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Subject: - 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Physical Activity Report

Attached here with, please find the physical activities report, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2014G.C for the Federal Implementing Agency, Ministry of Agriculture, Program title Enhancing National Capacity for Agricultural Growth, Project - ID-00072756.



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Physical Activity Report (2014)

### I. Basic Information

Country:	Ethiopia	Project ID: 00072756
Project Title:	Enhancing National Capacity for Agricultural Growth Program	
UNDAF Outcome(s): (2012-2015)	Increased use by agricultural producers of Improved institutional services, effective marketing system and appropriate technology and practices for sustainable increase in Agricultural Production and productivity by 2015.	
Expected CP Outcome(s):	Solutions for low productivity found out, services and systems operational zed, and smallholders' agricultural productivity increased.	
Expected project Output(s): (Those that will result from the project and extracted from the UNDAF Action plan)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Selected agricultural / pastoral producers have received services, technologies and knowledge to increase increased agricultural production</li> <li>2. Selected federal and Regional institutions have improved competencies to deliver agricultural related services &amp; natural resource management.</li> <li>3. Institutional and technical solutions that overcome marketing bottlenecks across the value chains of selected products formulated and their implementation supported.</li> <li>4. Increased off and non-farm income opportunities with focus on women and youth.</li> </ol>	
Implementing Partners:	Ministry of Agriculture (MoA),	
Responsible Parties	Agricultural Growth Prog.( AGP), MoA, Directorates and MDG-Project Office	
Program Period:	January 2012 - December 2015	Allocated Budget (\$US):
Source of Funds:	UNDP, Core	
Development Partners:	UNDP	
Reporting Period:	April , 1 – June 30, 2014	

**II-Brief Description of the project:-**The Growth and transformation Plan and the donor-supported Policy and investment Framework of the CAADP reaffirm agricultural development as essential priority to Ethiopia's poverty reduction, human & economic development. While there has been impressive progress over the last decade, the agricultural system still faces substantial challenges, calling for stronger implementation support & effective performance management to pursue the objective of Ethiopia's agricultural development. Recognizing this, the Government of Ethiopia has established the Agricultural Transformation Agency (ATA) with the mandate of identifying systematic constraints to agricultural development & growth, design solutions that will help achieve sustained structural transformation & support the coordination & integration of agricultural development projects among various institutions. The overall objective of the revised project is to contribute to increased agricultural productivity & commercialization in a sustainable manner through creating a favorable policy environment & facilitating additional knowledge & investment in the sector.



Output 2- Selected Federal and Regional institutions improved competencies to deliver agricultural related services & natural resource management.

Special Support given to the Emerging Regions.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Agricultural development Technical support \Report in Somali, Afar, Gambella and Benshangul-gumuz Regions,**

Currently, Ministry of Agriculture is deploying technical teams for emerging regions (Somali, Afar, Gambella and Benshangul gumuz) to give technical support in the field of agriculture. Based on this, four teams (Gode, Afder, Libon and Shinle zones) were assigned for Somali region whereas three teams were also assigned for the rest of emerging regions (Afar, Gambella and Benhangul gumuz) one team for each region. The main objective of deploying of these seven technical teams to the regions were to give technical support in monitoring, and evaluation of agricultural activities, to find out ways for identified agricultural development gaps and to capacitate the expert's skills and knowledge of the regions. Therefore, based on these facts, 2006 (E.C) budget year, the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter achievements indicated as follows.

**Achievements**

- Preparation of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter check list for all emerging regions were prepared by giving on the regular activities and special focus areas of planned agricultural interventions. Discussion also undertook with representatives of Ministry of federal Affairs, regions Agricultural Bureau heads and with Woreda and the local executive organs to enrich the planned operation action plan.
- A field visit has been conducted to observe the planned development actions at grass root level.
- A discussion has been undertaken with the community members to check their success and failure and the reasons behind.
- A technical and administrative advice was given to improve the technical and managerial capacity of the respective Executive organs.
- Discussion has been conducted with non-governmental organizations that have an agricultural projects to integrate their effort for the achievements of our common objectives.
- Training was given to the development workers on the basic agricultural development capacity gaps.
- The findings were discussed with the Woreda Ministry of Agriculture office heads and technical staff and the community on their problems and an advice were to tackle them.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A feedback report was given to regional, zonal and Woreda executive organs, representatives of Ministry of federal Affaires.</li> </ul> <p>Generally as Ministry of Agriculture, the Agricultural Growth program is supporting these efforts to empower the emerging regions in every aspect, relatively to the level of developed regions of the country .At the end these regions can lead their own developmental activities without any support thereby the living standard of the communities who live in emerging regions improved. Finally, the directorate acknowledges for your esteemed support to our successful development made in emerging regions and looks forward for the future.</p>
	<p><u>Field supervision report</u></p> <p>The ministry of agriculture has proposed to undertake field supervision, monitoring and evaluation in the four major regions Oromiya, south nation nationalities peoples, Tigray and Amahra regions from May 14,2014 to June 29,2014.-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Irrigation activities accomplished during the winter season and what should be improved for the next cropping year,</li> <li>• Water shade management activities accomplished on soil and water conservation practices by mobilizing the rural communities and,</li> <li>• Crop production activities going on the current season</li> </ul> <p>The objective of the supervision was to follow development activities going on the desired areas using modern technologies and agricultural inputs to increase production and productivities of agricultural crops. The stakeholders were assigned to evaluate the development work going on the mentioned rural areas of the sample zones,weredas and kebeles. In addition, they were engaged on provision of technical help for the development agents in implementing improved agricultural practices.</p> <p>Therefore , we kindly inform AGP to have information about the modern crop production activities implemented in the major crop producing areas is being going on by using improved technologies to increase production and productivities of major food crops.</p>

