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Regreening Africa

Background

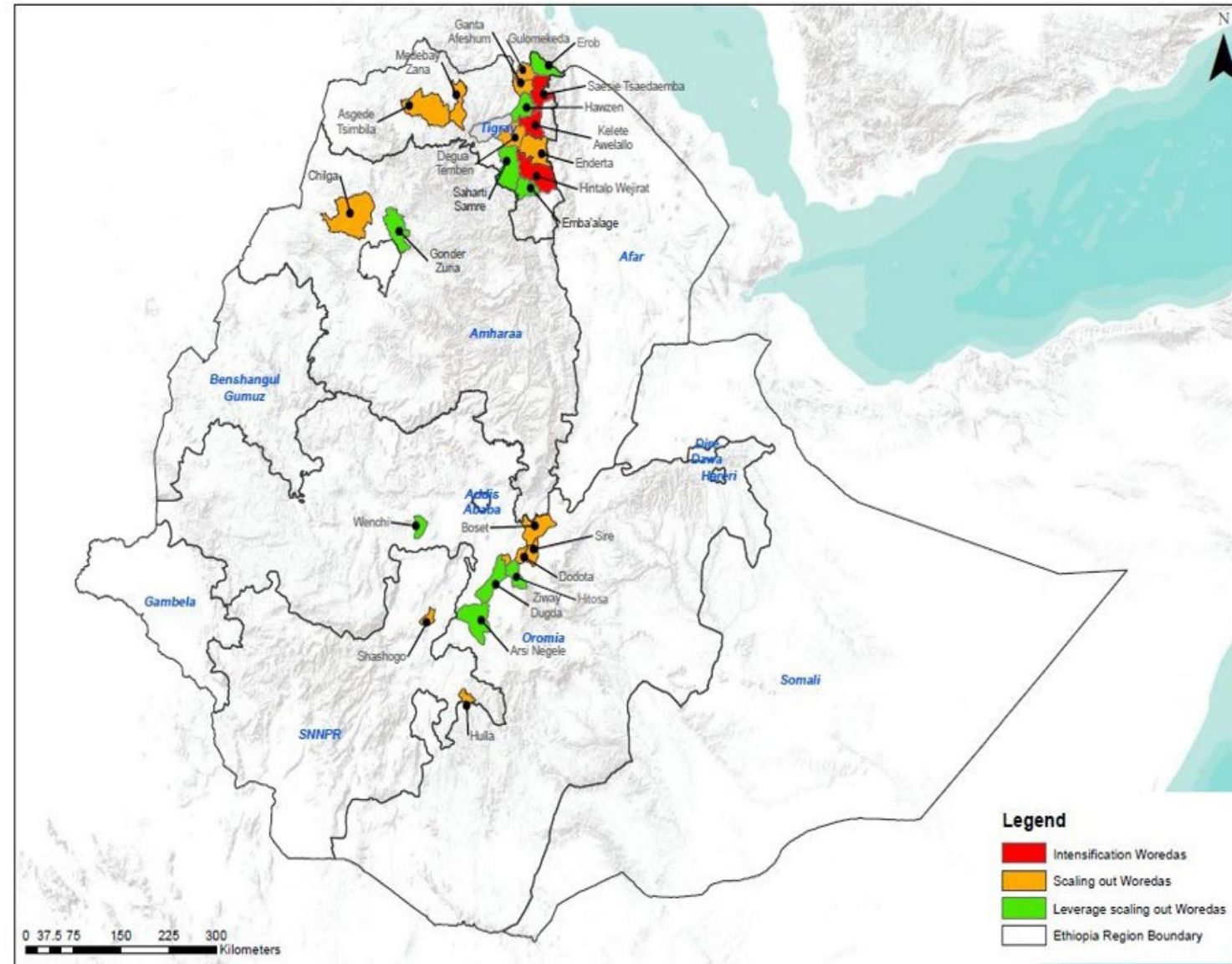
- ❑ **Project Title:** Reversing Land Degradation in Africa by Scaling-up evergreen Agriculture (Regreening Africa)
- ❑ **Beneficiary Countries:** Ethiopia, Senegal, Mali, Ghana, Niger, Kenya, Somalia, Rwanda
- ❑ **Overall Objectives:** *Improve livelihoods, food security and climate change Resilience and restore ecosystem services through evergreen agriculture.*
- ❑ **EU contribution :** €18 M for the eight countries, € 3,070,422 M for Ethiopia

