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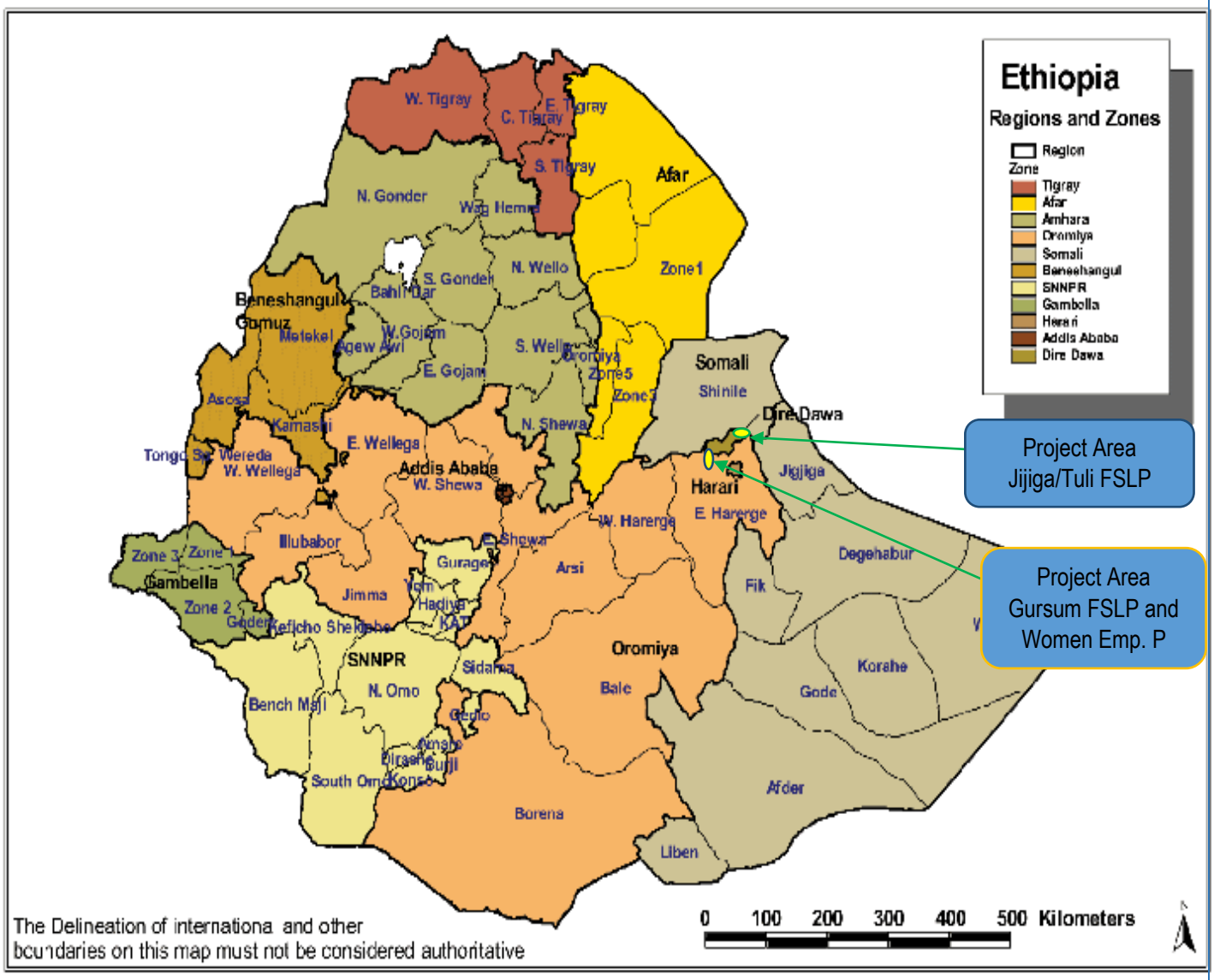
LWF-ETHIOPIA VISITOR'S BRIEF

(JIJIGA REGIONAL COORDINATION OFFICE)

MAP OF ETHIOPIA AND LOCATION OF PROJECT AREA



BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF THE PROJECT AREA

The Jijiga Regional Coordination Office (RCO) is located in the Eastern part of the country and contains three development projects namely Jijiga Food security Project, Gursum Food security Project and Gursum Women Empowerment Project. Jijiga and Gursum woredas are among the food insecure woredas of the country which have also been affected by the current El Niño episode in the country.

