



# ***"Celebrating the Past - Preparing the Future"***



**Civil Society Fund Wrap-Up Workshop  
25th January, 2012, Ghion Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

## Civil Society Fund, Ethiopia

The Civil Society Fund (CSF) in Ethiopia was a joint initiative of the European Commission and the Ethiopian Government, implemented through two Financing Agreements under the 9th European Development Fund, for a total of €10m. It has been implemented between 2006 and 2012.

The CSF operated within the context of the Cotonou Partnership Agreement between EU and ACP countries. The Cotonou Agreement makes specific provision for the involvement of civil society in the development and implementation of European Union strategies and programmes. In particular, Article 4 of Cotonou provides *inter alia* that '...non-State actors shall, where appropriate:...be provided with capacity-building support in critical areas in order to reinforce the capabilities of these actors, particularly as regards organisation and representation, and the establishment of consultation mechanisms including channels of communication, and dialogue, and to promote strategic alliances.'

The **overall aim** of the CSF programme was to promote a stable and democratic political environment through the integration of all sections of society into mainstream political, economic and social life.

The **purpose** of the programme was to increase and improve NSA dialogue with their constituency, with the Ethiopian Government and amongst themselves, and also to increase NSA's capacity to play their role in the national development process.

A remarkable feature of the CSF is its tripartite governance structure. While the Government of Ethiopia and the European Commission were the two official programme holders, civil society organisations themselves influenced and guided the objectives and operation of the CSF through representation on the programme steering and evaluations committees with government and EC counterparts. This tripartite programme management structure was unique in Ethiopia, and is a beacon for a new approach centred on cooperation, dialogue and inclusiveness.

Through the CSF, the EC has provided grant funding for governance projects and capacity-building support to civil society partners in all regions and city states of Ethiopia. A CSF-dedicated Technical Assistance Unit worked closely with grantees to identify and meet their wider needs in the form of training, coaching, and information exchange and experience sharing.

The CSF's projects have been implemented by more than 50 lead organisations and more than 80 official partner organisations, meaning that the CSF funds have directly benefited around 130 civil society organisations. In addition, through association arrangements and capacity building training provided through the grants, it is estimated that well over 400 CSOs have benefited from the programme. Many projects worked with Community Based Organisations (CBOs) at local level, hence ensuring that the CSF support reached communities at the grassroots level. CSF projects were implemented in each of the 9 regions of Ethiopia and in both city states. They targeted the young and the old, men and women, community based organisations and



nationwide networks. Projects combined capacity building and governance elements - raising awareness, defending rights, empowering the marginalised, while all the time strengthening the position of CSOs as mainstream development actors in Ethiopia.

Several external monitoring and evaluation exercises have confirmed the success of the Civil Society Fund. Based on these encouraging results, the Government of Ethiopia and the European Commission have agreed to fund a successor programme which will be closely modelled after the initial Civil Society Fund. This programme will be funded from the 10<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund with a total financial envelope of €12m and is expected to start mid 2012.



**Address of His Excellency,  
Ato Ahmed Shide,  
State Minister of Finance and Economic Development  
of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia**



- Your Excellency, Ambassador Xavier Marchal, Head of the European Union Delegation to Ethiopia
- Representative of International, National and Regional Civil Society Organizations
- Invited Guests
- Ladies and gentlemen,

It gives me a great pleasure to be here today to address the wrap up meeting of the Civil Society Fund Programme, by which 55 lead and over 100 partner Civil Society Organizations have benefited from the 10 million Euros allocated under the 9<sup>th</sup> EDF, Country Strategy Programme (CSP).

Dear Participants,

In recognition of the role of Non State Actors in the development of the country, the Government of Ethiopia and the European Union have allocated 22 million Euro under the 9<sup>th</sup> EDF (2002 – 2007 CSP) and 10<sup>th</sup> EDF (2008 – 2013 CSP) for programmes that are fully dedicated to the enhancement of the capacity of Civil Society Organizations. In addition to that, the government and the European Union Delegation have progressively increased the involvement of NSAs in the programming, implementation and monitoring of projects/programmes and activities emanating from the cooperation between the two parties. The government of Ethiopia has also been gradually enhancing the participation of NSAs in the preparation, implementation and monitoring of the country's development strategy. The active participation of CSOs in the formulation of the Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP) through consultation forums organized by the government can be cited as a very good testimony in this regard.

