



Final Evaluation Infographics of the European Union Support to Ethiopian Civil Society under the Civil Society Fund III Programme*

Background Information

Two components financing:

- 27 projects
- 1 Technical Assistance Unit

Duration:

2019 – 2023 (5 years)

Total Budget:

16M euros
(more information on the programme budget in Financing Agreement No. ET/FED/039-017)

Implementing Partners:

Lead agency:
International Consulting Expertise

Members: Intrac, FCG International, and Cideal.



CSO Sector Challenges



political tensions, instability, conflicts in northern regions



operational and financial limitations of the civil society organisations, not fully exploiting new operational space



need for adaptation of laws on the regional level



the spread of COVID-19 imposing additional operational limitations

Programme Objectives

Overall objective: To increase the contribution of citizens and CSOs in the development and democratisation process of the country.

Specific objective 1: Increased voice of CSOs (representing constituencies and citizens) in policy dialogue.

Specific objective 2: Enhanced roles of CSOs (representing constituencies and citizens) in the monitoring of policies.

Specific objective 3: Strengthened overall capacity of CSOs.



Key lessons learned:

- Building capacities of CSOs to influence policy is complex
- Strengthening the influence of civil society on the regional and federal levels needs to be addressed.
- It is important to use mixed approaches to capacity building rather than only training.
- More collaboration between donors and government bodies is needed to support long-term development, explore strategies for citizen engagement, and ensure sustainability of social action.
- To increase effectiveness, strengthening of civil society needs reinforcing all its components and actors, as well as the mechanisms linking them.

Key Findings



Programme aligned with Ethiopian developmental and governance reform policies.



Operational and advocacy capacities of civil society organisations strengthened.



Room for improving training methodologies, efficiency, sustainability, and policy influencing strategies.