

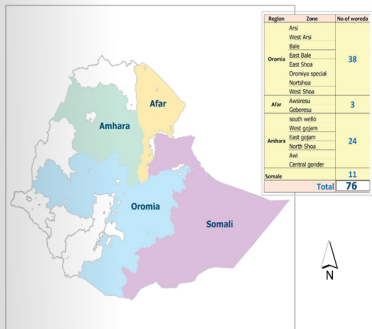
Ethiopia Climate Resilience Wheat Value Chain Development (CREW) Project

Project Description

The project intervention areas are four regions in the country, namely Oromiya, Amhara, Afar, and Somali regions. The project will be implemented in 76 Woredas/Districts of the above-mentioned regions. Amhara and Oromia regions are the largest highland wheat producing areas of the country while Afar and Somali regions have great potential for lowland irrigated wheat. The four regions produce approximately 3.8 million tons of wheat with 82% under rainfed and 18% under irrigation.

A total of 500,000 smallholder households or 2,300,000 people will be benefited from the project out of which 50% are women. These will include 15% of women headed households (representing 75,000 households with 345 000 people). The project development objective is to improve wheat productivity and production thereby increasing the incomes of small-scale wheat farmers in Ethiopia.

Project Target Areas



Project Development Objective (PDO):

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Project cost and Source of Fund

The total cost of the project USD 94.30 million granted by Africa Development Bank (AfDB), Government of the Netherlands, OCP Africa, Global Center for Adaptation (GCA), and Government Counterpart Contribution.

Project Duration

The Project will be implemented for five-year period .

Project Components and sub components

The Project consists of three components:

- Component I:** Climate Smart Wheat Productivity and Production;
- Component II:** Market Infrastructure, Linkages, and Agri-Finance; and
- Component III:** Project Coordination and Management.

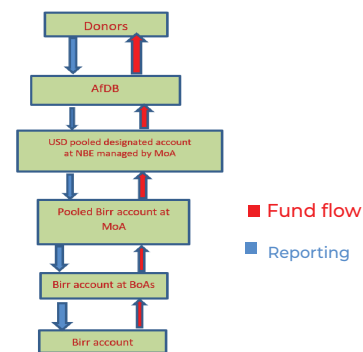
Implementation Approach

The project follows the involvement of various actors across the value chain. The project gives various actors and stakeholders control over development resources and decision-making powers.

Implementation Coordination

The overall institutional model consists of a project coordination unit (PCU) established within the MoA and regional bureaus which shall closely coordinate project implementation. The coordination and implementation of the project will rely on the existing government structure at federal, regional, wereda and kebele levels by establishing project steering committee and technical committee at federal, region, and wereda.

Financial Management



The project financial management will be in accordance with government of Ethiopia financial and accounting rules and regulations and the donor's financial management policies and procedures

Summary of Components, Subcomponents of the project

Components	Sub components
1. Climate Smart Wheat Productivity and Production	Facilitate Access to Seeds for Small-scale Farmers.
	Soil Health and Fertility Management
	Rehabilitation, Development and Management of Irrigation Schemes
	Sustainable Farm Mechanization
	Extension and Climate Advisory Services
2. Market Infrastructure, Linkages, and Agri-Finance	Market Infrastructure
	Market Linkage Interventions
	Access to Agri-Finance
3. Project Coordination and Management	

Market Infrastructure, Linkages, and Agri-Finance

The project aims to increase wheat productivity and production in Ethiopia. To achieve this, it will facilitate access to seeds for small-scale farmers, promote soil health and fertility management, rehabilitate and develop irrigation schemes, and promote sustainable farm mechanization. The project will also support research and development, capacity building, and training for farmers and extension agents.

The project will focus on improving market infrastructure, linking farmers to markets, and providing access to agri-finance. This will involve assessing and mapping wheat marketing systems, constructing warehouses and storage infrastructure, and establishing a digitally enabled market information system. The project will also promote market linkages through contract farming, warehouse receipt systems, and agro-processing corridors. Additionally, it will provide access to agri-finance through commodity collateralized financing, financial risk-sharing mechanisms, and capacity building for financial institutions.

Project Coordination and Management

The project will be coordinated and managed through a range of activities, including monitoring and evaluation, communication and knowledge management, partnership development, resource mobilization, staff recruitment, and institutional capacity building. The project will also implement fiduciary aspects such as procurement and financial management. The goal of the project is to increase wheat productivity and production in Ethiopia while promoting sustainable agriculture practices and improving market linkages.

Project Impact and Beneficiaries



Wheat Production

The project aims to improve wheat productivity and production, benefiting smallholder



Women Empowerment

50% of the project beneficiaries will be women, including 15% women-headed households



Climate Resilience

The project's climate-smart interventions will enhance the resilience of smallholder wheat farmers to the impacts of climate change.

Environmental and Social Risk Management

The implementation of CREW will take cognizant of the government of Ethiopia and donors policies and procedures on environmental and social risk management (ESRM).

The objective of ESRM is to ensure that all sub projects and interventions of CREW are environmentally and socially sound and sustainable.

Under the environmental and social safeguard policy of the donors, the associated environmental and social risks or impacts of CREW will be evaluated and appropriate mitigation measures will be designed as per the environmental and social risk rating of sub projects to properly manage project risks.

Safeguard instruments including ESMPs (environmental and social management plans) will be prepared and implemented as appropriate based on the risk levels of sub project interventions.



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