To ensure the smooth and effective implementation of the Civil Society Fund and to facilitate the engagement of the Civil Society Organizations in every sector, the government decided to consider the Civil Society Fund as a domestic resource. On top of this, the government has provided a special tax exemption privilege to all CSOs who have benefited from the Civil Society Fund. These important measures show our commitment towards creating a conducive environment for the CSOs to play their role towards the development of the country. We do also believe that the decision of the government and the European Union to scale up the 10th EDF Civil Society Fund allocation to 12 million euro from the initially planned 10 million euro is also another positive step towards building the capacity of CSOs.

As you all know, the government has issued a new Charities and Societies Law, which has become operational in February 2010 after a transitional period of one year. Based on the new law that clearly defined the role and responsibilities of local and foreign Charities and Societies, more than 1,500 Ethiopian and Ethiopian Resident Charities and Societies and Foreign Charities have been registered and continued their work smoothly.

I would like to express my government's profound satisfaction on the positive outcome registered by this project. This positive conclusion will undoubtedly enhance our commitment and vigor to work even harder to attain better results. In fact, I would like to use this opportunity to reiterate our commitment to work hand-in-hand with EU and the NSAs in similar programmes in the future.

Finally, I would like to thank the European Union for availing this important support and all stakeholders who made this remarkable result a reality deserve our collective appreciation.

I wish you all the best.

I thank you.





Address of His Excellency,  
Xavier Marchal,  
EU Ambassador to Ethiopia

It is a great pleasure for me to be here at this Civil Society Fund closing ceremony. Most importantly, it is also my duty to celebrate with all of you the achievements of this remarkable programme.

The Civil Society Fund deserves the qualification "remarkable", because in many respects it has proven to be unique.

Unique, because of its tripartite governance structure, bringing together the three stakeholders who worked closely together for the last six years to make the programme a success: the Government of Ethiopia, Ethiopian Civil Society Organisations, and the European Union Delegation.

Without constant dialogue and collaboration between these three partners, we would not have been able to build trust and confidence that is uniting us today.

Without this trust, the Civil Society Fund would not have been declared a domestic fund as per the definition of the CSO Proclamation, constituting the framework in which we all have to operate since 2009.

Unique, because of the diversity of Civil Society Organisations which the CSF has brought together. The "CSF family" is spread over the whole of Ethiopia, includes small organisations at the beginning of their professional engagement, and powerful organisations that have contributed to the creation of the civil society sector in this country. All family members work in different intervention areas, be it networking and dialoguing, capacity building or service delivery in the governance area. All these interventions have contributed to the success of the overall programme that we want to celebrate today.

I think we can be proud of this diversity and this privileged relationship. It translates into action what the European Union members and our African Partners have agreed to when they signed the Cotonou Agreement back in the year 2000 with all its provisions on inclusion of Non State Actors.

I want to thank all the CSF family members - the Government of Ethiopia and the Civil Society Organisations – for their relentless efforts to keep dialogue and collaboration going, including in exigent times when the introduction of the CSO Proclamation brought about challenges and change.

I wish to thank in particular the Ministry for Finance and Economic Development for the bold decision to consider the CSF as a domestic funding source, thereby allowing preserving diversity and pluralism within the programme. This decision demonstrates the importance that the Government of Ethiopia attributes to the relationship with the European Union and shows that when committing to Cotonou, it did not commit only to a piece of paper, but also to a process.

An equally big "thank you" goes to all the "CSF grantees" as we use to call them. Their individual efforts, and their commitment and hard work, are at the heart of the achievements and success that we will hear about today.

It is thanks to their engagement that hundreds of girls have been saved from Genital Mutilation and other Harmful Traditional Practices, that victims of sexual and gender violence have received medical and psychological support, and that conflict sources have been mitigated.

I am very impressed to see that the Civil Society Fund has actually been working on some of the core elements of EU external action, which are Democracy, the Rule of Law, the respect for human dignity, fundamental freedoms, equality and solidarity, as enshrined in the Treaty that created the European Union.

