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**Phase IV – Development Partners’ Support to
GTP IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS IN
ETHIOPIA**

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT 2013

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Acronyms

AMP	Aid Management Platform
APR	Annual Progress Report
AWP	Annual Work Plan
DAG	Development Assistant Group
E.C.	Ethiopian Calendar
EDCTF	Effective Development Co-operation Task Force
DG	Development Gateway
DGGE	Donor Group on Gender Equality
DP	Development Partners
Ex-com	Executive Committee
GoE	Government of Ethiopia
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GTP	Growth and Transformation Plan
GTWG	Governance Technical Working Group
HLF	High Level Forum
HoA	Head of Agency
IP	Implementing Partner
PFM	Public Financial Management
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
MoFED	Ministry of Finance and Economic Development
MTEF	Mid-Term Expenditure Framework
NPC	National Planning Commission
NYU	New York University
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
SWGs	Sector Working Groups
GTWG	Governance Technical Working Group
TWGs	Technical Working Groups
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Phase IV – Development Partners’ Support to the Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP) Implementation Process in Ethiopia
COUNTRY: LOCATION	Ethiopia: Federal level
PROJECT ID	Award: 00068131 Project: 00083509
PROJECT DURATION	July 2012 – December 2015
UNDAF OUTCOME(S)	Outcome 11: By 2015, capacities of national, local and community institutions strengthened for participatory and evidence-based planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, leadership and decision-making.
TOTAL BUDGET (ACTUAL EXPENDITURE)	USD 1,175,700 USD 938,792
IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS	Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MoFED)

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2. BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

In 2013 the Government of Ethiopia continued to work towards achieving its development cooperation targets, with the help of its committed development partners. The project *Phase IV – Development Partners’ Support to GTP Implementation Process in Ethiopia* provided support to the GTP consultative process; enhanced dialogue between development partners and the Government of Ethiopia; and ensured more coordinated and harmonized development assistance to enable the country to implement the Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP) and attain the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Phase IV of the DAG Pooled Fund builds on successes and lessons learned in the previous phases of the project to strengthen the Government’s efforts in poverty reduction strategies through the provision of institutional capacity development support, policy research and strategic studies identified as essential to further enhance the implementation of the GTP.

The DAG structure comprises 27¹ multilateral and bilateral partners that provide assistance to Ethiopia. Israel (MASHAV) is the latest member to join the DAG on 10th September 2013. The overall budget of the DAG Pooled Fund in 2013 was USD 1.175 million.

This report presents the activities and results achieved through the DAG Pooled Fund in calendar year 2013.

3. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

3.1. Implementation Modality

Phase IV of the DAG Pooled Fund continued to support the successful implementation of the national development strategy, the Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP) as well as the achievement of the MDGs with an aim of harmonization, alignment, and reducing transaction costs for both Government and development partners. The goal of this 3.5-year project (July 2012 – December 2015) is to support the Government in its effort to reduce poverty by (1) building the development planning capacity of the Government and funding strategic analytical studies; (2) enhancing dialogue among development partners and Government; and (3) supporting the aid effectiveness agenda, including the national aid coordination platform.

The project is nationally-executed by the implementing partner: the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MoFED). The national implementation modality is guided by the

¹ African Development Bank (AfDB), Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, DFID, European Union, Finland, France, Germany, IMF, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, The Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, the UN, USAID, WFP, and the World Bank.

relevant UNDP National Implementation Manual (NIM) rules and Ethiopia's National Project Implementation Manual (PIM).

3.2 Partnership Structure

The two directorates within MoFED that work directly with the Development Assistance Group (DAG) are the Development Planning and Research Directorate, which will soon be part of the National Planning Commission (NPC) and the UN Agencies and Regional Economic Cooperation Directorate of MoFED.

The DAG has four Thematic Working Groups, comprising the GTP working group (including M&E, macro-economic, and PFM sub-groups), Governance (including the civil society subgroup and the justice, safety, and conflict subgroup), the Donor Group on Gender Equality (DGGE) and the Private Sector Development and Trade working group. Some technical working groups have evolved into sector working groups under the leadership of the Government-chaired Development Effectiveness Task Force. This further boosted the dialogue and coordination between the development partners and Government of Ethiopia. The overarching structure includes the DAG Heads of Agency and the Government-DAG High-Level Forum (HLF). The DAG co-chairs (currently USAID and World Bank) facilitate the monthly DAG Heads of Agency meetings. The Effective Development Co-operation Task Force, chaired by MoFED, was established to implement and follow-up on the recommendations of the High Level Forum and to support and strengthen sector working Groups.

