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Here attached year 2013 progress report of the project entitled: **Mainstreaming Agro-biodiversity Conservation into the Agricultural Production Systems of Ethiopia.**

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**MAINSTREAMING AGRO-BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION
INTO THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION SYSTEM OF
ETHIOPIA**

**YEAR 2013 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT
(JANUARY- DECEMBER, 2013)**



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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Given the significant current and future roles of the agricultural sector in Ethiopia, a vibrant biodiversity conservation in general and agro-biodiversity conservation in particular and its sustainable use is an essential enabler to continue livelihood. Based on these perspectives, the project Mainstreaming Agro-biodiversity Conservation into the Agricultural Production Systems of Ethiopia came into practice by focusing on four major crops which are indigenous to the country and important for food security and economic development. The country is particularly well known for these four crops: wild *Arabica* coffee, enset, durum wheat and tef. Despite their importance, these Ethiopia's farmers varieties are highly threatened by genetic erosion, which poses a serious challenge to these crops.

To reverse the negative impacts posed on these indigenous target crops of the project, during year 2013, the following major achievements were made. Accordingly, with respect to outcome one, both skill enhancement and awareness raising sessions were conducted on agro-biodiversity conservation for stakeholders and the beneficiaries in four project sites, final policies review document was approved with stakeholders discussion, four community bylaws were formulated and adopted by the beneficiaries, two extension packages prepared and climate change adaptation assessment document prepared. To promote marketing activities, two markets shed constructed, two consultant studies completed, production and process materials supplied, linkage created, farmers associations capacity build and training provided. Through outcome three activities; two community gen banks construction ongoing, botanical garden construction ongoing, coffee and tree seedlings produced and out planed, and enset field gen bank is under managements. To support the program implementation, staff recruitment, staff training, procurement and experience sharing visit were the major achievements during the reporting period. Financial utilization of the period showed that 18,278,437.32 were utilized. This shows 91% achievement.

2. OVERALL GOAL OF THE PROJECT

- To improve *in-situ* conservation of agro-biodiversity resources (including crop wild relatives) secures biodiversity values, ensures food security and sustains human well-being.

3. OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

- To provide farming communities with incentives (policies, capacity, markets and knowledge) to mainstream conservation of agro-biodiversity resources, including CWR, into their farming systems

4. PROJECT COMPONENTS

The project has four major components:

1. Enabling policy and institutional framework supporting in situ conservation of agro-biodiversity and crop relatives
2. Markets provide incentive for farmer uptake of agro-biodiversity friendly practices
3. Crop wild relatives and framers are conserved in in-situ gene banks and on-farm conservation sites
4. Program management

5. PROJECT PERFORMANCE

Table1: Physical and financial performance report for the period January - December, 2013 (Annual report)

Expected Outputs	Planned activities	Progress against planned activities	Budget / Expenditure	
			Expenditure	Balance
Outcome 1. Enabling policy and institutional framework supporting in-situ conservation of agro-biodiversity and crop relatives				
Output 1.1: Comprehensive agro-biodiversity friendly policies developed and approved to promote agro-biodiversity friendly production practices				
Indicator	Policy documents reviewed and agro-biodiversity friendly principles generated			
Baseline	Currently agro-biodiversity friendly policies are scattered and inadequate			
Target	At least five policy documents reviewed and three agro-biodiversity friendly principles generate			
Activity 1	Facilitate the completion of participatory review of policies and mandates related to agro-biodiversity conservation	Review of five national policies and mandates related to agro-biodiversity conservation were completed taking in to account the updates in policy environment and restructuring of institutions. Especially, the new investment law and the new Forest and Environment Minister policies were revised. Final draft document was submitted for approval according to the updates made.	24,400.70	
Activity 2	Facilitate participatory generation of recommendations to address gaps in policy and overlaps in mandates in agro biodiversity conservation and disseminate & advocate the findings of policy	Before approval of the final draft document, three national workshops were organized: These were; public awareness and critical mass discussion forum (Accordingly, 94 members of different representatives from federal and regional sector offices participated), 8 key stakeholders with 15 representatives for in-depth analysis of the findings and peer-group review and	548,158.81	