For many present here it might not be enough what the CSF has achieved so far. For others it might have gone too far. And a debate on this is certainly healthy.

For me, what is important, to be seen as achievement and success, is that a process of dialogue and cooperation has started in an area where relations are not always easy.

We have successfully laid the path for future tripartite engagement and have to work hard now to build on what we have achieved so far, and to go an extra mile further towards a greater role of Civil Society Organisations in the ongoing process of democracy edification. Our relationship has to be reinforced and made stronger to that respect.

Respecting the sovereignty of the Ethiopian government and the legislative context, we have to concentrate - each of us - on what we are good at. Civil society is good at innovation and creativity and represents the voice of the grassroots. It can reach where government cannot always do so and has to be valued for the contributions it can make to the social, economic and democratic development of each nation.

This particular feature of civil society has to be nurtured and not be suppressed by bureaucracy and red tape which in the end will only be counterproductive to the common goal we are all working for.

With the participation of a vibrant, pro-active and diversified civil society, working transparently and responsibly and guided always by the needs of its constituencies, the Growth and Transformation of Ethiopia will be faster and more successful.

Therefore, let me conclude by inviting all partners in this tripartite endeavour to build on the success that the Civil Society Fund has achieved so far and to push it even further in its second phase, for the benefit of all Ethiopians and of Ethiopia.

Thank you.



## 'Enhancing Civil Society Organizations Engagement on Women's Empowerment'

### X Objective

- ✓ Increase participation of CBOs in the implementation of international and national women's rights instruments and standards
- ✓ Enhance civil awareness to tackle social, legal and political problems of women
- ✓ Enable CBOs to contribute to the elimination of discrimination and of all forms of violence against women and the girl child

### X Results

- ✓ Enhanced capacity of CBOs in implementation of women's rights instruments
- ✓ Improved involvement and organized action of CBOs for the implementation of international and national women's rights instruments
- ✓ Improved civil consciousness on national and international women's rights instruments and standards
- ✓ Enhanced role of CBOs in promoting development and safeguarding women's rights and interests
- ✓ Linkage developed for collective action of CBOs

### X Major activities:



Community Conversation	
Female	Male
46,092	12,348



School Gender Training	
Female	Male
2,388	1,805

Panel Discussion	
Female	Male
3,296	872





## Enhancing the capacity of the child protection and HIV/AIDS consortium members for the betterment of children's lives in Ethiopia

**Overall objective:** To foster coordinated and effective participation of all stakeholders in addressing causes and consequences of child vulnerability



### Results:

- Improved capacity of the consortium members to conduct child focused analysis and programme design
- Joint and agreed programme strategies and policies on child protection developed and applied
- Better communication and coordination among members of the consortium achieved



<http://www.childprotection-cons-eth.org/>





# Empowering Somali Women for Democracy and Development

## Objective

To contribute to the goal of ending all forms of discrimination against women and thereby foster a socio-economic and political environment that ensures equal participation of women in Ethiopia's Somali Regional State



Marching for Women's Right at International Women Day at JICA, March 8, 2011

## Activities and Achievements

❖ The first legal women's forum at the regional level entitled "Renaissance Hope Somali Women" has been established



Experiences Sharing and Case Story Demonstration session at Kofuhera, 2011

❖ More than 16,000 individuals have been reached through our TOT's community outreach program



TOT's outreach through Entertainment, 2011

❖ 5 FGM practitioners stopped their work and vowed to teach their community about the consequences of FGM



Beneficiaries' Testimonials and Counseling session, 2011

❖ Hundreds of women/girls have been saved from being victims of FGM

❖ Awareness and sensitization workshops have been conducted for regional and woreda level women affairs office, NGO representatives, business men and women, religious leaders and community elders



TOT's outreach through mass education, 2011



Partners:  
Oasis Blind Support Association and Community Alliance for Development Association



## **"Framing and Promoting Effective NSAs Involvement in the Cotonou Agreement and other Development Partnerships and NSAC Capacity Building"**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Tripartite Dialogue Workshop