The project is overseen by the DAG Pooled Fund Steering Committee (SC) composed of an Executive Chair from the Implementing Partner (MoFED), the DAG Ex-Com (represented by the two DAG co-chairs) and a UNDP representative. The Steering Committee makes management decisions by consensus. UNDP hosts the DAG Secretariat, which manages the day-to-day activities of the project including the DAG Pooled Fund. The DAG secretariat provides aid effectiveness and governance policy advisory and support services such as project management, communication, coordination, and administrative and financial services to the project.

3.3 Monitoring and Evaluation

The DAG Secretariat visits the Implementing Partner (IP) regularly – at a minimum on a bi-weekly basis – to discuss progress and implementation challenges. These visits are recorded in the project management database, and the practice has led to building trust, effective two-way communication and fluid information exchange between the IP and the DAG Secretariat.

4. PROJECT SUMMARY

4.1 Output 1: Effective support to the GTP and MDG consultative processes provided

4.1.1 Capacity Development Training

As part of strengthening the monitoring and evaluation mechanism of the Growth and Transformation Plan, a training on poverty mapping was organized for Government technical experts. A group of 13 technical experts composed of 8 government officials from the Development Planning and Research Directorate of MoFED and 5 officials from the Central Statistics Authority (CSA) participated in a tailor-made poverty mapping training encompassing topics on growth, poverty and inequality. The training was organized by the Asian Institute of Technology in Bangkok, Thailand at the request of the National Planning Commission and the DAG. The training was put in place in the latter part of 2013 and took place from 20-31 January 2014.

The main objective of the training was to equip participants with necessary tools to carry out economic growth, inequality assessments and poverty mapping at sub-national levels using household, census, and representative survey data. The training will enable participating officials to conduct a poverty mapping exercise adapted to Ethiopia in the coming years. In addition, the team visited offices of the Mass Rapid Transit Authority of Thailand to learn about public private partnerships and the impact of infrastructure on development. A second visit was organized by the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security of Thailand to visit the Community Organizations Development Institute. The objective of this visit was to share experiences on national policies to improve the standard of living, increase revenue generation, and provide decent housing both in urban and rural areas by focusing on the poorest section of the community.

The DAG Pooled Fund contributed to the institutional strengthening of the Welfare and Monitoring Unit in the Directorate of Development Planning and Research. This included financial contributions for administrative costs and transportation for the regional consultations on Growth and Transformation Plan Annual Progress Review (GTP APR). In addition, three printers and three laptops were purchased for the efficient functioning of the new National Planning Commissioner's office and support team.



Ethiopian Government officials with trainers at the Asia Institute of Technology, Bangkok, January 2014.

4.1.2 Support to Strategic Studies

The DAG Pooled Fund supported the Development Planning and Research Directorate in MoFED to commission a research that will help to identify challenges and solutions in achieving the GTP targets. To this effect, the Directorate prepared terms of reference (ToR) for a study on the status of Ethiopia's exports in order to identify problems and opportunities in export competitiveness and diversification. The assessment study is expected to identify critical challenges of the export sector and come up with solutions and a way forward. In late 2013, MoFED commissioned consultants to undertake the study. The inception report was submitted to MoFED in December 2013 and the first tranche will be paid in early 2014.

In 2013, the DAG Pooled Fund continued to support two analytical studies as part of the ongoing monitoring of the GTP: the Poverty Analysis and the Assessment of Ethiopia's Macro Economic Performance (1994-2004 E.C.). Both studies were commissioned in 2012 and finalized in 2013. The printing and dissemination of the Poverty Analysis and Macro Economic Performance reports was also covered by the DAG Pooled Fund.

The Poverty Analysis Report concluded that high economic growth has translated into poverty reduction in Ethiopia. The poorest of the poor, however, have not yet drawn benefits from the

overall economic growth recorded. Hence, the Study indicated that it is imperative to devise mechanisms to reach the poorest section of the population through strategic targeting that bolsters their human capital.

