (of which 11 were women) and 168 participants (of which 19 were women) respectively.</p> <p>Similarly, at Yaya Gulele and Sebeta Hawas Woreda of Oromia Regional State, a knowledge & experience sharing forum was held with 36 forum members participating (of which 12were female) and 260 forum members (of which 104 were females) attended the meetings, respectively.</p> <p>In Tahetay Koraro and Atsbi Wonberta Woredas of Tigray Regional State, a</p>	<p>This activity performed as planned.</p> <p>A forum for sharing experiences and innovations between different universities and research institutions as well as relevant line institutions have been conducted.</p> <p>Accordingly a total of 656 (M 453 F 203) and 87 extension agents (M 69 F 18) have been participated the meeting.</p> <p>In Dewa Chefa Woreda and Dessie City Administration of Amhara regional State, a knowledge & experience sharing forums were conducted that involved 30 participants (of which 8 were women) and 168 participants (of which 19 were women) respectively.</p> <p>Similarly, at Yaya Gulele and Sebeta Hawas Woreda of Oromia Regional State, a knowledge & experience sharing forum was held with 36 forum members participating (of which 12were female) and 260 forum members (of which 104 were females) attended the meetings, respectively.</p> <p>In Tahetay Koraro and Atsbi Wonberta Woredas of Tigray Regional State, a</p>	16,914.00	16,914.00	00	



adaptation interventions and diversified livelihoods. Baseline: The awareness of public regarding the effects of climate change and benefits of appropriate CCA interventions is low The "Community Based Participatory Watershed Development" developed and published 2005, is not adequately consider CRGE and climate change issue and contemporary development Target Increased level of awareness in target population from Score 1 (50% of the target population) to score 2 (Moderate awareness level (50) Indicator Number of document updated % of people has got awareness through local media	interventions. The campaign will include the development and dissemination of user-friendly literature – including pictorial-based information – on climate change adaptation and appropriate interventions	climate change and benefits of implementing appropriate CCA interventions.					
Subtotal (per quarter)			18,025.45	18,025.45	18,025.45	0.00	
Outcome 2: Use of climate information for climate risk management strengthened – including for women and youths							



<p>Output 2.3: Capacity development of extension agents, CBOs (women's groups, school clubs and youth groups) as well as farmers on climate information and monitoring systems</p> <p>Indicator: Number of extension agents and farmers/community members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline: Zero (0) • Target: a total 42,500 beneficiaries, of which at least 50% are female <p>Indicator: Number of developed guidelines and training materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline: Zero (0) Target: 1 guideline and a training material on operation and maintenance of the equipment installed 	<p>Action 2.2.2 Prepare downscaled daily, weekly and seasonal weather forecasts and disseminate to the public, based upon the integration of local weather and climate information</p>	<p>Downscaled daily, weekly and seasonal weather forecasts have been prepared and disseminated to the public by NMA branch offices that found in close proximity to the project sites.</p>	<p>Downscaled daily, weekly and seasonal weather forecasts have been prepared and disseminated to the public by NMA branch offices that found in close proximity to the project sites.</p>	<p>2400.00</p>	<p>2400.00</p>	<p>00</p>	
<p>Action 2.3.2 Hold workshops in each Woreda to train extension agents, local farmers and communities on the dissemination of climate</p>	<p>Downscaled weather forecasts have been disseminated to the project site beneficiary farmers through small group gatherings. Accordingly a total of 468 (354 M & 114 F) beneficiaries have been accessed the information.</p>	<p>Downscaled weather forecasts have been disseminated to the project site beneficiary farmers through small group gatherings. Accordingly a total of 468 (354 M & 114 F) beneficiaries have been accessed the information.</p>	<p>10,000.00</p>	<p>10,000.00</p>	<p>00.00</p>		
<p>Subtotal (per quarter)</p>			<p>12,400.00</p>	<p>12,400.00</p>	<p>00</p>		
<p>Outcome 3: Adapted and diversified income and employment opportunities generated for local communities, with a focus on climate-smart agriculture and integrated watershed management.</p>							