	recommendations for adoption	<p>finally, parliament & federal level offices representatives workshop (60 participants) for final discussion and approval of the document. Hence, based on the final comments, the document is ordered for printing and publication.</p> <p>At woreda level, in Minjar-Shenkora, Yayu and Anagacha project sites, findings of the draft document was presented and discussed with 142 (24 female) wored level officials and experts. Meanwhile, in Gimbichu project site, 91 community members from target kebeles (123 female) were participated to enhance the role of the direct beneficiaries in implementing the recommended actions.</p>		
Activity 3	Facilitate formulation of Agro biodiversity management working structure from federal to local level	Ethiopian Institute of Biodiversity has the plan and efforts to extend institutional structure up to grass root level. Hence, sticking to this potential is so important. However, to strengthen the existing government structure, capacity building actions were taken as the direction and the issue was critically discussed under activity 7 of the output in conjunction with the enhancing coordination mechanisms.	-	
Activity 4	Facilitate the formulation, adoption and dissemination of local level bylaws to conserve agro biodiversity and strengthen traditional natural resources management strategies in the four project sites	4 community bylaws were formulated, adopted and disseminated for the members of the farmers association and is under implementation. Contents refinement was made to link with basic data related to the status of farmers varieties coverage and production system. Accordingly, 1036 community members and woreda level experts (118 female) were participated during the formulation and adoption discussion forums in four project sites.	136,078.33	
Activity 5	Capacitate local institutions to implement (including local level	Public discussions were made in four project sites to collect feedback on community bylaws application	227,695.33	

	bylaws) their mandate on agro biodiversity conservation.	and the mandate of the beneficiaries and woreda level stakeholders. Hence, 514 (92 females) were participated on the discussions at woreda and community levels to disseminate the application of the adopted bylaws.		
Activity 6	Facilitate to create awareness of farmers and local officials on agro-biodiversity conservation policies	Further awareness creation forums were organized in four project sites on conservation and management of the agro-biodiversity in general and the four project crops in particular. Hence, 452 (48F) community members participated.	78,208.54	
Activity 7	Facilitate to host a national dialogue and coordination mechanism to enhance institutionalized collaboration between the relevant institutions involved in agro biodiversity conservation and its sustainable use	One national dialogue and coordination mechanism forum workshop was conducted in Debreziet town by hosting representatives from regions, zones and woredas key stakeholders of the project. Accordingly, 35 representatives participated. Gaps of coordination mechanisms were identified at all levels (Federal-region-zone-woreda- kebele) with subsequent solutions and recommendation. Existing working structure with agro-biodiversity mainstreaming also discussed well.	213,616.79	
Output 1.2: The National Extension Service providing farmers with knowledge based extension technology to promote farmer varieties (and conservation of agro-biodiversity within the current production systems):				
Indicator:	Extension packages for farmers crop varieties prepared and research on increasing productivity of two farmer varieties conducted			
Baseline:	There are no extension packages for farmers varieties			
Target:	At least four extension package development for farmers varieties prepared and research			