The Assessment of Ethiopia’s Macro-economic performance (1994 to 2004) indicated that since 1994, the Fiscal Policy in place has increased revenue, attracted foreign development assistance and loans, and increased pro-poor investments. Efforts were made to control the inflation rate by integrating fiscal policies with monetary policies and covering national expenditure with internal revenue as much as possible. The GDP increased 11% on average in the past 9 years (since 1996) and the GDP per capita reached USD 513 in E.C 2004. The agricultural sector continues to account for the largest share in terms of employment and production in the economy.

4.1.3 Media Advocacy and Awareness-raising on GTP and MDGs

In 2013, MoFED, with the support of the DAG Pooled Fund sponsored 54 radio programs on Radio Fana in collaboration with regional FM stations in Amharic, Afan Oromo, Afar, Somali and Tigrigna languages. According to Fana Broadcasting, the program has reached more than 45 million people across Ethiopia. The media advocacy program’s aim is to raise awareness on the Growth and Transformation Plan and Millennium Development Goals. The program features about 500-600 different stakeholders (youths, students, teachers, government employees, farmers, business people, investors, community and religious leaders, health extension professionals, etc.) that took part in the productions, interviews and panel discussions on the direct impacts of GTP implementation and ways in which efforts can be further enhanced. These radio programs will continue to be broadcasted until June 2014.

RADIO PROGRAMS	TOPICS COVERED
<p>From August 21, 2013 to November 27, 2013 every Wednesday from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. Fana Broadcasting Corporate with the help of regional FM stations broadcasted eleven radio programs called “Awdelimat” in Amharic language.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GTP goals and their performance ▪ Addis-Adama fast-road construction; ▪ GTP health sector targets; ▪ The impact of health in increasing productivity; ▪ Institutionalizing health insurance; ▪ Achieving agriculture sector target; ▪ The overall performance of the construction sector
<p>From August 13, 2013 to November 26, 2013, every Tuesday from 8:50 to 9:20 p.m. Radio Fana broadcasted fourteen programs in Afan- Oromo language.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agricultural technology application and productivity; ▪ Indicators of GTP for agricultural sector in spices and cereal productivity; ▪ Strong and better corn seed obtained in Western Shoa zone; ▪ Quality of agricultural production and productivity resulting from the application of technology in various woredas. ▪ The use of agricultural inputs (fertilizers, seeds,

<p>From September 6, 2013 to November 25, 2013 every Monday from 11:00 to 11:15 a.m. the Mekele Fana 94.8 broadcasted eight programs in <i>Tigrigna language</i></p>	<p>etc...)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cross-learning from farmers in Oromia on how to boost productivity ▪ Tigray Regional States three year GTP plan and its implementation; ▪ Agricultural GTP implementation and its challenges; ▪ Achievements and opportunities offered for foreign investors by Tigray Trade and Industry Bureau ▪ Success of small and micro enterprises for women and youth.
<p>From August 15, 2013 to November 21, 2013, every Thursday from 1:50-2:05 p.m., Fana National Broadcasting Service (FNBS) broadcasted fifteen programs in <i>Afar language</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tax collectors' and payers' assessment; ▪ Tax controlling trends in cities of Logi and Semera; ▪ Assessment of poverty reduction activities performed in Awura Woreda (in particular shifting from pastoralism to semi-farmers); ▪ Assessment of Afar Health Bureau's performance and related activities particularly in disease prevention and control; ▪ good governance and food security in various woredas; ▪ Assessment of income in Logi and Semera cities; ▪ Economic and finance development performance. ▪ Health extension activities on reducing maternal and infant mortality ▪ Roads and clean water supply
<p>From October 22, 2013 to November 26, 2013 every Tuesday from 2:30-2:45 p.m. Radio Fana broadcasted six programs in <i>Somali language</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The history of the establishment of World Bank and IMF; ▪ The role of the Finance and Economic Development Bureau of Somali Regional state; ▪ The role of NGOs in economic development with specific emphasis on the case of Moyale Woreda; ▪ Experience sharing on development planning in woredas and the role of health in economic development.

The feedback received from listeners across the country was positive and constructive, citing the important contribution of the program in awareness-raising on the GTP and its implementation, learning and experience sharing. Nevertheless it was stressed that Government officials need to make themselves available for interviews and the discussions in order to provide information and respond to questions raised by citizens.