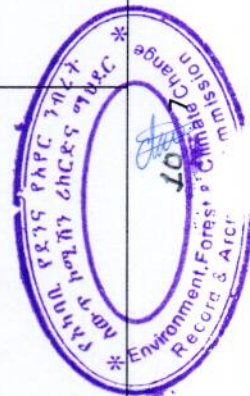
<p>Output 3.2: Integrated watershed management across the eight target Woredas</p> <p>Indicator: Operationalized Integrated watershed management across the eight target Woredas areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Base line: Integrated watershed management across the eight target Woredas areas have not been operationalized • Target 1: Reforestation targets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5,000,000 tree seedlings of indigenous, multi-use plant species raised in 16 nursery sites - 1658 ha of land reforested using indigenous, multi-use plant species to make up 90% of the reforested area. • Target 2: Physical interventions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 100 km terraces will be constructed - 100 km trenches will be constructed - 400 eyebrows constructed - 500 percolation pits constructed 	<p>Activity 3.2.1: Conduct i) SWC measures over 1000 hectares of land and planting of indigenous and multi-purpose trees over an area covering 8800 hectares of degraded land and household woodlots across the project sites.</p>	<p>Throughout the project sites an integrated management of the watershed has been conducted.</p>	<p>A total of 218.08-hectare land has been covered through SWC measures. Accordingly: 380 km terrace; 2629 m3 trenches; 106.2 m3 dip trenches; 2723 m3 check dam; 250 eyebrow basins and 225.58 m3 cut off drains were constructed across the eight project sites.</p> <p>This activity is fully performed as planned across in all the 8 project Woredas and city Administrations. Accordingly, A total of 112 km farm Terrace, 18.6km bench terrace on steep slopes, 2251 trench (in number), 2653 m3 Stone check dam, 475.5 m3 Gabion check dam, 3283.5 m3 percolation trench and 0.86 km long road construction was carried out In Dessie while in Hawassa a total of 52.8 km of soil and stone bund terraces have been constructed covering 328.5 ha of land. Similarly in Dawa Chefa Woreda, 5.5km hill side and 25km terrace, more than 5km trench and 1.5km Check dam have been constructed over an area of 25.58ha of land. At Sebeta Hawas Woreda, 5.15 km terraces, 14 km trenches, 200 m3 water way and 60 m3 cut of drain, constructed through beneficiary community participating 463(225 M & 238F) beneficiary farmers over an area of 4 hectares of land. At Sebeta Hawas Woreda, 3 times per week technical assistance and support is provided by Woreda technical team, weeding, watering and site cleaning have been conducted and a total of 31,000 pot filled with soil and seedling transplantation conducted and salary for daily laborers of nursery site have been conducted. 6 km terraces, 8 km</p>	<p>94,193.00</p>	<p>94,193.00</p>	<p>00</p>
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<div>- 10 check dams constructed</div> <div>• Target 3: Agricultural interventions</div> <div>- 14 PV/solar pumps installed and made operational in small scale irrigation practices</div> <div>- 200 beekeeping packages distributed and implemented</div> <div>- Animal shelters with a total area of 1500 m2 constructed</div>	Activity 3.2.2: Develop agricultural demonstration sites in each Woreda to serve as examples for farmers	Management of the demonstration sites and different practices has been undergoing to for farmers demonstration purposes.	Over the newly established agricultural demonstration sites found at each Woreda, beneficiary farmers have been participated on learning by doing programs that helps the farmers as examples.	trenches, 10 m3 water way/check dam, 200 number of eyebrows have been constructed through beneficiary community participating 4200 (2200 M & 2000F) over an area of 160 hectares of land, in Tahetay Koraro Woreda. 12.5 km terraces, 12.5 km trenches and 0.85 km of deep trenches have been constructed through beneficiary community participating 201(97 M & 104) over an area of 24.5 hectares of land at Atsibi Wonberta Woreda	6,250.00	6,250.00	00
	Activity 3.2.3: Establish and/or upgrade 32 existing forestry nursery sites at each of the eight project sites	This activity is performed as planned. A total of 1,048,500 plant seedlings were raised and nursery management activities have been conducted across the project Woreda's. A total of 55,000 different plant seedlings have been raised at Dessie city administration. In Hawassa a total of 220,000 seedlings raised during the reporting period. In Arba Minch Zuriya Woreda, a total of 313,000 seedlings raised during the reporting period.	This activity is performed as planned. Over the established/up-graded 16 nursery sites, a total of 4,250,000 plant seedlings were raised & planted across the project sites. In Tigray Region at Atsbi Wonberta and at Tahtay Koraro Woredas a total of 615,000 and 625,000 seedlings were raised, respectively. In Amhara Regional State at Dessie City Administration and at Dewa Chefa Woreda project sites 625,000 and 505,000 seedlings were raised respectively, while in Oromia Regional state at Sebeta Hawas and Yaya Gullele Woredas 510,000 and 550,000 seedlings		34,802.44	34,802.44	00