	on increasing productivity of two farmer varieties conducted		
Activity 1	Facilitate preparation of National Extension Packages for the four crops to promote farmer varieties and conservation of agro-biodiversity within the current production systems	Ministry of Agriculture; Extension directorate has prepared two extension packages for teff and durum wheat including partial effort for forest coffee. Extension package for Enset is still ongoing. Accordingly, 257 (28 F) community members were participated during data collection and problem identification discussion to prepare the package.	563,272.05
Activity 2	Facilitate linkages between extension service and research institutions, particularly those that deal with forest Arabica coffee, enset, teff and durum wheat (for updated information on agronomy, disease and pest control, processing, etc.)	53 (3F) woreda level experts were participated on the training organized at woreda level to identify coffee production and process extension packages gaps in collaboration with Metu University. In Minjar-Shenkora project site, training was provided for extension staff on teff agronomy and research methodologies in Collaboration with Debreziet agricultural research centers. Accordingly, 40 extension workers and technical staff of the woreda participated (5 Females).	96,138.25
Activity 3	Facilitate to deliver training for technical and extension officers on agro-biodiversity conservation in general and the four (<i>Arabica</i> coffee, enset, tef, durum wheat) crops in particular	By mobilizing the policy specialist from the PCU, training was provided for 300 (43 Female) woreda level technical and extension workers to raise the mainstreaming perspectives of the project and skill of the participants on conservation of the agro-biodiversity.	90,025.00
Activity 4	Facilitate to conduct an assessment of the capacity of the extension service on farmers varieties to pilot the updated extension package on the four pilot crops and design a capacity support program to respond to	At project site level, in Gimbichu and Minjar-Shenkora project sites, 262 woreda level experts and Community representative participated to identify the capacity of the existing extension service to promote conservation and productivity of the existing farmers' varieties.	120,069.80

	the needs	Moreover, the capacity gaps assessment conducted by consultant also revealed the contexts of the extension service (outcome 3 output 3.2. activities 1 /outcome 2 output 2.1 activity 1.)		
Output 1.3 Adaptive capacity increased				
Indicator:	Formulation of strategy to increase adaptive capacity to climate change in four project sites initiated			
Baseline:	There is no strategy to increase adaptive capacity to climate change			
Target:	Formulation of strategy to increase adaptive capacity to climate change initiated in four sites			
Activity 1	Facilitate formulation of a strategy to build the adaptive capacity of the country to conserve agro biodiversity in the long term in the face of a changing climate.	As per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resource Directorate has prepared strategic document to build the adaptive capacity of agro-biodiversity to climate change. Validation workshop was conducted in Debre Zeit town and the final draft document was presented for comment.	120,356.76	
Output 1.4: An effective M&E for assessing conservation status of agro-biodiversity at community level				
Indicator:	Participatory monitoring and evaluation system development initiated in the communities of four project sites			
Baseline:	There is no effective and participatory monitoring and evaluation system for assessing conservation status of agro-			

	biodiversity at community level			
Target:	Participatory monitoring and evaluation system development initiated at least in the communities of four project sites			
Activity 1	Facilitate the refinement of project M&E and impact indicators at the pilot levels	Discussions were made in four projects sites on project indicators status and respective activities contribution to the achievements of the indicators. Accordingly, steering committee driven discussions were made with 132 (25) woreda level experts and elite community representative to verify project M&E and impact indicators in conjunction with activity 2 to support the set up of the effective and participatory monitoring mechanism.	72,281.97	
Activity 2	Facilitate refinement of the monitoring mechanisms, in particular setting up a participatory monitoring system that allows use of the monitoring information for adaptive management	Conducted in conjunction with activity 1 above.	62,059.84	
Activity 3	Implement the M&E system, identify lessons and share them widely (locally, nationally and internationally) through reports, publications, etc.	In conjunction with outcome 2 output 2.1 activity 4, the monitoring system lessons were assessed to support the implementation of the project and strengthen the associations of the project beneficiaries.	273,563.62	
Outcome 2. Markets provide incentive for farmer uptake of agro-biodiversity friendly practices				
Output 2.1: Supply of Agro biodiversity products increased through improved quality, efficiency of production and special marketing channels				