**MDG Project  
Coordination Office**

Technical support and frequent supervision of community based adaption (CBA) integrated water resources development projects at Shinile, Jijiga, Degahbour, Eastern Somali, Gode, Ader and Liben Zones Somali Region and Zone 1, one 2, Zone 3 and Zone 4 of Aar Region.

- 2 project performance evaluation meetings have been conducted at Dire Dawa with 28 and 42 participants respectively.
- 11-field supervision to 7 project sites in Somali Region & 4 project sites in Afar Region have been undertaken by project team project office head.
- Project team at 4 branch offices in region have conducted regular projects supervision, and facilitated community mobilization and awareness activities.

**DEPLOYMENT OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS**

- 24 technical experts, 2 finance officers and 3 secretary cashiers, 5 drivers equipped and deployed to undertake regular monitoring.

**LESSONS LEARNED**

- Intensive community mobilization and awareness workshops is found to be mandatory for the project work quality, technical standards and ultimate sustainability of the schemes, intensive evaluation of projects increase the contractors performance as well as the regional administrative participation in all challenges. Projects transferred to community in these pastoral regions of Ethiopia brought high impact in their livelihood and addressing their deep-rooted poverty.

**INNOVATIONS:-**

- The previously planned water supply water points for human and livestock are also feasible options for small-scale drip irrigation, but to show its value needs some cross cutting projects if UNDP release some budget.

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:-**

- Allocating enough fund at least as per the project Original plan/AWP/



Capacity of experts and community enhanced through training

Summary of ESMF Review Workshop

To ensure the environmental and social consideration in AGP implementation, Environmental and social management framework (ESMF) was developed/prepared. The ESMF details agreed upon policies, guidelines and procedures to be observed/adhered to the implementation of AGP activities of environmental and social significance. To ensure the successful implementation of the ESMF, annual environmental and social review is one means and is organized year.

According, the federal AGP –CU planned to organize the review workshop for the 2006 EFY. The objective of the review workshop were to assess the ESMF implementation performance, identify the challenges and gaps in implementing the ESMF, draw lessons for better ESMF implementation during the remaining program implementation period. And identify agree on action points to be implemented in the remaining period of the program. With these objectives, the workshop was organized in may 27-29-2014 at Adama Town, in Adama German Hotel. The target groups of the workshop were regional AGP implementing agencies experts (environmentalist and social safeguard experts) and process owners in that department. They are mainly from regional water resources/irrigation development bureaus, regional road authorities, regional trade and industry bureaus, bureaus of Agriculture and regional AGP –CUs. The total target group participated on the workshop were 33 of which 2 are females.

The main activities accomplished at the workshop include:

- Regional and federal ESMF performance reports presented and discussed on the reports;
- Presentation on Pest and pesticide product management done by FAO Ethiopia staff and discussed,
- General discussion on selected discussion points focusing on the performance of the ESMF implementation, good practices and challenges/gaps: and
- Action points for the next time implementation period of the program.
- At the end of the general discussion, action points were forwarded

Table 1: Progress Report					
III. Progress against planned results (focus on key deliverable achieved against planned/expected results).					
EXPECTED OUTPUTS and baseline	Indicators including annual targets	Planned Activities (Key Activities)	Progress against Planned Activities	Budget/Expenditure	
				Expenditure to Date (Et,Br)	Budget Balance (USD)
Output 2: Selected Federal and Regional institutions have improved competencies to deliver agricultural related services and natural resources management.  Baseline:- Inadequate capacity to deliver agricultural and natural resource management services.	Indicator1:- No. of agricultural service providers who have received training to deliver agricultural related services & manage natural resources. Indicator2:- No. of innovative interventions/best practices identified, documented & disseminated.  Target 1: Technical capacity of MoA enhanced with the deployment of five irrigation engineers and agronomists. Target 1: Capacity of experts and communities enhanced through trainings.	1. Capacity strengthening of MoA structures for agricultural Growth Program.	90.6%	1,769,543.17	102,000.00
		2. Support systematic identification and documentation of innovative interventions for dissemination			
		3. Facilitate scaling up & publicizing lesson learned.			
		4. Support MoA National technical unit for integrated water resources development in developing regions.	89.3%	1,710,743.73	50,000.00
Output 3: Institutional and technical solutions that overcome marketing bottlenecks across the value chains of selected products formulated and their implementation supported. Baseline:- Inadequate capacity to overcome marketing problems.	Indicator 1: No. of federal & regional institutions supported to provide agricultural marketing related services.  Target 1: Capacity of experts and communities enhanced through trainings.	5. Building capacity of farmers through training and provision of equipment to better access output market.	100%	574,710.00	30,000.00
TOTAL			91%	4,055,000.90	182,000.00