One of the Regional Familiarization and Consultative Workshops, Mekelle



### **OBJECTIVE**

Foster the inclusion of NSAs' views and perspectives in the processes of development coordination for improved results as well as to facilitate and promote constructive dialogue with key actors on EU-Ethiopian development cooperation

### **RESULTS**

**Result 1:** NSAs' participation in discussions on development cooperation issues in Dire Dawa, Harari, Somali, Tigray, Amhara, Oromia, SNNP Regional States enhanced

**Result 2:** Stakeholders' discussions and interactions on implementation and coordination of development cooperation enhanced and regularized

**Result 3:** NSAC capacity to mobilize, expand and represent constituency around aid coordination and effectiveness enhanced

### **Research validations and tripartite dialogue workshops**



On Urban Poverty in Addis Ababa



On Social Accountability under Protection of Basic Services



On Donor Support to Ethiopian CSOs



**Peace Family and Media  
Association (PFMA)**



**Ethiopian Environment  
Journalists Association (EEJA)**



**Ethiopian Association for  
Human Rights (EAHR)**

## **Capacity Building Support to Promote Community Radio in Rural Ethiopia**



### **Objective**

Improve the livelihoods of poor and marginalized sections of society by facilitating community dialogue through community radio stations in SNNPRS, Afar, Oromia and Addis Ababa

### **Results**

- **PFMA's human and material resource capacity developed**
- **Partnerships intensified**
- **Citizens' knowledge and participation to promote community radio stations improved**
- **Improved professionalism of community radio broadcasters, board members and media students**



### **Outcomes**

- **Representatives of different communities engaged to establish their own community radio stations**
- **Donors are supporting follow-up trainings for the CSF project target communities**
- **Interest from other intervention areas to set up community radio stations**







Progynist



## Support to the Establishment and Functioning of a Women's Rights Promotion Centre for Good Governance

### Overall Aim

Create an effective link for a collective voice of women in Addis Ababa, SNNPRS and Oromia to enforce gender equality to fight Gender Based Violence (March 2007 – August 2009)

### Stakeholders

Women, Children and Youth Affairs Offices, Women's Association Offices, Woreda and Zonal Administrators and others



### Awareness creation activities

### Achievements

Women's Rights Promotion Centre with strong database and dedicated hotline service established, networking workshops, national forums, paralegals' trainings, experience sharing and awareness creation programs organized

### Results

- Increased access of women to information related to their wellbeing
- Increased opportunities for victims of GBV to get support and solutions
- Awareness levels of the community on GBV and HIV/AIDS increased
- Capacity of stakeholders has been built
- Network with relevant entities strengthened
- Government offices, especially Women and Children Affairs Offices, and Women's Associations showed strong desire and commitment to work on the issue of GBV



### Stakeholder meeting



### Documenting GBV





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## Leadership and Management Capacity Enhancement Initiative for the Promotion of Reproductive Health of Women & Girls



### Objective

Contribute towards the protection, respect and fulfilment of reproductive health and rights of women and girls in Oromia and SNNPRS

*'In our area a woman, married or single, is required to leave her home, during menstruation and child birth, and build a shade for herself and avoid making contacts with anyone. She is prohibited from cooking and eating or using drinking utensils. She rejoins her family only after the period is over and she is considered 'clean'. She must wash her body, shave her hair and burn the clothing she wore during this period to be considered clean and accepted by her family and the community.*

*This practice must stop. It is too much. We are being trained to lead our members to stop such practices. We want all of you here today to help us get rid of this bad practice. We don't want our children to go through the same pain.'*

*Statement by a women association participant from Melekoza Wereda, Gamo Gofa Zone (SNNPR)*

### Achievements

- Enhanced capacity of 3,600 leaders of 120 targeted women and youth associations to advocate reproductive health and rights of women and girls
- Reproductive health and rights of 12,000 members of the 120 women and youth associations respected and protected
- RH, STAR and gender issues mainstreamed into CBOs' organizational structures
- IMPACT's institutional capacity and effectiveness strengthened
- Public-CSO dialogue forums conducted for coordinated efforts to tackle HTPs involving heads of zonal sector offices such as Justice Office, Women, Youth and Children Affairs Office, Health Bureau, resulting in GoE request for IMPACT to scale-up efforts to reach out to more communities
- Committees at wereda level established to coordinate efforts to eliminate HTPs in their respective weredas