4.1.4 Annual Progress Review on the GTP

The second annual national GTP Progress Review (2011/12 APR) was held on 6 March 2013, at the UN Conference Center in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The consultation was attended by representatives of the federal and regional government, private sector, civil society, research institutions, religious institutions, higher education institutions, professional associations, political parties and development partners. The aim of the consultation was to assess the annual implementation of the GTP and to communicate progress; identify challenges and explore measures to improve implementation. Some of the issues raised by development partners for future orientation and improvement are listed below. Many of these have been taken up by relevant working groups and the High Level Forum (HLF) held in July.

- Weak performance of tax revenue system; persistent negative trade balance; declining foreign direct investment (FDI); and limited access to credit and foreign currency
- Gender parity remains to be critical – e.g. girls' secondary schools enrolment is only 30%
- Limited political space and interaction between the federal and regional governments; and the need for space for civil societies active participation and engagement
- Investment climate; access to land; and high turnover rates and low capacity at some governmental institutions

In addition to this federal consultative forum, regional meetings were held in seven regional states with a total of 1,120 participants drawn from regional and woreda sector bureaus, academia, and other relevant stakeholders. The consultations served to assess progress, share views and experiences, discuss challenges and seek solutions to achieve the objectives of the GTP and ensure its sustainability. The 2011/12 GTP APR was published and disseminated to partners, BoFEDs, academic institutions and the public at large.

4.2 Output 2: Effective DAG and Government Dialogue

4.2.1 High Level Forum-DAG policy Dialogue

The 2013 High Level Forum (HLF) took place on 10 July 2013 at the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MoFED). The theme of the HLF was “**Private Sector Development in Ethiopia**”. The private sector is crucial for employment generation, urban development and economic growth, and yet its further development faces multi-faceted challenges.

The High Level Forum was attended by Ministers, State Ministers and DAG Head of Agencies, and other senior government officials. The dialogue was productive and concluded on the following concrete action points close follow-up by for government and Development Partners.

The action points included:

1. Support a one stop service to set-up new businesses;
2. Facilitate access to finance for medium enterprises;
3. Apply findings from the trade, logistics and transport study commissioned by the government;
4. Identify best practices and develop venture capital and private equity in Ethiopia.

4.2.2 Advisory Support and Technical Assistance

The DAG secretariat provided advisory support to 11 Ex-Com and 11 Heads of Agency meetings, 11 Governance Technical Working Group (GTWG) meetings, 11 Civil Society Support Group (CSSG) meetings, 7 Justice, Safety and Conflict sub-group meetings and one DAG retreat in 2013.

The Secretariat facilitated presentations from various sector working groups, including the Water Working Group, Civil Society Sector Working Group, Rural Economic Development and Food Security Sector Working Group, Humanitarian Country Team, Governance Technical Working Group, Private Sector Development and Trade Sector Working Group, and the Education Working Group.

The DAG secretariat provided technical advisory service to the Governance Technical Working Group and its two subgroups (Justice, Safety, and Conflict and Civil Society) throughout the year. The technical support covered various subjects including elections, engagement of civil society on GTP issues, justice sector harmonization strategy, application of the Charities and Societies proclamation, etc. The March 6, 2013 GTP APR noted that some of the GTP indicators for the Governance and Capacity Development should be revised in order to capture overall GTP progress. In response to the APR consultation, the GTWG developed new indicators. These indicators will be proposed to the government for the monitoring and implementation of the GTP.

In preparation for the country level post Busan monitoring exercise, the DAG Secretariat worked with MoFED to prepare development partners for the monitoring exercise by encouraging them to review their ongoing projects/programs and keep their Aid management data updated. The Secretariat produced a brief on the type of information that would be collected at the country level. The data was validated at a meeting of the Effective Development Co-operation Task Force (EDCTF), on 28 November, where methodologies and data were further discussed. The Secretariat worked with DAG members on a bilateral basis through the end of the year and into the early 2014 to ensure that the country level data on activities and modalities was reconciled with data from donor headquarters.

The DAG secretariat provided additional advisory support in the operationalization of the Aid Management Platform (AMP), a database that tracks development assistance flows in Ethiopia. The DAG secretariat together with MoFED met individually with seven development partners

(EU, JICA, DFID, Germany, USAID, UNICEF, World Bank) to identify challenges in using the AMP, and worked to find intermediary solutions to increase the utilization of the AMP and the frequency of data entry.