Indicator:	Marketing of agro biodiversity products improved in four pilot areas			
Baseline:	There are many local level producers but fail to marketing agro biodiversity products			
Target:	local level producers in four sites linked and improved marketing of agro biodiversity			
Activity 1.	Assess capacity needs for the effective operationalization of the farmer cooperative associations	Capacity need assessment was conducted by national consultant to support the production, processing and marketing activities of the respective farmers associations of the project sites. Hence, draft report was submitted by the consulting company. The assessment was conducted in four project sites 8 farmers' cooperatives.	184,129.93	
Activity 2.	Facilitate to build the capacity of farmers cooperative association members in four pilot area based on need assessment	In Minjar-project site new farmers association with respect to farmers' varieties production and marketing aspect established after feasibility study conducted in collaboration with North Showa Zone cooperative office. Office equipments and legality driven procurement were made and supported. In Gimbichu project site, Areda farmers' varieties conserving, producing and marketing farmers associations was supported with office equipments and marketing facilities. Similar capacity building was employed for one onset based farmers association and five forest coffee oriented farmers associations. Capacity building training was provided for 359 (166 females) farmers association members in Angacha	129,231.00	

		project site.	
Activity 3.	Facilitate to create / strengthen market linkage for farmers cooperative association in four pilot area	<p>Yayu forest coffee producing farmers association linked with Oromiya coffee exporting farmers union in Addis Ababa. Registered as the member of the exporting union. Payment of members effected.</p> <p>Enset farmers association linked with Ethiopian Fiber factory, signed memorandum of understanding with the factory owner. Two teff producing farmers' cooperatives linked with consumer cooperative in Adama town. And Durum wheat farmers cooperative linked with Kaliti Macaroni & Spaghetti factory. Commodity exchange among the market actors is ongoing.</p>	164,940.72
Activity 4.	Facilitate to develop monitoring mechanisms for use by the farmer cooperative associations' use	<p>One document prepared for the existing farmers cooperative association to develop monitoring and evaluation mechanisms in conjunction with outcome 1 output 1.4 activity 2.</p>	-
Activity 5.	Provide production, processing and communication materials for farmer cooperative associations in four pilot areas.	<p>8 multi-crop mechanical threshers provided for Gimbichu and Minjar-Shenkora project sites farmers associations. Training was provided for machine operators by the manufacturing company, Selam Vocational and Technique Collage.</p> <p>73 enset decorticating machine purchased and distributed for 73 female association members process was in Angacha project site. The Regional Agriculture Bureau confirmed the technical feasibility of the machine and provided training for the beneficiaries. Feedback also collected on the performance and drawbacks of the machine. 840 farm</p>	526,367.95

			tools of 4 different kind also distributed for enset farmers association members.		
			5 coffee moisture tasters were distributed for Yayu coffee growing and marketing farmers associations.		
Activity 6.	Facilitate market infrastructure for farmers' cooperative associations in three pilot area (Angacha, Minijar and Gimbichu)		Two market sheds construction completed in Gimbichu and Angacha project sites.	410,027.05	
Activity 7.	Facilitate to link farmers cooperative association with credit or financial institution to operationalized market operations		4 discussion forums were conducted in our project sites to link the farmers associations with credit and financial Institutions. Accordingly, 234 farmers association members attended the discussion and introduction made with credit institutions in four project sites. Hence, business plan developed exercise was made by the farmers association as the primary criteria to secure the credit service. Agreement was reached in Yayu project site to receive credit service for dry proceed coffee marketing from Geba Dogi Union in the zone.	116,617.50	
Output 2.2: International and national demand for 4 agro-biodiversity friendly products increased (Shade coffee, durum wheat, teff, enset):					
Indicator:	International and national demand for 4 agro-biodiversity friendly products increased				
Baseline:	There is limited international and national demand for agro-biodiversity friendly products				

