

Ethiopia COUNTRY PROGRAMME EVALUATION

Draft Concept Note on the National Round-table Workshop

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 5 November 2015

A. CONTEXT

1. The Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD (IOE) conducted the second Country Programme Evaluation (CPE) in Ethiopia in 2015. In line with the IFAD Evaluation Policy, a national round-table workshop is held at the end of each CPE. In this regard and in consultation with IFAD's East and Southern Africa Division, the Ethiopia CPE national round-table workshop will be co-organized by the Government of Ethiopia (Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources) and IOE.

B. OBJECTIVES

2. The objectives of the Ethiopia CPE national round-table workshop are to: (i) discuss the main issues emerging from the Ethiopia CPE; (ii) provide inputs for the preparation of the evaluation's Agreement at Completion Point (ACP); and (iii) provide an opportunity for reflecting on key issues for the forthcoming Ethiopia Country Strategic Opportunities Programme (COSOP).

3. The ACP is a short document summarizing the main CPE findings and recommendations, which the Government of Ethiopia (represented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources) and IFAD (represented by the Programme Management Department) agree to adopt and implement within specific timeframes. IOE's role is to facilitate the preparation and finalization of the ACP, which will be included in the final Ethiopia CPE report.

4. The workshop will entail the participation of representatives from the Government of Ethiopia, IFAD Management and Staff, NGOs and civil society organizations, directors of IFAD-funded projects and programmes, academics and research institutions, donors and selected resource persons. A provisional list of participants is contained in section C of this concept note.

5. In addition to participating in the workshop, the IFAD delegation will conduct a field trip to the region around Kombolcha to visit the Participatory Small scale Irrigation Development Programme (PASIDP) and to Afar to the Pastoral Community Development Project (PCDP). This will offer the IFAD delegation an opportunity to directly hold discussions with beneficiaries and their groups, project staff, district-level government authorities and others, as well as see project activities on the ground.

C. Ethiopia CPE NATIONAL ROUNDTABLE WORKSHOP

6. **Place and timing.** The full day workshop will take place in Addis Ababa on 5 November 2015 at the UN Economic Commission for Africa.

7. **Workshop invitations and documentation.** Invitations will be sent to all participants jointly by IOE and the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The final report, profile and insight on the Ethiopia CPE will be shared with all participants, as background documentation for the workshop. In addition, a power point presentation will be delivered during the workshop on the key findings and lessons from the Ethiopia CPE, in order to guide the discussions at the event.

8. **Key themes of the workshop.** The workshop will focus on three themes emerging from the Ethiopia CPE, as summarised in the below box.

Theme 1: The opportunities and challenges for IFAD to further enhance its non-lending activities (knowledge management, policy dialogue, use of grants) in support of enhancing its performance and rural transformation in the country.

Theme 2: The role and priorities of IFAD (e.g. in terms of thematic coverage) in Ethiopia.

Theme 3: Beyond RUFIP: Building a sustainable rural finance system.

9. **List of participants.** The workshop will entail the participation of representatives from the Government of Ethiopia, IFAD Management and staff (including IOE), multilateral and bilateral development organizations, project management staff of IFAD-funded projects and programmes covered by the CPE, academics and research institutions, private sector and foundations, non-governmental organizations, and selected resource persons. The provisional list of participants and/or institutions is presented in appendix 2 of this concept note.

10. **Workshop process.** The workshop's provisional agenda (see appendix 1) has been designed to allow for ample opportunity to exchange views and perspectives among participants and panel members throughout the event.

11. The workshop will be chaired by H.E. Ms Firenesh Mekuria, State Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources. In the opening session of the workshop, Mr Oscar A. Garcia (Director IOE) will deliver an introductory statement, which will be followed by a statement by Mr Sana Jatta, Director East and Southern Africa Division of IFAD. Thereafter, Mr Samuel Nigussie, Director General, Equitable Development, Ministry of Federal Affairs and Pastoral Area Development will inaugurate the workshop by making statements on behalf of the Government of Ethiopia.

12. Subsequently, Mr Pradeep Itty, Lead Evaluator of IOE will present the main findings and recommendations from the Ethiopia CPE, followed by a question and answer session. The morning session will conclude with an introduction to the workshop's three working groups (which will convene in the afternoon). Each group will consider one of the three themes presented above (see paragraph 6). The facilitator for each working group will be identified prior to the workshop and the groups will nominate a rapporteur.

13. After lunch, the working groups will convene and start their discussions. After the working groups have completed their discussions, the plenary will re-convened to hear the feedback from each working group. Each group will prepare a short presentation for delivery to the plenary, followed by an open discussion facilitated by the workshop chairperson.

14. Following the plenary session, Mr Sana Jatta, Director of IFAD East and Southern Africa Division and Mr Han Ulaş Demirag, IFAD Country Director for Ethiopia, will share their reflections on the future directions and timelines for preparing the new IFAD-Ethiopia country strategy.