<p>Activity 3.2.5: Identify and implement a range of climate-smart agricultural technologies and methods with at least 2750 local community members (beneficiaries of the project) the eight target Woredas</p>	<p>Activity 3.2.5: Identify and implement a range of climate-smart agricultural technologies and methods with at least 2750 local community members (beneficiaries of the project) the eight target Woredas</p>	<p>This activity is performed as planned. In order to enable beneficiary farmers to implement different climate-smart-agricultural technologies and methods, 30.5 quintal of drought resistant, high yielding improved variety of crop seeds were provided to a total of 153 (M 125 F 28) beneficiary farmers across all the project target areas.</p>	<p>This activity is performed as planned. In order to enable beneficiary farmers to implement different climate-smart-agricultural technologies and methods, 64.5 quintal of drought resistant, high yielding improved variety of crop seeds as well as a total of 3236 fruit tree seedlings were provided to a total of 157 (M 296 F 161) beneficiary farmers across all the project target areas.</p>	<p>44,469.79</p>	<p>44,469.79</p>	<p>00</p>	
<p>Action 3.2.8: Procure and Install 16 PV-pumps at the well sites in each of the eight Woredas to increase access to groundwater sources</p>	<p>Action 3.2.8: Procure and Install 16 PV-pumps at the well sites in each of the eight Woredas to increase access to groundwater sources</p>		<p>This activity is not fully completed. This activity is delegated to UNDP CO. And Detail specification of the solar water pump has been prepared with the support of technical experts from Ministry of Water and Electricity and sent to UNDP CO procurement unit to let them proceed with the process.</p>	<p>00</p>	<p>00</p>	<p>00</p>	
<p>Indicator : Number of Women/female headed farmers supported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline: Zero (0) • Target 1: 1375 Women/female headed farmers supported by introduction /implementation of different climate resilient livelihood diversification 	<p>Activity 3.3.2 Purchase and install 16 plastic/fiber water tanks with a capacity of holding 5000 liter each to store pumped water at each of the well sites.</p>	<p>In order to enable beneficiary farmers to adapt to climate change impacts through diversifying their income and enhance employment opportunities, 400 chicken and 36 small ruminants for 713 (371 Male 342 Female) beneficiaries were supported.</p>	<p>In order to enable beneficiary farmers to adapt to climate change impacts through diversifying their income and enhance employment opportunities, 2,435 chicken and 1560 small ruminants for 838 (371 male 467 Female) beneficiaries were supported.</p>	<p>59,937.53</p>	<p>59,937.53</p>	<p>00</p>	



interventions							
Target 2: 2750 local community members trained on value addition activities							
Subtotal (per quarter)	154,427.58	154,427.58			154,427.58	00	
Grand Total	184,853.03	184,853.03			184,853.03	00	



Challenges encountered and Solutions taken

Current Status of the Project	Main Issues	Issues Resolution Expected Date	Mitigation Measures taken by the implementing Agency	Responsible Actors to Solve the issues
The project is on Track	High turnover of Woreda task team members and Woreda Project site Officers and accountants;		Facilitating the recruitment of Woreda Project site Officers on the vacant position and enable Woredas to assign delegator till the recruitment is finalized, to continue the project activities;	PMU/WoPO
	Inadequate commitment of Woreda sector offices (Task Team members)		Continuous contact to Woreda administration through telephone and field visit;	PMU/WoPO
	Inadequate commitment by some of partner institutions (considering the project activity as extra job)		Carried out continuous discussions and consultation with partners to accelerate the implementation of the project;	PMU/WoPO
	Lengthy procurement process which is not compatible with the project time schedule		Carried out consultations with Kebele level beneficiaries farmers and to re-assure their motivation; Work very closely with UNDP Country office pore	PMU/WPS
	Impacts of COVID-19 to project beneficiaries		Beneficiary communities were assisted to work their farming activities on their homestead area and on their holdings by avoiding mass gatherings so that the likely impact to be affected by the pandemic is very minimal. The project personnel and the development agents are made to assist the beneficiary farmers through home to home visit and assistance as a result there is no community mass meetings. This helps to reduce the vulnerability of the beneficiary farmers to COVID-19. Virtual communication has been put in place in conducting communication of the day to day project implementation with site project staff and relevant stakeholders. Avoiding mass gathering by reducing the number of people to 3-4 in a group whenever is a must. Parallel to the awareness creation activity which has been conducting through local Medias, which avoid public gatherings, awareness creation activities on the prevention and containment of COVID 19	





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UNDP Country Office

Addis Ababa

Subject: Highlands CCA Project 2nd Quarter FACE Report & 3rd Quarter FACE Request

Based on our performance of the AWP for the year 2020 of the highland CCA project, we are sending to your office the 2nd Quarter FACE report that amounts 6,742,649.07 (Six Million Seven Hundred Forty Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty Nine and Zero Seven Cents Only), and FACE request for the 3rd quarter of year 2020 that amounts 6,176,490.63 (Six Million One Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Four Hundred Forty Nine and Sixty-Three cents only) of the project.