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AND EDUCATION**



## **Fostering a participatory and inclusive socio-economic environment for sustainable development**

### **Objectives**

- I. Strengthen capacities of CBOs in Oromia Region to emerge as credible development actors at local levels
- II. Facilitate and support networking amongst CBOs at different levels in Oromia as a means to enhancing internal sharing and external actions



CBO members discussing  
their project



Community meeting

### **Achievements**

- 18 CBO clusters and regional network established
- Capacity of 126 CBOs increased which led to
  - Enhanced CBO participation in socio-economic issues of their respective locality
  - Improved CBO membership and contribution by members through greater awareness on the importance of CBOs
  - Local resource mobilisation to respond to social and economic needs of the community
  - Increased collaboration between CBOs and local government
  - Improved cooperation between CBOs and other civil society organisations



Commitment to uphold the  
CBO network



Community tree  
plantation





KMG  
Ethiopia



#### Objectives

- ◆ Scale up good practices to fight gender-based violence esp. Harmful Customary Practices (HCPs)
- ◆ Intensify and sustain awareness and social mobilization work against GBV and HCPs in Western Arsi and Kembatta Tembaro Zones
- ◆ Enhance CBOs' & government's roles to fight violence and discrimination against women and girls



Celebrating "Whole Body Healthy Life" - Freedom from FGM

#### Results

- ⇒ Free legal and financial services for survivors of violence
  - ↳ 428 cases of violence brought to justice
  - ↳ Financial services provided to 783 women
- ⇒ Awareness of 60 Idirs, 14 churches, mosques and CBOs increased resulting in revising bylaws and implementing sanctions against HCPs and GBV
- ⇒ 32,000 community conversation (CC) participants regularly and consistently engage in eradicating HCPs and GBV in Kembatta and West Arsi
- ⇒ Capacity building trainings for GoE
  - ↳ 170 law enforcement organs have been sensitised to address FGM and GBV issues fairly
  - ↳ Number of women in leadership positions increased
- ⇒ Mobilization and capacity development efforts for marginalized "Fuga" community members resulted in improved decision making power to reclaim their rights
- ⇒ Kachabira Community Resource Center is furnished and serves the community



Provision of legal aid



Community members at celebration





## Enabling People to Understand the Concepts and Practices of Human Rights, Democracy and Good Governance in Relation to Their Daily Lives

### Objective

Contribute to the Strengthening of the Democratization Process and the Development of a Democratic Culture in Ethiopia with a Focus on Gambella Regional State



SCHOOL COMPETITION



OPEN-AIR DISCUSSION

### Results

Awareness of the community has increased:

66,820 community members of Gambella Regional State have directly benefited from the project



COMMUNITY EDUCATION

WORKSHOPS



PUBLICATIONS





## EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH COMBATING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

### *Objective*

*Reduce violence against women and girls  
and its impacts on individuals, families,  
and the community in Dire Dawa*



Community conversations  
increased awareness of the  
community on the problems  
and consequences of violence  
against women and girls

March 8: Increased  
participation in fighting  
violence against women  
and girls



Rape Clinic established  
in collaboration with  
"Dil Chora" Hospital to  
take care of victims of  
violence

Strong linkage and  
collaboration among all  
stakeholders in dealing  
with the problems and  
consequences of violence  
against women and girls  
in Dire Dawa





## Community Empowerment for Conflict Transformation in the South Omo Zone, SNNPR

### Objective

*Contribute towards conflict prevention, management, transformation and peaceful co-existence of the different ethnicities and tribes of the South Omo Zone, SNNPR*

### Results

- ✦ Zonal network of pastoral institutions established for strengthening peace-building and coordination efforts
- ✦ Institutional and technical capacity of woreda-level Pastoral Peace Committees in South Omo Zone improved
- ✦ Zone-wide system for regular information exchange for early warning and conflict management established
- ✦ Youth participation in conflict prevention and peace-building strengthened
- ✦ AEPDA's staff capacity increased for guiding, training mobilising and coordinating efforts of zonal and woreda stakeholders for conflict prevention and management