15. The workshop's salient conclusions will be set forth in a closing statement to be delivered by a senior representative of the Government of Ethiopia, covering the key points arising from both the plenary and working group discussions.

D. Communication

16. In order to highlight some of the strategic issues raised by the CPE and discussed during the workshop, appropriate communication will be organized. This will include the following activities:

- IOE will prepare a Profile and Insight containing information on key issues emerging from the evaluation. A profile is a 2 page brochure summarising the main findings and recommendations from the Ethiopia CPE, whereas the insight will focus on one key lesson from the evaluation that merits wider debate among policy makers and development practitioners.
- IOE will issue a press release on the Ethiopia CPE and workshop. The press release will be issued on 5 November 2015. The press release will be posted on the IFAD corporate website, and the websites of the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources and of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Cooperation.
- Invitation to the workshop to daily newspapers, radio and TV.
- Bilateral interviews by selected members of IFAD's delegation with the Ethiopian press.

17. Ms Valeria Cerza will be IOE's focal point for communication and media coverage, who will closely collaborate with the IFAD Communication Division, the IFAD Country Office in Ethiopia, and the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

E. FIELD VISIT

18. In addition to participating in the workshop, the IFAD delegation from Rome will undertake a field visit from 2-4 November 2015 to observe activities supported by the IFAD-funded Participatory Small scale Irrigation Development Programme (PASIDP) and the Pastoral Community Development Project (PCDP). This visit will offer the IFAD delegation an opportunity to directly hold discussions with beneficiaries and their groups, project staff, state government officials and others, as well as to see project activities on the ground. After the field visit, the IFAD delegation will travel to Addis Ababa in the morning of 4 November to prepare for the CPE workshop (IOE) and to hold discussions with the Government of Ethiopia (ESA/PMD).

Provisional Agenda

Ethiopia Country Programme Evaluation (CPE)

National Round-table Workshop, Addis Ababa, 5 November 2015

Workshop Chairperson: H.E Ms Firenesh Mekuria, State Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources

- 09:00 Registration for participants
- 09:30 Opening remarks by workshop chairperson, Ms Firenesh Mekuria, State Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources
- 09:45 Statement by Mr Oscar A. Garcia, Director, Independent office of Evaluation (IOE) of IFAD
- 09:55 Statement by Mr Sana Jatta, Director East and Southern Africa Division, IFAD
- 10:05 Keynote address by, Mr Samuel Nigussie, Director General, Equitable Development, Ministry of Federal Affairs and Pastoral Area Development
- 10:15 *Group Photo*
Coffee Break
- 10:45 PowerPoint presentation on the findings and recommendations of the Ethiopia country programme evaluation by Mr Pradeep Itty, Lead Evaluator, IOE
- 11:20 Plenary Discussion: Questions and answers
- 12:20 Overview on the organization of the three working groups Mr Pradeep Itty, Lead Evaluator, IOE
- 12:30 *Lunch for all participants*
- 14:00 Break out into three working groups. Each group to consider one of the workshop themes.
- 15:15 *Coffee break*
- 15:30 Plenary reconvened: feedback from working groups and discussions facilitated by workshop chairperson
- 16:30 Reflections on the future directions and timelines for the preparation of the forthcoming IFAD-Ethiopia country strategy by Mr Sana Jatta, Director, IFAD's East and Southern Africa Division and Mr Han Ulaç Demirag, IFAD Country Director for Ethiopia
- 17:00 Closing Statement by Mr Oscar A. Garcia, Director, Independent office of Evaluation (IOE) of IFAD
- 17:15 Closing statement to be delivered by a senior official from the Government of Ethiopia

Ethiopia CPE National Round-table Workshop

List of Participants

Participants¹

I. Government of Ethiopia

A. Ministries/government institutions (Provisional list, please note that the new Government will be nominated today)

1. Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources
 - H.E Ms Firenesh Mekuria, State Minister
 - Mr Tefera Tadesse, Director, Natural resource Department
 - Mr Habtamu Hailu, Sustainable Land Management Program Coordinator
 - Dr Kifle Argaw, National Programme Coordinator, Drought Resilience Sustainable Livelihood Program
 - Mr Mulunch Woldemasan, Acting director, Disaster Risk Management and Food Security Sector
2. Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
 - H.E. Ato Seleshi Getahun, Minister
3. Ministry of Finance and Economic Cooperation
 - H.E. Ato. Abdul-Aziz Mohammed, Minister
 - Mr Fisseha Abera, Director, International finance cooperation
4. Ministry of Federal Affairs and Pastoral Area Development
 - H.E. Ato Kassa Tekleberhan, Minister
 - H.E Ato Mulugeta Wuletaw, State Minister
 - Mr Samuel Nigussie, Director General, Equitable Development, Ministry of Federal Affairs and Pastoral Area Development \
 - Mr Faji Gebresellasie, Senior Officer, Rural Livelihood Programme
5. Ministry of Trade
 - H.E. Ato Yakob Yala, Minister
6. Dr. Yinager Dessie, Commissioner, Central National Planning Commission
7. Mr. Khalid Bomba, Chief Executive Officer, Agriculture Transformation Agency (ATA)
8. Ms Laketch Mikael, Senior Director of Crosscutting Initiatives, ATA
9. Mr Habe Kirstose Head, Natural resources and Agricultural Statistics Department, Central Statistical Agency (CSA)
10. Mr Dejene Abesha Haile, Secretariat Coordinator, Rural Economic Development and Food Security Sector (RED&FS)