Majority of the population in Jijiga woreda are agro-pastoralists who mix animal husbandry with farming whereas the lion share of the people in Gursum are highlanders and agrarian.

VISITOR'S BRIEF DETAILS

Full Name of visitor:	Mr. Bjarni Gíslason, Icelandic Church Aid Ms Kristin Olafsdottir, Icelandic Church Aid
Organization/Country:	Icelandic Church Aid, Iceland
Duration of stay:	From May 22 to 24, 2016

PROJECT DETAILS

Project title:	**Jigjiga Food Security and Livelihood Project (JFS&LP)**
Project No:	03- 4232
Project location: **(Community, district, zone, regional State):**	Eight Kebeles, Jigjiga and Tulu Gulade Woredas, Fafan Zone, Somali National Regional State
Project period:	January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2017
Funding partners:	Icelandic Church Aid (ICA)
Distance from ADD:	Jijiga woreda is located 625 km easterly direction from of the capital, Addis Ababa
GPS coordinates:	$9^0$35'68" N and $42^0$79'55"E
Climate:	Average Daily Temperature, 26^0c – 27^0c and Rainfall, 500mm –700mm
Elevation:	1655 m.a.s.l
Total Population (Jigjiga district):	The total population of Jijiga and Tulu Guled woredas is 276,816 people, of which 151,232 people live in the rural areas. Women account for 46.2% of the total population.
LWF ET's reach in 2014-2017 (plan):	A total of 34,710 people (16,336 female and 18,374 male) in the eight target kebeles

EXPECTED RESULTS:

Result 1. Improved food security and livelihood status of the target communities through increased agricultural production and productivity and soil and water conservation

Result 2: Improved health status through increasing access to potable water

Result 3: Improved participation of women in the target kebeles through empowerment and increased access to resources and opportunities

SUMMARY OF RESULTS/OUTCOMES (2015):

- 50 quintals of improved maize seed was purchased from Haramya University and distributed to 400 farmers (360 male and 40 female) on revolving fund bases at a rate of 12.5kg per 0.5 ha

  7 quintals of improved haricot beans purchased from Harmaya University and distribution to 350 farmers (300 male & 50 female) for intercropping with the main crop

- 240 red island poultry breed (2 pullets and 1 cock each) purchased and distributed to 80 women selected from four intervention kebeles. The poultry bread are currently adapting well to the new environment

- 1 nursery site established at one project kebele and started production of various tree, fruit and forage seedlings

- 32,000 different, trees (20,000), fruit (10,000) and forage (2000) seedlings are raised & nurtured under nursery shade. The seedlings are currently in a good growth condition

  240 people (110 male & 130 female) received training in water sanitation and hygiene in two sessions
- 1 birka constructed & 200 households or 1400 people (680 male and 720 female) and 480 animals have got access to potable water in their residence areas

- 1 hand dug well-constructed and a total of 1750 people (940 male & 810 female) and 320 animals have got access to potable water in their residence areas

- 5 women groups comprising 106 women organized at five intervention kebeles (1 group/kebele) so as to get access to loan in the next month

Project title:	**Gursum Food Security and Livelihood Project**
Project No:	03- 4708
Project location:	Six Kebeles, Gursum **(Community, district, zone, regional State):** Woreda, East Hararghe Zone, Oromia National Regional State
Project period:	January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2017
Funding partners:	BftW/Protestant Agency for Diakonia and Development (PADD) and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)
Distance from ADD:	Gursum woreda is located at 600 km in an easterly direction from the capital, Addis Ababa
GPS coordinates:	$9^0$35'68''' N and $42^0$79'55'''E
Climate:	Average Daily Temperature, 15^0c – 20^0c Rainfall, 1187mm
Elevation:	1200 - 2950 m.a.s.l
Total Population (Gursum district):	The total population of Gursum woreda is 227,170, of which 51% are female. Of the total population, 93 percent live in the rural kebeles.
LWF ET's reach in 2015-17 (plan):	A total of 20,714 people (10,564 female and 10,150 male) in the six target kebeles.
Security:	Currently the security condition is safe and stable around Jijiga and Gursum woredas
Accommodation:	Hamda Hotel in Jigjiga Town, Telephone; +251-257754678
Vehicle plate number:	35-3825
Assigned driver:	Anteneh Tadesse (M)
Staff:	**Total:** 25 (20 M, 5 F) **03-4232:** 12 (10 M, 2 F) **03-4708:** 13 (10 M, 3 F) **03-4238** under recruitment