## ***Building Effective and Efficient Service Delivery in the Governance area in Amhara Regional State***

### **Objectives**

- Enhance good governance by strengthening the rule of law
- Enhance capacities of social court judges for improved quality of service
- Facilitate grounds for collaboration and networking amongst social court judges in the target region



### **Results**

- 1. Technical capacities of social court judges and kebele officials to understand their mandate, interpret and apply the law enhanced:  
5064 social court judges and  
3376 kebele officials from 68  
woredas and 1688 kebeles trained**
- 2. Organisational capacities of social courts in information management improved**
- 3. Collaboration and networking initiated and dialogue with government offices strengthened**





## Enhancing self-coordination & networking among CCRDA members & Promoting GO-NGO Partnership

### Objective

Foster a culture of inclusiveness and consultations in the various aspects of development coordination at all levels



### Achievements

- Compiled, published and disseminated 1,000 copies of updated CCRDA membership directory
- Documented and published a DVD with selected good practices of NGOs in promoting collaboration & networking
- Undertook study on compatibility of CSOs' Code of Conduct with CSO legislation; drafted certification manual and users' guide
- Organised GO-NGO policy dialogue workshops in a number of regions
- Supported regular activities of CCRDA regional platforms
- Technical capacity of members to participate in networking/coalition building, constituency building, leadership and NGO governance enhanced

*Together for a better future!*



## Strengthening alternative dispute resolution (ADR) through training, workshops and public education

### Objective

Foster access to justice for all segments of society in Ethiopia



### Results

- \*Training on mediation and arbitration skills provided for more than 400 participants from Arba Minch, Hawassa, Harer, Mekelle, Bahir Dar, Adama and Addis Ababa
- \*Awareness creation and consensus building workshop on the draft ADR law organised
- \*Consultation workshops held and awareness created for representatives of labour sector and insurance sector in Addis Ababa on the role of ADR and its benefits in resolving disputes
- \*Awareness creation enhanced through weekly radio program on ADR and weekly newspaper articles
- \*Annual journal on arbitral decisions published
- \*Roster of ADR professionals and rules on arbitration and mediation produced

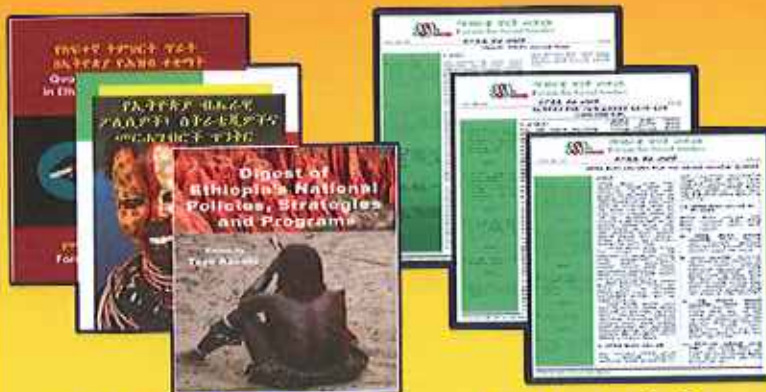




## Building FSS' Institutional Capacity for Enhanced Impact (03/2007-10/2009)

### Objective

To promote a transparent, accountable and democratic social order through the empowerment of citizens



**Book Publications**

**Policy Briefs**

### Achievements

- FSS' resource base has been strengthened
- Compilation and publication of policy briefs from FSS research outputs
- Preparation and publication of a policy digest
- Policy dialogue on quality of higher education



**Public Dialogue Forums**



## Establishing and strengthening a regional Community Action Network of Community- Based Institutions (CBIs) in Dire Dawa Region

### Objectives

- Empower communities and their institutions living in Dire Dawa region to engage in and benefit from development processes and governance structures that are responsive and accountable to them
- Strengthen social cohesion and build social capital at the grassroots level for enhancing good governance and the effectiveness of local development initiatives through establishing and strengthening a regional Community Action Network (DD-CAN) of CBIs in Dire Dawa