Target:	At least the demand of 4 agro-biodiversity friendly products increased internationally and nationally		
Activity 1.	Facilitate dissemination and adoption of the recommended marketing strategy on four crops of the project (coffee, durum wheat, tef and ensset)	300 copies of marketing strategy was printed and distributed for the project stakeholders and beneficiaries. Moreover, as an introductory session of the strategy, 312 (23 female) participants attended marketing strategy awareness creation forum in four project sites.	224,896.05
Activity 2.	Facilitate to participate in 2 international exhibition to promote coffee and tef specialized products	-	-
Activity 3.	Facilitate to disseminate at local, regional and national level to create awareness raising campaigns to promote specialized products of four farmers varieties (coffee, durum wheat, tef and ensset)	For public awareness purpose, one symposium on biodiversity conservation in Arbaminch University, Ethiopia television question and answer and Fana Broadcasting Corporate radio station weekly program were sponsored by the project. Partial support to biodiversity day celebrated in Arbaminch town was also part of the public awareness events.	859,536.14
Activity 4.	Facilitate to build the capacity of wereda officials and farmers' cooperative association leaders on marketing of agro-biodiversity products	Training was provided for 38 (5 females) association leaders and supporting wereda level experts on cooperative management and accounting system in Angacha project site. Similarly production and marketing of agro-biodiversity products training was provided for 124 (32 female) association members and leaders from 16 kebeles of the district. Similar training was provided for 72 association members and leader on coffee marketing and quality promotion in Yayu project site.	717,501.44

			Similar durum wheat marketing training was provided for 137 (13 females) association leader and key members of the associations in Gimbichu project site.		
Output 2.3: Incomes from trading agro-biodiversity friendly products maintained (secured)					
Indicator:	Farmers income increased from certified forest coffee trading				
Baseline:	The current income generated from forest coffee trading is low				
Target:	Forest coffee certified				
Activity 1.	Facilitate to certify yayo coffee forest	Yayu forest coffee was certified by Rainforest Alliance. Environment Forest Coffee forum (NGO) was actively involving in the process of certification. 32 members of the forest coffee producing farmers associations (2 females) were participated during the certification process data collection by the auditors.			
		The certification award has importance for 825 (70F) members of five coffee producing and marketing farmers associations under management. Audit comments of the coffee certification process have been forward for Yayu project site for actions. As a result, different discussions were conducted with the beneficiary farmers associations and the woreda sector offices and administration to incorporate the standards. Hence, 68 (5 females) participants composed of development agents, experts' at woreda level and farmers were participated at different levels. Subsequently, 40 (33 females) health extension workers of the woreda were participated on the discussion related to waste management for coffee			169,275.80

			certification standards at community level.		
Activity 2.	Investigate potential of certification for FV and landraces of durum wheat, enset and tef		-	-	-
Outcome 3. Crop wild relatives and farmers varieties are conserved in in-situ gene banks and on-farm conservation sites.					
Indicator:	Four <i>in situ</i> and on farm conservation sites established.				
Baseline:	The current <i>in situ</i> and on farm conservation sites and their sizes are limited				
Target:	At least four <i>in-situ</i> and on-farm conservation site establishment initiated				
Activity 1.	Demarcating, surveying, documenting and mapping of <i>in situ</i> and on-farm conservation site for each crop			28,827.42	-
Activity 2.	Facilitate gazettement of the in situ conservation sites (in conjunction with outcome 1)		-	-	
Activity 3.	Facilitate completion of the inventory and documentation of the gene pools in the conservation sites.			862,501.30	

		<p>Similarly, for bread wheat, four farmers' varieties are identified.</p> <p>Procurement of Laboratory and field equipments that will support the gene pool inventory also conducted for enset, forest coffee and the cereals.</p>		
<p>Activity 4.</p>	<p>Collection of seeds, raising tree and coffee seedlings and planting on the boundaries of coffee conservation areas of Yayo Biosphere reserve</p>	<p>In Yayu project site, 250,000 coffee seedlings were produced in two nurseries and distributed to 300 farmers (40 females). 55,000 ETB was collected from the sell of the seedlings and deposited to support the organized farmers associations. Mean while, 62,139 tree seedling were also distributed along the coffee seedlings. The tree seedlings were used to construct 27.5 km live fence for the boundary of forest coffee conservation area.</p> <p>For the coming production 190,000 coffee seedling reared under management in two nurseries. 45 daily labors (20 females) were employed in two nurseries in Yayu project site.</p>	<p>255,105.55</p>	
<p>Activity 5.</p>	<p>Design and Construction of community gene banks (for tef and durum wheat).</p>	<p>Two community gen banks construction, in Gimbichu & Minjar-Shenkora project sites, has been started during the fourth quarter of the year with intensive procurement stage to select the Consulting company (Image plc) and the contractor (Merd Tadesse construction). Accordingly, 30% construction stage achieved.</p> <p>In Gimbichu project site, the community (Areda Area farmer's association members) participated in pipeline excavation and installation to support the construction process. Hence, the labor cost of the community is estimated to be 14,140 ETB. 202 association members</p>	<p>5,198,174.87</p>	