Implementing partners



Project targets

- ❑ **23 districts** in **4 regional states**: Tigray, Oromia, Amhara, SNNP
- ❑ **200,000 ha** of degraded land to fall under re-greening
- ❑ **120,000** poor beneficiary HHs



Country Scaling-up Strategy

- ❑ **Community sensitization and awareness creation** through mass media and publications, experience sharing visits; and **capacity building**;
- ❑ **Engaging CBOs & institutions** - youth groups, women group; FMNR groups, etc;
- ❑ **Leveraging with existing projects and programs** – PSNP, SLM, and partners' projects;
- ❑ **Advocacy and networking** using existing networks and platforms -**Watershed & Agroforestry platforms**;
- ❑ **Using different demonstration & learning means** – Rural Resource Centres, farmers training centres, Farmer field days,
- ❑ **Using Volunteer Farmers' Extension Service**;
- ❑ **Introducing award system** for out performer organizations, communities, groups and individuals.

Prioritized re-greening options

- ☐ **Intensification** of farmer managed natural regeneration (FMNR) practices in communal lands and farmlands;
- ☐ **Scaling out FMNR** in degraded communal land/area enclosures and farmlands
- ☐ **Scaling out agroforestry practices** in farmlands, homestead & farm boundaries
- ☐ **Strengthening** existing tree-based value chains

Project Governance

□ National Oversight and Coordination Committee (NOCC)

- **Provides strategic policy advice** to the lead implementing organization,;
- Reviews and approves **work plans and progress reports**;
- **Provides overall guidance** regarding implementation of the project;
- **Supports the Project Management Unit** to improve project efficiency, effectiveness and impact

Implementation progress – activity based

- ❑ **The capacities of 21 government and community tree nurseries were strengthened** through training, provision of nursery tools and quality seeds;
- ❑ **Three new Rural Resource Centers (RRC) established** and the capacities of RRC members strengthened through training and material provision;
- ❑ **Training of Trainers (ToT)** were provided to various stakeholders on different themes;
- ❑ **Visibility and awareness raising activities undertaken;**
- ❑ **Experience sharing visits** organized for VFTs , experts, Development Agents;
- ❑ **Leveraging took place with partners' project** in three leveraging districts in Oromia;
- ❑ **More than 1.5 million tree and fruit seedlings** were produced and planted on communal land, farmland, homestead and farm boundaries;



Outcome Level Project Progress

Target Type	Country Target		Achievement to date	% achieved	Verification approach used
Directly facilitated households (in number)	96,900		60,174	62	Using indicator tracking tools and field reports
Directly facilitated land (hectares)	160,833		34, 231	21.28	Same as above
Leveraging households (in number)	23,100		1,081	4.67	Same as above
Leveraging land (in hectares)	39,167		1811	4.62	Same as above

Lessons learned

- ❑ In drier areas, FMNR gains better communities' acceptance over tree planting because of **ease of adoption, low cost and high success rate**;
- ❑ **High-value fruit tree seedlings & fodder seeds** motivate beneficiaries to adopt FMNR and other re-greening options;
- ❑ **Introducing Volunteer Farmer Trainers approach** results in widespread dissemination and adoption of FMNR technologies with minimum cost;

Challenges

- ☐ Farmers expectation **for short-term return** and **free input delivery**;
- ☐ Resistance of farmers to **Shade effect of trees** and **mechanical hindrance of trees during tillage**;
- ☐ Climate change - inconsistency of seasonality of rains
- ☐ free grazing;
- ☐ Limited diversity of planting materials;

Opportunities for project success

- ☐ The **Green Legacy** campaign initiated by the PM - 350 million seedlings in a day;
- ☐ The upcoming **Greening the Globe** initiative by WVE, which works at policy level with the MoA and EFCCC;
- ☐ Good policy environment;

Recommendations

- ☐ **Continue strengthening the awareness and technical capacity of farmers on FMNR, management of enclosure areas, improved tree product value chains;**
- ☐ **Increase seedling diversity, focusing more on indigenous species;**
- ☐ **Diversify fodder options for livestock farmers;**
- ☐ **Strengthen engagement with policy makers to influence policy and practice, and to mainstream Regreening approach at national level**
- ☐ **Work towards exit strategy and sustainability:**
 - Strengthen attachment with the existing government platforms (agroforestry platform, watershed approach);
 - increase leveraging options;
 - work closely with communities and local government to bestow on them sense of ownership and accountability;



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