

PURPOSE

- Implement **Participatory Forest Management (PFM)** in forests, and thereby forest coffee in four forests in Oromia and SNNPR), a functional, sustainable natural resource management system.

- Create sustainable livelihoods through wild coffee growing for local communities, improving coffee quantity and quality, providing incentives to protect forest resources, generating more income by adding value to the coffee and through improved market links.

- Consider gender roles, give specific training accordingly and strengthen women's role through positive discrimination to ensure the inclusion of women in different training and activities; special needs for illiterate people (PFM plans).

TARGET GROUP

7,500 farmers (4,250 in Oromia and 3,250 in SNNPR) and their families (total: around 45,000 people).

The project targets poor communities relying on forest resources for their livelihoods and marginalized indigenous people (such as the Menja in SNNPR).

Before the project start-up, the target group was already involved in coffee growing.

The project will work with 60 Forest Management Groups (FMGs), living in the forest areas of the Oromia region and SNNPR (total area: 300,000 ha).

PROMOTING WILD FOREST COFFEE AS A SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD

ETHIOPIA - approved by the Efico Fund on 08/12/2010

Location

SNNPR (Southern Nations, Nationalities and People's Region) and Oromia region

Description

Promotion of wild forest coffee -proven to be a quality, high-in-demand specialized market product-, as sustainable livelihood for forest communities in Oromia and SNNPR.

Project Budget

Total budget: € 245 243

Efico Fund contribution: € 20 000

Project Duration

January 2011 to December 2012

PARTNERS

FARM-Africa

Food & Agricultural Research Management Ltd
www.farmafrica.org.uk

- English NGO and project applicant
- Aims to reduce poverty by enabling marginal African farmers and herders to make sustainable improvements to their well-being through more effective management of their renewable natural resources.
- Lead agency in SNNPR

SOS Sahel Ethiopia

www.sahel.org.uk/ethiopia.html

- Ethiopian NGO and project partner
- Improve living conditions of smallholder farmers and marginalized pastoralists through better management of their environment and improved access to fair and sustainable agricultural markets.
- Lead agency in Oromia

Involvement of Regional State Governments of Ethiopia

Franke Coffee Systems

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EXPECTED RESULTS

- 1) Forest coffee produced according to better environmental management, preserving biodiversity: Participatory Forest Management (PFM) plans (at least 200,000 ha in Oromia and 100,000 ha in SNNPR).
- 2) Outline activities for optimum forest management in coffee production and biodiversity conservation.
- 3) 30 viable forest coffee business enterprises (17 in Oromia/13 in SNNPR), enabling coffee farmers to gain a sustainable income.
- 4) Improved quality and better market links will give farmers access to higher prices on domestic and international market; specialist coffee buyers will pay better prices than local prices for their premium coffee.
- 5) Improved access to financial services; 30 Village Savings and Loan Associations, each with 20 members per group; microgrants will also be provided to support viable business plans (raising coffee drying beds); this will be assessed on feasibility, viability and sustainability criteria.

PARTICIPATORY FOREST MANAGEMENT IN ETHIOPIA

