

An approach for smallholder market oriented agricultural development

Challenges and opportunities

- Food insecurity and subsistence based farming remain major challenges for more than 80% of Ethiopia's rural population
- Livestock and irrigated agriculture produce high value commodities with huge untapped potential and promise to transform smallholders from subsistence to market oriented farming

The LIVES approach-market oriented agricultural development



Selected outputs and outcomes to date

- Carried out capacity development training workshops on basic business skills, value chain development, gender mainstreaming and knowledge management for about 900 value chain actors in the project sites
- Supported tuition fees of 80 public sector staff to pursue their MSc/BSc education in national universities
- Established and operationalized 36 agricultural knowledge centers at district and zone levels
- Developed and operationalized project website
- Published 101 blog stories on different commodity value chains and institutional interventions
- Took part in about 120 events to promote LIVES project approaches and interventions at national, regional, zonal and district levels
- Produced a working paper on 'Butter Value Chain in Ethiopia'
- Produced conference proceedings on project approaches and ongoing interventions
- Collected baseline data from 5000 households
- Supported 24 student theses research projects

Table: Number of Peasant Associations in which value chain interventions have been introduced

Region	Livestock value chains only	Irrigated Crops value chains only	Both Livestock & Irrigated value chains	Total
Amhara	21	9	30	60
Tigray	29	5	17	51
SNNP	8	11	31	50
Oromia	38	9	28	75
Total	96	34	106	236