Dialogue Forum between CBIs and  
Government Officials on CBIs' Issues



Exposure visit to CBIs' Income  
Generating Activities (IGAs):  
Dairy Farm

### Results

- DD-CA established with board of trustees, mission, membership and governance structures
- CBIs in Dire Dawa become members and are actively engaged with and support DD-CA in the form of volunteering
- Critical common agendas have been taken up and are being addressed through well-planned and coordinated collective action
- CBIs have increased awareness on development issues and government policies and programs
- Increased government understanding of and support to DD-CA/CBIs and their work
- Interactive dialogue between DD-CA and member CBIs and government, particularly at kebele level, initiated and regularized
- CBIs' skills (in leadership, planning, project management, moderation, networking, and influencing) enhanced, greater sense of empowerment, and increased awareness of community issues

Capacity building  
training for CBIs



Exposure Visit to CBIs'  
IGAs: Gardening





## ORDA CSF-funded projects

### I. Empowering Women and Girls In Amhara Region (2009-2011)

#### Objective

Improve the participation of women in the political, economic and social life in 4 woredas of Amhara Regional State



#### Achievements

- Women's participation in public decision making processes increased
  - Targeted training for women legislators of Amhara regional and woreda councils
- Surveys conducted on
  - women's participation in the national election 2010
  - regional performance in implementing gender equality focused programmes
  - participatory vulnerability and capacity analysis
- 4 woreda and 90 kebele level Anti-HIV Committees established and strengthened
- 40 girls' Anti-HIV clubs in schools initiated and strengthened
- Appropriate system of birth registration introduced
- Reporting, monitoring and accountability mechanisms for cases of HIVs introduced

### II. Strengthening community capacity for natural resource conservation and tourism development in the Choke mountain area (2010-2011)

#### Objective

Foster active and effective participation of NSAs in decentralized planning and implementation of good environmental governance



#### Achievements

- Improved technical capacity of ORDA and local government bodies through trainings and experience sharing programs to coordinate and implement community-based environmental governance focused actions
- Improved institutional and leadership capacity of 12 Natural Resource Conservation and Tourism Development (NRCTD) Cooperatives
- Collective action of the NRCTD Cooperatives strengthened
- Linkages and interactions between NRCTD Cooperatives and other key actors (e.g. credit/fin. service providers, traders/factories) enhanced





**Strengthening networking and partnerships among CSOs in SNNPR for enhanced contribution to poverty alleviation and sustainable development**

**Objective**

**Advance active and effective participation of CSOs in SNNPR's development**

**Participants at Project Inception and Induction Meeting**



**Experience sharing visit to Oromia Region BoFED**

**Major Achievements**

- ⇒ **Strong sense of networking and partnership developed among CSOs as expressed by high turnout in meetings and interest to join RCCSGA**
- ⇒ **Consensus and unanimous endorsement of the formalisation of RCCSGA as a regional CSO network**
- ⇒ **Organisational capacity of 25 CSOs increased through material support, various capacity building services and trainings**
- ⇒ **Management toolkits developed for adaptation by members and other CSOs**
- ⇒ **Strong partnership, cooperation and trust developed between RCCSGA and GoE at regional level**
- ⇒ **RCCSGA elected as vice chair of the Hawassa City-based GO-NGO forum**
- ⇒ **Donors' recognition and increased interest to work with RCCSGA as a potential regional network of CSOs**



## **PROMOTING ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND GOVERNANCE AMONG DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATIONS AND CIVIL SOCIETY ACTORS IN SNNPR**

### **Objective**

**Advance active participation of Development Associations and civil society actors in SNNPR**



**Experience sharing at Amhara  
Development Association**



**Leadership & sustainable  
development training**

### **Results**

- ⇒ **Integration and networking among National Development Associations (NDAs) and their development partners in promoting and implementing development interventions strengthened**
- ⇒ **Capacities of NDAs to provide quality and diversified services to their constituencies improved**
- ⇒ **SEPDA and NDAs have improved governance and management systems**



## ***Women's Empowerment Project in Seven Woredas of Oromia Region***

### ***Objective***

***Advanced women's participation and decision making at all levels and their equal access to economic opportunities, educational facilities and health services in Ethiopia***