4.2.3 Communication, Pool Fund Management and Administrative Support

Minutes were issued on a timely basis after each monthly DAG Heads of Agency meetings. The secretariat also facilitated and ensured smooth information flow to IP, Heads of Agencies, working groups and other DAG structures, including through the DAG website which was updated and streamlined. The secretariat prepared an Annual Report (2012-2013) on DAG members' activities.

The DAG Secretariat undertook various project management activities including annual work planning with the IP, managing contracts and contribution agreements with development partners, day-to-day follow-up and tracking of flows, monitoring of IP implementation, settling of advances, reporting and other coordination activities.

Over the course of 2013, the resource base of the DAG Pooled Fund increased from 8 to 17 members. The DAG Pooled Fund Steering Committee met twice, the first time on 12 June 2013 to review and revise the 2013 Annual Work Plan and the second time on 19 December 2013 to agree on the 2014 Annual Work Plan. The DAG Pooled Fund AWP was decreased in view of the changing priorities to USD 1.175 million for 2013. The revised AWP was signed by UNDP and MoFED on 27 October 2013.

4.2.4. DAG Heads of Agency retreat

The annual DAG Heads of Agency (HoA) retreat took place on 20 November 2013 at the Addis Golf Club. The meeting was attended by 27 Heads of Agency or their representatives. State Minister Dr. Abraham Tekeste of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MoFED) spoke on GTP implementation progress, followed by a dialogue with partners. Mr. Alex Evans, a senior fellow at NYU, spoke about the post-2015 global agenda and the ensuing discussion focused on how the post 2015 agenda influenced the country-level discourse and vice-versa. Heads of Agency agreed on four overarching objectives to guide their work. These include support to the Government of Ethiopia in its development objectives; further coordination on programming and enhanced program outcomes; improving aid effectiveness in line with Busan commitments; and enhanced policy coordination and influence "back home" in their respective Capitals/headquarters.

4.3 Output 3: Enhance Capacity of Government and Development Partners to Achieve Aid Effectiveness and Harmonization Targets

4.3.1. Technical Assistance and Capacity Development for Aid Management Platform

Ethiopia and its Development Partners have agreed to adhere to the principles in the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, the Accra Agenda for Action, and the Busan Global Partnership agreement. To this effect, the aid management platform (AMP) was officially launched in 2007 by Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MoFED). The platform was developed by Development Gateway in partnership with the OECD, UNDP, World Bank and Government of Ethiopia.

Contributions from the DAG Fund have supported the web-based Aid Management Platform (AMP) as a mechanism of enhancing transparency, predictability and mutual accountability in aid cooperation. The Aid Management Platform was upgraded from version 1.16.18 to version 2.4.4 in early 2013. The upgrading made the platform more user-friendly and made it possible for all users (government and DPs) to access additional features such as modification of on-budget disbursements, donor report generation, tab creation and donor dashboard. AMP reports, activities and structures can now be tailor made and generated for specific purposes.

Following the upgrade of the platform, two Development Gateway Aid Management Platform trainings were conducted in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The first one was specific to development partners and sector ministries in Ethiopia and took place from 21-24 May 2013 at MoFED. Thirty-nine AMP focal points from development partners plus thirteen government officials acquired skills to generate reports and enter data using the new version of the AMP.

The second training was a cross-country workshop for all government officials (including MoFED) that use AMP. The training was held from 11-13 December 2013 at Capital Hotel in Addis Ababa. The objective of this training was to share experiences and best practices among countries that use the platform. Lessons from the workshop underscore the importance of tracking all forms of development assistance and sharing information on the results achieved across the world. The experience sharing from Nepal, Liberia and Haiti were of particular interest for Ethiopia, especially Nepal's advanced Development Cooperation report, the use of Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) projections in Liberia, and the use of the pledges model in Haiti.

4.3.2. Implementation of Aid Effectiveness Action Plan

The Effective Development Co-operation Task Force (EDCTF), chaired by Government and composed of 3 DPs (EU, Italy, World Bank) and other Government officials, met three times in 2013, on 19 March, 12 June, and 28 November 2013. The task force agreed to continue to monitor the ten official sector working groups and the aid effectiveness action plan.

For the post-Busan monitoring exercise, MoFED requested an extension of contract for a consultant originally hired by EU to continue developing targets on the use of country systems for each development partner, as well as inform the overall post-Busan monitoring exercise. However, given the tight timeframe and the procurement procedures required, this was postponed for the time being.

