



Environmental Rehabilitation in Southern Ethiopia

Summary

Country: Ethiopia

Locality: Lake Boyo Catchment, Southern Nations, Nationalities and People's Region (SNNPR)

Implementing organisation: SOS Sahel Ethiopia

Duration: 36 months

Start date: 1st April 2012

Planned end date: 31st March 2015

Total budget: £858,639

Funding: DFID £630,479; Band Aid £228,160

Project overview

Purpose: To reverse the process of ecological degradation and bring measurable improvements in the incomes and food security of target individuals and households in 4 key watershed districts of Southern Ethiopia. The direct beneficiaries are 32,000 households in four targeted districts (in particular, women and vulnerable households), and over 1,000,000 people living within the catchment will benefit indirectly from environmental improvements.

Outputs:

1. New systems of Farmer Led Integrated Watershed Management to enable environmental sustainability alongside agricultural productivity are established in 4 districts (weredas);

Activities:

- Production of catchment plans to assess risks and opportunities

- Establishment of catchment work groups and by-laws for natural resource use
 - Distribution of hand tools, grasses and seedlings
 - Development of sustainable land management practices (agro-forestry, gully protection, water harvesting, soil conservation, forage plots, woodlots)
2. Enhanced productivity of existing agricultural and livestock management systems in 4 districts (weredas);

Activities:

- Promotion of sustainable livestock management techniques
 - Introduction of new cultivation regimes and practices
 - Support to agricultural cooperatives
 - Development of small scale irrigation opportunities.
3. Improved livelihood diversification opportunities for women in 32,000 households;

Activities:

- Establishment of a revolving fund for small animal credit for women
 - Identification of viable small enterprises and potential for value chain development; training in business and financial skills
 - Support to new enterprises (women's and youth groups) eg. through revolving funds.
4. Local institutions (government and community-based) are operating effectively and responding to members' needs, with specific improvements in women's access to services.

Activities:

- Capacity building for local institutions and beneficiaries
- Support for district technicians.

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