		participated (12 females) during the excavation. In Minjar-Shenkora project sites, the community provides 1500 square meter land for the construction of the gen bank.		
Activity 6	Establishment of Jimma Botanic garden	Construction activity is in progress for Jimma Botanical garden. Accordingly, 30% is reported as the progress of the construction. Relocation payment was effected for the damage on telephone line during the construction process.	544,913.71	
Activity 7.	Support farmers to access FV of land races of tef and durum wheat	178 quintals of Farmers varieties of teff and 99.39 quintals of different varieties of durum wheat have been procured, recollected and distributed for the beneficiaries through respective farmers' cooperative associations. Recollection of the distributed seed is also in progress after the harvest by the farmers cooperatives. 65 (6 females) development agents and 420 (52 F) farmers were trained on production systems of farmers' varieties to support farmers of their respective kebeles for the coming production season in Gimbichu project site. Moreover, Minjar project site provide similar land races production techniques for 86 (16 females) community members.	660,334.10	
Activity 8.	Facilitate expansion of the Enset Field Gene Bank	2095 seedling of second year transplants of 29 enset varieties was planted in Angacha field gen bank. The seedlings were raised in 10 Farmers training centers (FTCs) in 10 kebeles. Generally, 82 varieties were conserved in the gen bank. To minimize the burden of enset for livestock feed purpose, fodder grass multiplication was in progress on 0.25 ha of land in the field gen bank. It will be	314,529.78	

		<p>distributed for the farmers after multiplication.</p> <p>Store and guard house was constructed in the field gen bank. 60% completed.</p> <p>6000 <i>Cordia africana</i> and <i>Erytherina abyssinica</i> tree seedlings were produced and planed around the fence foof filed gen bank for live fence purpose. Moreover, 750 meters long ridge was excavated to protect the enset in the field gen bank from vertebrate pest (porcupine and other wild animals attack).</p> <p>Nine meters hand dug well was excavated to support the seedlings with supplementary irrigation during dry period and other seedling management practices.</p> <p>Annually the field gen bank creates job opportunity for 40 poor households daily labors.</p>	
Activity 9	Collection and conservation of wild Enset seed and clones	<p>113 wild enset seedlings planted during first quarter (in Angacha field gene bank) were under management. The survival rate of the wild enset seedlings was 80%. Back filling of the lost amount of seedlings was also made from Keffa in the fourth quarter.</p>	114,941.90
Activity 10	Facilitate participatory plant breeding to complement on-farm conservation of farmers' varieties through development of new varieties and increasing productivity	<p>Research partnership was signed with Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural research to conduct participatory plant breeding activities on farmers' varieties. Accordingly, pure line development process was initiated through selection process for teff and durum wheat farmers' varieties. Moreover, experimental plots were also established for forest coffee and enset seedling production and management. Debre Ziet (tef& durum wheat), Jimma (forest coffee) and Areka (enset) research centers are responsible for</p>	400, 774.31

			these national delegations.			
Output 3.2.						
Indicator:	Development of four capacity building programs initiated					
Baseline:	The current institutional and operational capacity to manage <i>in situ</i> and on farm conservation sites are weak					
Target:	Development of at least four capacity building programs initiated					
Activity 1.	Conduct an assessment of mandate and capacity gaps for the local and national level management of in situ conservation sites (in conjunction with outcome 1)			255,875.00		-
Activity 2.	Implement capacity support program to respond to the capacity gaps					-
Activity 3.	South-South Exchange visits for officials to build the capacity at different levels of government structures on mainstreaming of agro-biodiversity into development and agricultural plans					-