Under the auspices of the Effective Development Co-operation Task Force (EDCTF), MoFED and the DAG secretariat organized a session with Ms. Sigrid Kaag, UN Assistant Secretary General (UN ASG) in the margins of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation Steering Committee meeting in Addis on 12 June 2013. This informal consultation among the ASG, MoFED and DAG members helped to bring the global development effectiveness agenda down to the country-level and also brought together the development effectiveness and post-2015 development agendas.

5. CHALLENGES, LESSONS LEARNED AND WAYS FORWARD

5.1. Major Challenges

5.1.1. Slow Implementation

- Slow implementation of the work plan was an issue throughout the year, in particular for Output 1. This was partly related to the creation of National Planning Commission (NPC) from directorates in MoFED and the diversion of human capital towards its set-up.
- In addition, the lack of a dedicated technical assistance expert to help with the settling of advances and financial and narrative reporting on progress in MoFED has required intensive follow-up from the DAG Secretariat team to ensure financial compliance and oversight.

5.1.2. Resource Mobilization

- At the beginning of 2013, the DAG Pooled Fund was in great need of resource mobilization efforts to ensure continued support for all outputs. By the end of 2013, the number of contributors had increased from 8 to 17, yet the amounts contributed by each development partner remain relatively small. The increased number of relatively small contributors increases the transaction costs for UNDP and the DAG Secretariat in managing the different contribution agreements as well as in financial reporting.
- While development partners mobilized sufficient resources to sustain the work through 2013, the annual work plan for 2014 is not yet fully funded. As it stands, the 2014 AWP budget is USD 930,000, of which USD 116,550 remains unfunded. This gap assumes that multi-year contribution agreements are honored and that contributions currently in the

pipeline are received. The lack of predictable, multi-year commitments means that the work of the DAG Pooled Fund cannot be planned in the medium-term.

5.1.3. Aid Management Platform

- Slow internet connectivity is a persistent problem that affects access to the aid management platform and the regular update of the platform, thereby rendering the use of the database unwieldy for many development partners.

5.2. Lesson Learned and Ways Forward

5.2.1. Accelerating implementation

- The DAG Secretariat has continued to step-up its engagement with the IP on a day-to-day basis to enhance communication and reporting through regular dialogue and periodic visits. This has been invaluable in getting timely inputs and in building a strong partnership. Nonetheless, the lack of a dedicated focal point in particular for Output 1 is challenging for continued follow-up. The secretariat will continue to work with the MoFED and the NPC to see how a solution might be reached in the next few months. This may include the recruitment of a dedicated Technical Expert.
- Together with Government, efforts will be made to see how the Effective Development Co-operation Taskforce (EDCTF) can meet around a common action plan on targets owned by all parties. The EDCTF will monitor the targets and work constructively to determine the scope for bringing together the 10 sector working groups with donor working groups where possible.

5.2.2. Resource mobilization

- The DAG co-chairs continue to appeal to Development Partners, in particular to those not currently contributing to the DAG Pooled Fund to contribute to DAG PF in 2014 and beyond. Partners are encouraged to make multi-year commitments so that the DAG Secretariat can have a long term vision/plan and focus on more substantive issues, and, where possible, pool contributions among donors through delegated authority to help reduce transaction costs.
- A secretariat that is useful to DPs and the IP is more likely to receive additional funds: indirect resource mobilization efforts take place through the secretariat's ongoing work and activities.
- Should further resources be mobilized, the IP together with the secretariat and DAG Ex-Com will develop a contingency budget line to react to emerging issues.

5.2.3. Increasing AMP use

- In consultation with IT specialists and focal points at MoFED and development partners, some progress has been made on the access and use of the aid management platform (AMP). Sustained progress on a few issues such as channels of delivery, reporting, accessibility and further improvement to the aid management platform (AMP) require Government's continued leadership. The secretariat is meeting with MoFED focal points on these issues to seek ways to advance on this agenda.

6. FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Table 1: 2013 Financial contributions and expenditure*

DONORS	CONTRIBUTIONS (USD)	EXPENDITURE (USD)	BALANCE (USD)
1. Austria (ADA)	*35,034	34,979	55
2. USAID	100,000	96,425	3,575
3. Spain (AECID)	*311,830	288,143	23,687
4. Canada	*113,625	104,152	9,473
5. Norway	*16,826	15,502	1,324
6. Italy	*56,639	55,775	864
7. Ireland	*243,092	241,718	1,374
8. Finland	26,525	10,733	15,792
9. World Bank	29,985	27,519	2,466
10. EU	124,346	61,041	63,305
11. Australia	27,907	0	27,907
12. France	15,604	0	15,604
13. AfDB	40,000.	0	40,000
14. JICA	10,000.	0	10,000
15. Germany	67,934	0	67,934
16. Sweden	74,627	0	74,627
17. DFID	99,729	0	99,729
<i>Unrealized gain/loss</i>		2,805	
TOTAL	1,383,703	938,792	457,715

*Carryover amounts from the old pooled fund projects

OUTPUT	Budget (USD)	Expenditure (USD)	Balance
Output 1: Support to GTP consultative process	477,800	333,964	143,836
Output 2: Support to DP and Government dialogue structures	483,100	469,493.46	13,606.54
Output 3: Support to achievement of the aid effectiveness targets	137,885	71,296	66,589
GMS	76,915	61,233	15,682
Gain or Loss		2,805	-2,805
TOTAL	1,175,700	938,792	236,908

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Description of Expenditure <i>(all amounts in USD)</i>	Q1 & Q2 expenditure	Q3 expenditure	Q4 expenditure	Total 2013 expenditure
1. Support to GTP consultative process	158,105	23,493	152,366	333,964
- Poverty Analysis Study	22,325	16,675	12,650	51,650
- Technical Assistance to the Welfare and Monitoring Unit	40,406	6,818	36,135	83,359
- Macroeconomic study	9,470	0	17,601	27,071
- GTP/APR national consultative meeting	24,191	0	0	24,191
- Regional Consultative meetings	25,092	0	0	25,092
- Support media advocacy and awareness-raising on GTP and MDGs	29,414	0	39,898	69,312
- Asia Institute training on growth, poverty and inequality	0	0	37,354	37,354
- Purchasing of equipment for office of National Planning Commissioner	7,207	0	8,728	15,935
2. DPs and Government Dialogue structure	214,334	111,484	143,676	469,494
- Coordination, communication and DAG PF management	34,534	18,662	16,406	69,602
- DAG HOA Retreat	0		990	990
- Policy advice on aid effectiveness & governance	149,000	92,822	126,280	368,102
- Final payment aid management & utilization study	30,800	0	0	30,800
3. Support to the achievement of aid effectiveness targets	12	71,285		71,296
- AMP Upgrade and Technical Support	0	41,735	0	41,735
- Assessment of Possible M & E module	0	29,550	0	29,550
- Miscellaneous	12		0	12
Unrealized loss	2,805	0	0	2,805
Overhead (GMS)	26,072	14,438	20,723	61,233
Total	401,328	220,700	316,765	938,792

Note: Data contained in all tables is an extract of UNDP financial records. All financial data provided is provisional.

ANNEX: SNAPSHOT OF 2013 DAG POOLED FUND PROGRESS REPORT

Reporting period: January 1 – December 31, 2013 (Quarter 3 & 4 of 2005 and Quarter 1 & 2 of 2006)

Project Outputs		Time Frame (EFY)	EFY 2005 Q3-Q4, EFY 2006 Q1-2 Progress	Financial (USD)			Objectively -verifiable indicators	Comments
				Plan	Actual ²	%		
1	Effective support to the GTP and MDG consultative processes	EFY Q3-Q4, Q1-Q2		477,800	333,964	70 %		
1.1	Strategic studies and progress report on the GTP and MDGs guide decision-making.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2011/12 APR consultation meeting held on 6 March 2013. Gov. DPs, CSOs participated. GTP progress was reviewed, feedback provided, areas of collaboration and engagement identified. The 2011/12 APR document was revised based on feedback from various stakeholders during consultative meetings. Printing and Dissemination of GTP APR report completed. 		24,190		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - APR consultation summary. - DAG co-chair letter with comments to GTP APR - Revised 2011/12 GTP APR 	Completed.
1.2	Monitoring and evaluation efforts of the GTP drive better development outcomes.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of Ethiopia's Macro-economy (Amharic) completed and disseminated. 		27,071		- Amharic macro-economic report.	Completed
1.3	Poverty analysis of Ethiopia informs policy	EFY Q3-Q4, Q1-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poverty analysis report finalized, printed and disseminated to academic 		51,650		- Poverty analysis	Completed

² Financial data and figures included in this report are an extract from UNDP's financial records. All financial data is provisional and do not replace certified financial reports issued annually by 30 June to individual donors with regard to their contributions.