### ***Results***

- Community members of all ages acquired knowledge and information on women's rights
- Norms and standards of human rights were integrated into the customary laws and practices of local structures
- Women and girls started to report cases of gender-based violence to relevant government organs
- Dialogue with community elders on their mediation roles involving abduction and other abusive practices
- Best practices for CSO-Government collaboration for the protection of women's and girls' rights established



## ***Enhancing Good Governance, Networking and Constructive Dialogue Capacity amongst CSOs for Sustainable Development of Pastoral Communities in Ethiopia***

### ***Objective***

*Enhancing the institutional and organisational capacities and capabilities of Ethiopian NSA to become more efficient, cohesive and proactive partners in the development processes of the country*



### ***Results***

- *PFE's capacities strengthened through*
  - Undertaking PFE's Organizational Developmental Assessment (ODA)
  - Developing code of conduct and membership policy
  - 5 year strategic plan, including fund raising strategy
- *Capacity of PFE members increased through*
  - Pilot of community-based M&E system in two PFE members' operating areas, PWO and GFF
  - Training on good governance and participatory development approaches
- *Capacities of Regional Pastoral Councils strengthened through*
  - Human Resource and financial resource manual
  - Training on good governance and leadership for board members of Afar, Oromia and Somali Region
  - Experience sharing visit for 30 council members
- *Research on roles and contribution of CSOs/NGOs in pastoral development*

"We envision a better future"





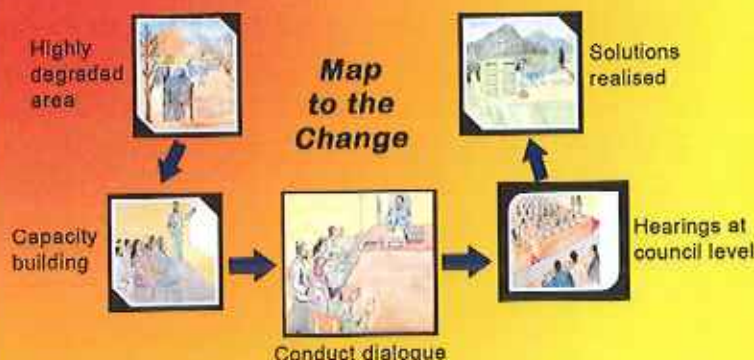


## Objective

**Ensure the creation and continuity of a democratic, accountable and inclusive local governance system**

## Results

- Local CSO mapping study in 18 woredas conducted & document published
- Training on project cycle management, strategic planning, dialogue, lobbying, advocacy and networking for target CSOs at regional level conducted and cascading of trainings at woreda level
- 18 woreda CSOs networks are established to coordinate local level efforts & facilitate representation
- Zonal Network of local CSOs in central zone established
  - CSOs in networks have started to think as an entity, identify community problems, develop action, and conduct dialogue with the local pertinent sectors & actors
- Woreda GO-CSO forums established
  - Relationships between the local government and CSOs strengthened and revitalized



Partners' meetings - Lobby and dialogue - Trainings - Field visits







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Benishangul Gumuz Development  
Associations Network (BGDAN)



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**Strengthening the capacity of  
Benishangul Gumuz development  
partnership and mobilizing members to  
promote sustainable development**

**Objective**

Foster collaborative efforts of state and non state actors in Benishangul Gumuz Regional State for sustainable development

**Achievements**

- BGDAN institutionalized and registered
- Has served as a central point for those wishing to communicate with the DAs, NGOs/CSOs, GOs & other stakeholders
- Promoted best practices, supported & strengthened each partner's organisational capacity
- Community and other stakeholders' commitment and capacity increased to contribute to the regional development
- Coordination and collaboration between government offices, NGOs/CSOs and stakeholders improved
- Demonstrated best practices of Regional NSAs attracted more support & new members





## Strengthening Non-State Actors In Emerging Regions



### Objective

To strengthen technical and organisational capacities of NSAs for effective programming and functioning in regional and local development

### Achievements

- Strengthening of NSAs in emerging regions through provision of trainings and assets according to their needs
- Regional NSA institutionalisation and networking initiatives
- Increased awareness on gender issues through campaigns for gender equality and against gender-based violence
- Research on government policy monitoring, peer learning and Appreciative Inquiry



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