B. Directors of IFAD-financed projects

11. Mr Bahiru Haile, Rural Financial Intermediation Programme II (RUFIP II) Project Coordinator
12. Mr Seid Omer, Pastoral Community Development Project II and III (PCDP), Project Coordinator
13. Mr Habtamu Hailu, Sustainable Land Management Program Coordinator,
14. Mr Jemal Aliye, Participatory Small-scale Irrigation Development Programme (PASIDP) Project Coordinator

¹ The list of participants is provisional and subject to changes as appropriate

15. Mr Markos Wondie, Community-Based Integrated Natural Resources Management Project (CBINReMP) Project Coordinator
16. Mr Woleleaw Sendeku, Agriculture Marketing Infrastructure Programme (AMIP) Project Coordinator

II. Heads of office/Country director/country representative/heads of rural development units of bi-lateral and multilateral organizations in Addis Ababa

17. African Development Bank (AfDB)
18. Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)
19. United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)
20. United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
21. UN Resident Coordinator
22. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
23. UN Women
24. United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
25. World Bank (WB)
26. World Food Programme (WFP)
27. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
28. DFID
29. EU
30. Canada-Ethio-Canadian Cooperation Office (ECCO)
31. Italian Development Cooperation (IDC)
32. Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)
33. Irish Aid
34. Irish league
35. Norway
36. Sweden
37. GIZ
38. JICA
39. SDC

III. Research, Extension and academic institutions

40. Agriculture Knowledge, Learning, Documentation Policy Project (AKLDP), Tufts university
41. Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research (EIAR)
42. Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI)
43. Ethiopian Evaluation Association (EEvA)
44. Ethiopian Seed Enterprise (ESE)
45. Addis Ababa University
46. International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
47. International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)
48. International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Area (ICARDA)
49. International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid-Tropics (ICRISAT)
50. International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT)

IV. National financial institutions, private sector and NGOs

51. Mr Usman Surur, General Director, Federal Cooperative Agency (FCA)
52. Mr Berhanu Dufera, Director, Financial Cooperative Development, (FCA)
53. Dr Wolday Amha, Executive Director, Association of Ethiopian Microfinance Institutions (AEMFI)
54. Mr Frezer Ayalew, Acting Director, MFI and Lease Regulatory, National Bank of Ethiopia (NBE)

- 55. Development Bank of Ethiopia (DBE)
- 56. Mr Aseffa Yoseph, Chief Technical Advisor, Microinsurance International Labour Organization (ILO)
- 57. Busa Gonofa, Microfinance Company
- 58. Mr John Graham, Country Director, Save the Children
- 59. Mr Tezera Getahun, Director, Pastoralist Forum of Ethiopia
- 60. Mr Ayman Omar, Country Director, Oxfam
- 61. Mr Michelle Winthrop, Director of Programmes, Farm Africa
- 62. Oxfam America Water Program
- 63. Consortium of Christian Relief and Development Association (CCRDA)
- 64. NGO Trocaire
- 65. Self helps
- 66. Send a Cow

V. IFAD

A. IFAD staff (Headquarters)

- 67. Mr Oscar A. Garcia, Director, Independent Office of Evaluation (IOE)
- 68. Mr Sana Jatta, Director East and Southern Africa Division (ESA)
- 69. Mr Pradeep Itty, Lead Evaluator, IOE
- 70. Mr Henrik Franklin, Portfolio Advisor, ESA
- 71. Ms Rosa Valeria Cerza, Evaluation Research analyst, IOE
- 72. Ms Chabana Bagas, Evaluation Administrative Assistant, IOE
- 73. Mr Guido Rutten, Technical Analyst, Environment and Climate Division

B. IFAD Ethiopia Country Office

- 74. Mr Han Ulaç Demirag, Country Director Ethiopia
- 75. Mr. Robson Mutandi, former Country Director for Ethiopia and now Country Director for Mozambique
- 76. Mr Dagmawi Habte-Selassie, Programme and Partnership Officer
- 77. Mr Dagim Kassahun, Country Programme Assistant

C. Ethiopia CPE consultants

- 78. Mr Inder Sud, Senior consultant
- 79. Mr Hussein Bekele, Development and Agriculture Specialist
- 80. Ms Honey Hassen Mohammed Gender and Pastoral Specialist
- 81. Mr Bejital Berhanu, Natural Resources Management Advisor
- 82. Mr Hussien Aman, Irrigation Specialist