Output 3.3 (Co-finance and in conjunction with the developing concept for GEF 5) -- PES for reduced or avoided deforestation & forest degradation, and improved forest restoration developed and implemented:			
Indicator:	Reduced or avoided deforestation and forest degradation and improved forest restoration at Yayo project site initiated		
Baseline:	High rate of deforestation and forest degradation		
Target:	Reduced or avoided deforestation and forest degradation and improved forest restoration at Yayo project site initiated		
Activity 1.	Conduct collection of preliminary data for the establishment of PES scheme for the coffee forest carbon at both national and local levels	TOR preparation is ongoing to procure international/national consultant that to be supported by stakeholders' oriented technical team.	-
Outcome 4. Project effectively managed and outcomes impact delivered within time and budget			
Output 4.1. The PCU in place and capacity built			
Indicator:	Five PCU strengthened		
Baseline:	Was not well established		
Target:	At least five PCU strengthened		
Activity 1.	Project staff salary paid	12 months salary was paid for 16 project staff at project sites and PCU levels (25% female). Policy specialist was recruited in the reporting period. However, one turnover was reported for driver with its subsequent recruitment action.	1,158,067.56
Activity 2.	Materials procured, maintained and supplied	To facilitate project implementation, different procurements of materials were conducted both at respective project sites and project coordination unit	1,997,267.67

Activity 3	Staffs at federal and site level trained	<p>levels. Hence, stationeries, fuel and lubricants, maintenance tools and fixed assets were some of the major procured items accordingly.</p> <p>Based on training need assessment conducted, six days project planning, monitoring and evaluation training was provided for 35 project staff, woreda level experts and decision makers in collaboration with Ethiopian Management Institute (EMI) in Debre Zeit Town. Training impact assessment was also conducted by the trainer institute, EMI. Overall, besides its gap filling role, the training enhanced the interaction of the stakeholders at grass root level to perceive the mainstreaming perspectives of the project.</p>	264,106.00	
Activity 4.	Project M&E activities conducted and reported	<p>Two joint monitoring and evaluation visits were conducted in respective project sites by Project coordination unit, UNDP & Ethiopian institute of biodiversity representatives. Regularly, internal monitoring mechanism was also conducted by the project coordination unit every quarter. Moreover, respective project sites steering committee also has regular monitoring schedule following peak production season. Meanwhile, quarter progress reports were prepared and submitted.</p> <p>Experience sharing visit was held in South Wollo Coping with Drought and Climate Change project funded by UNDP. 8 model farmers (4 Females) and 4 project site officers including the project manger were participated.</p>	75,232.44	
Activity 5.	Four project steering committee (PSC) meeting conducted in each Woredas	<p>Every quarter, one project steering committee meeting was conducted in all project sites. Accordingly, 16 PSC meetings were held in all project sites (4 PSC</p>	2,612.00	

		meeting per project site). The PSC has minimum 8 members per project site.		
Activity 6.	Two project steering committee meeting conducted	Nationally, two project steering committee meetings were held in the first and fourth quarters of the year. NPSC has 12 members (2 Females).	11,637.58	-
Activity 7.	Audit service	2012 project year financial documents were audited by external auditor.	-	-
Activity 8.	Knowledge management and documentation	-	-	-
	Miscellaneous Service charge	Bank service charges were paid for cash transfers made to four project sites through commercial Bank of Ethiopia.	5,086.78	-
	Miscellaneous sundry	-	-	-
		Grand Total	18,278,437.32	

6. MAJOR CHALLENGES

- Consultancy services procurement lengthy process during the mid-year period

7. GOOD PRACTICES

- Certification of Yayu forest coffee
- Enset field gene bank performances in Angacha

8. LESSONS LEARNED

- Mainstreaming perspectives should be assessed by developing certain checklist at project and stakeholders levels.