EXPECTED RESULTS:

Result 1: Improved agricultural production and productivity among all the beneficiary communities of the six target kebeles in Gursum District on a sustainable basis

Result 2: Improved natural resources conservation and management through adoption of viable biological and physical measures as well as better practices in resource management

Result 3: Small holder farmers' income enhanced through improved access and linkages to market outlets

Result 4: Increased access to potable water supply for human consumption

Result 5: Enhanced women's empowerment and participation in development and reduced prevalence of HTPs among the rural community

SUMMARY OF RESULTS/OUTCOMES (2015):

- 100 farmers (39 F & 61 M) trained in horticultural and cereal crop production and management practices with practical demonstration for four days
- 6 male CAHWs selected from six intervention kebeles trained for 20 days to improve vet services in the intervention kebeles
- 1 nursery site established at Beyio negayia kebele and 130,000 tree and fruit seedlings raised.46 hectares of degraded and marginalized hilly areas in Bilisuma and Goba kebeles have been selected, delineated and enclosed from any encroachment for rehabilitation
- To enhance soil and water conservation, 486 m^3 of cut of drain, 470 m^3 of check dams and 22 km of level soil bund constructed on non-productive bare communal lands in three intervention kebeles
- 16 farmers (10 F & 6 M) selected from four intervention kebeles trained in fuel saving stove production practices for five days to reduce deforestation of trees and bushes
- One gravity-fed spring with one water point & one cattle trough constructed in Beyio Negayia kebele. Consequently, a total of 150 households (25 F & 130 M) and 200 animals got access to potable water supply
- One hand dug well constructed in one kebele. As a result, 260 households or 1248 people (636 M & 612 F) and 300 animals got access to potable water in their residence areas
- Excavation of one birka is currently on progress at Goba kebele
- 18 women leaders selected from three women groups were trained in small business planning and management for three days

Project Title:	**Gursum Women Empowerment Project (GWEP)**
Project No:	03-4238
Project location (Community, district, zone, regional State):	Three Kebeles, Gursum Woreda, East Hararghe Zone, Oromia National Regional State
Project period:	January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016
Funding partners:	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)
LWF ET's reach in 2016 (plan):	600 women and their immediate families estimated to be 2,940 (51% women) in the three targeted kebeles. In addition, 300 women are expected to indirectly benefit from the project.

EXPECTED RESULTS AND MAJOR ACTIVITIES PLANNED:

Result 1: Women in the area are socially and economically empowered with increased access to productive resources, and active participation in the household and community affairs

- 600 poor women will be organized into 30 women-self-help groups and assisted draft their bylaws and start saving
- 90 women will be trained on management and group dynamics
- 150 women trained in alternative income generation activities and rural entrepreneurship
- 30 women self-help groups assisted to start internal loaning through enriching their saving with seed money
- 300 women trained on animal husbandry; and given sheep/goat and improved chickens on revolving basis
- 60 women assisted to start homestead vegetable gardening
- 100 women introduced to solar lanterns on a cost sharing basis
- 250 women will be trained on how to construct and use fuel efficient stoves

Result 2: Increased capacity of local communities in fighting harmful traditional practices against women and girls

- 45 (25% women) community leaders will be trained on harmful traditional practices
- Use public events and forums to disseminate messages against harmful traditional practices;
- 30 local government staff (30% women) trained on gender and empowerment;
- LWF Ethiopia work closely with schools in the project area to foster girl's education (girls clubs, encouraging good performing girl's, assisting girls who economic reason drop out from schools etc., making school facilities suitable for girls)

RESULTS /OUTCOMES TO-DATE:

The project is new and it is at its initial stage, so no major progress achieved against indicators, but the major activities accomplished up to May12, 2016 include the following:

- Operational project agreement signing with the government
- Employee recruitment is under process
- Annual work plan and procurement plan prepared
- Launching workshop has been conducted and the project was introduced to the target community representatives, zonal and district government sector offices.

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