Please find attached herewith, a total of 07 pages of the FACE request document.


CC:

- Finance Directorate
- Highlands CCA Project Management Unit

EFCCC



Sincerely Yours,


Tesfaye Woldeyes Gammo
Highlands-CCA Project
Manager

Action 1.5.1: Conduct a public awareness campaign through national and local radios and TV stations to at least 300,000 community members across the 8 project Woredas to inform communities on the effects of climate change and benefits of appropriate CCA interventions.									
	GEF	35,788.69	35,788.69					38,945.21	
Outcome 1 Total		580,419.49	580,419.49					214,145.21	
Outcome 2: Use of climate information for climate risk management strengthened – with a focus including for women and youths									
Action 2.2.2: Prepare downscaled daily, weekly and seasonal weather forecasts and disseminate to the public, based upon the integration of local weather and climate information	GEF	77,280.00	77,280.00					0.00	
Action 2.3.2: Hold workshops in each Woreda to train extension agents, local farmers and communities on the dissemination of climate information and functioning of early warning and response strategies	GEF	322,000.00	322,000.00					77,088.00	
Outcome 2 Total		399,280.00	399,280.00					77,088.00	
Outcome 3: Adapted and diversified income and employment opportunities generated for local communities, with a focus on climate-smart agriculture and integrated watershed management.									
Action 3.2.1: Construct 100 km terraces, 100 km trenches, 400 eyebrows 500 percolation pits and 10 check dams as SWC measures over 1658 hectares of land, and carry out planting of 5,000,000 indigenous and multi-purpose trees over an area covering the same hectares of land and in farmers homestead area.	GEF	193,200.00	193,200.00					245,280.00	
Action 3.2.2: Conduct agricultural demonstration practices in each of the agricultural demonstration sites across all the project Woreda	GEF	201,250.00	201,250.00					219,000.00	
Action 3.2.3: Carry out nursery management practices in all existing forestry nursery sites at each of the eight project Woredas	GEF	1,120,638.57	1,120,638.57					1,219,477.50	

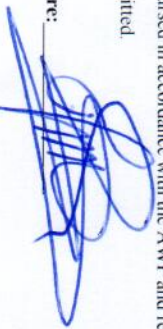
Action 3.2.4: Promote natural regeneration and reforestation of degraded watersheds through, inter alia: i) implementing agroforestry by planting multi-purpose seedlings on farmland; ii) using a mix of drought-resistant indigenous and fast growing exotic species; iii) expanding ex-closure sites; and iv) enrichment planting	GEF	95,561.55	95,561.55			0.00		
Action 3.2.5: Identify and implement a range of climate-smart agricultural technologies and methods with at least 2750 local community members (beneficiaries of the project) the eight target Woredas.	GEF	1,722,292.98	1,722,292.98			1,558,221.09		
Action 3.2.8: Procure & install 16 PV-pumps at the well sites in each of the eight Woredas to increase access to groundwater sources	GEF	0.00	0.00			0.00		
Action 3.3.2: Provide technical and financial support – particularly to women and female headed households – for the identification and implementation of selected income-generating activities	GEF	1,929,988.79	1,929,988.79			2,099,160.20		
Outcome 3 Total		5,262,931.89	5,262,931.89			5,341,138.79		
project M & E	GEF	128,535.96	128,535.96			139,872.67		
Contractual services – Individual	GEF	193,200.00	193,200.00			210,240.00		
Project Staff Salary	GEF	154,820.82	154,820.82			168,475.82		
Office Supply	UNDP	12,880.00	12,880.00			14,016.00		
Direct Project Cost	GEF	10,580.92	10,580.92			11,514.14		
Project Management Total		500,017.70	500,017.70			544,118.64		
Total budget		6,742,649.08	6,742,649.08			6,176,490.63		

Certification

- * The undersigned authorized officer of the above-Mentioned implementing institution hereby certifies that:
- * The actual expenditures for the period stated herein has been disbursed in accordance with the AWP and request with itemized cost estimates. The detailed accounting documents for these expenditures can be made available for
- * The progress report for the activities stated herein has been submitted

Date Submitted: 07/07/2020

Signature:



Name:

Gelu Esayas Alang
Finance and Procurement Director



Title:

Notes:- Shaded areas to be completed by the U/N Agency and non-shaded areas to be completed by the counterpart
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