



“Early recovery and resilience building of flood-affected communities”

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Target areas: Amhara and Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples’ Regions.



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Objective: To improve household food and nutrition security and help drought and flood-affected smallholder farmers rebuild their livelihoods and build resilience against future shocks.

Key partners: National-, regional- and *woreda*-level Government counterparts.

Beneficiaries reached: 2 400 households through flood mitigation and rehabilitation works, and 675 potential school dropouts through school feeding programme and support to diversified livelihoods.

- Activities implemented:**
- Facilitated the mapping of flood-prone areas of Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples’ Region, focusing on three clusters (Hossaina, Wolaita and South Omo Zones).
 - Helped develop flood mitigation strategies for the clusters.
 - Supported catchment area rehabilitation, including area closure and support to highland fruit tree production through improved soil and water conservation.
 - Trained 160 people (*kebele* leaders, flood-affected farmers, watershed management committee members, etc.) on implementing flood mitigation measures.
 - Supplied 310 tools (spades, hoes, pickaxes, etc.) for flood mitigation and watershed rehabilitation activities.
 - Provided technical support to ongoing school feeding programmes in three *woredas* on proper hygiene and sanitation, kitchen management and menu preparation.
 - Distributed 129 cows, 325 sheep, 60 goats and 400 chickens, along with forage and grass for feed, to 247 households to improve production for a school feeding programme.

- Results:**
- Contributed to enhancing food availability among vulnerable households (e.g. the 129 cows distributed can provide an average of 200 ml of milk per day for a child).
 - Helped improve the diets of 675 potential school dropouts (256 female and 419 male).
 - 5 300 ha of farmland in upper catchment areas were rehabilitated and 1 488 ha protected against future flooding.
 - Facilitated future preparedness and response planning on the part of the Government and development partners by mapping flood-prone areas.
 - Provided key recommendations for short- and long-term actions to improve flood prevention and mitigation in project areas.