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	decisions.	Q2	institutions and BoFEDs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of 10 MoFED and 2 CSA staff on growth, poverty, and Inequality held at the Asian Institute for Technology. 		37,354		report. - Training report	
1.4	Regular dialogue between Government and development partners promotes development effectiveness.	EFY Q3-Q4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HLF meeting on private sector development was organized on 10 July 2013. • UN ASG, Ms. Sigrid Kaag, spoke to DAG and MoFED about development effectiveness in a post-Busan and post-2015 world on 24 July at MoFED. 				- HLF meeting minutes and follow-up action plan. - Summary of Ms. Kaag's intervention.	Completed
1.5	Regional dialogue on the GTP Annual Progress Report among stakeholders builds national buy-in.	EFY Q3-Q4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional consultations on 2011/12 APR were conducted in seven regions. Common understanding on the progress of GTP, challenges and the way forward. 		25,092		Regional meeting reports (in Amharic)	Completed.
1.6	Media Advocacy and Awareness-raising on GTP and MDGs	EFY Q1-Q2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 54 radio programs on GTP and MDGs were broadcasted by Fana Broadcasting Corporate 		69,312		Progress reports from Radio Fana.	Completed
1.7	Time Use Survey		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey was cancelled upon revision of the AWP in July 2013 due to a decrease in funding. 					
1.8	Study on Export Status and Identification of problems, challenges and opportunities	EFY Q2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inception report submitted by consultants in December. Questionnaire to be submitted for approval in early 2014. 				Inception report available.	On track.

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1.9	Welfare and Monitoring Unit (WMU) of MoFED increases its analytical understanding and is able to use and disseminate outcomes of analysis.	EFY Q3-Q4, Q1-Q2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Institutional strengthening of WMU: logistics and administrative support. Purchase of 3 laptops and 3 printers for the National Planning Commissioner's office. 		83,360 15,935		Goods receiving note	Completed
2	DAG and the Government dialogue structure function effectively	EFY Q3-Q4, Q1-Q2		483,100	469,494	97%		
2.1	Effective coordination, communication, Pooled Fund management, and administrative support to DAG constituency improves development effectiveness in Ethiopia.	EFY Q3-Q4, Q1-Q2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical, secretariat and administrative support provided to Development Partners Coordinate and ensure smooth communication and information flow Provide PF Management support. 		70,592		-DAG Annual Report -DAG HoA minutes	On track; continuous.
2.2	DAG regularly coordinates and works towards harmonized and aligned development assistance.	EFY Q3-Q4, Q1-Q2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advisory support to Governance Technical Working Group and sub-groups. Policy advice on monitoring aid effectiveness principles and private sector development. 		368,102		PPP prepared for DAG HoA preparatory meeting.	On track; continuous.
2.3	Aid Management Utilization Study	EFY Q3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report was submitted and finalized. Secretariat following-up on progress made thus far. 		30,800			On-track.

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3	Support to the achievement of aid effectiveness targets	EFY Q3-Q4, Q1-Q2		137,885	71,297	52%		
3.1	MoFED officials lead government policy on dev't assistance, resource allocation, planning and management.	EFY Q3-Q4, Q1-Q2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective Development Co-operation Task Force (EDCTF) met 3 times in 2011; DAG Pooled Fund Steering Committee chaired by MoFED agreed annual work plans. 					On-going
3.2	Aid management platform includes comprehensive, standardized information on aid flows to Ethiopia.	EFY Q3-Q4, Q1-Q2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aid Management Platform (AMP) was upgraded from version 1.16.18 to the latest version of 2.4.4 39 development partners and 16 government focal persons for AMP trained on how to use the new version of AMP Experience sharing workshop with other countries managing and aid management platform. 		71,285		- Training reports.	- Completed. - Completed - Completed.
3.3	Development Effectiveness Taskforce action plan implemented.	EFY Q3-Q4, Q1-Q2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preliminary targets identified and action plan discussed at meetings of the effective development cooperation task force. Further effort to be made in 2014 to mobilize partners around a common action plan. 	0	12		Action Plan and minutes from April and July meetings.	November EDCTF validated the Busan monitoring data.
<i>Unrealized loss</i>					2,805			
<i>Overhead (GMS)</i>				76,915	61,233			

