

Mainstreaming Agro-biodiversity Conservation into Agricultural Production Systems of Ethiopia

Annual Report – Period: June-December 2011



**Gimbichu Wereda –
Durum Wheat**



**Angacha Wereda –
Enset**



**Minjar Shenkora Wereda -
Teff**



**Yayo Wereda –
Coffee**

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Narrative Description of Physical and Financial Performance Report

1. Basic Information

- ❖ The project has three main components:
 - Enabling policy and institutional framework supporting in *situ* conservation of agrobiodiversity and crop wild relatives.
 - Markets provide incentive for farmer uptake of agrobiodiversity friendly practices, particularly for wild Arabica coffee, enset, teff and durum wheat
 - Crop Wild Relatives and farmer varieties are conserved in *in situ* gene banks and on-farm conservation sites
- ❖ Implementing partners: UNDP-GEF
 - Lead Agencies: IBC, MoA, MoFED
 - Program Period: 2011 to 2015
 - Budget in USD: 9,013,600
 - Reporting Period: January 2011 to Dec. 2011.

2. Executive summary

Although this is an annual report for the period 2011 for “Mainstreaming Agro biodiversity Conservation into Agricultural Production Systems of Ethiopia”, the project was launched in June 2011. It started full operation in September 2011 after recruiting the Project Site Officers in four weredas. Since then five major achievements were recorded.

The first one is awareness rising of the major stakeholders to better understand the project and share responsibilities. This was done through facilitating Inception Workshops at national and wereda levels. At these workshop critical issues such as project duration, capacity building, project sustainability, report quality, the project’s contribution to the GTP, gender mainstreaming, knowledge management and the role of research in achieving desired results were discussed. At wereda level the inception workshops were conducted at four project pilot sites.

The second major success of the project was the execution of national policy dialogue. The participants on the policy dialogue have discussed on agrobiodiversity policy paper presented by IBC. This elaborated the biodiversity policy issues that need further improvement in the courses of the project period.

The third major achievement was farmers exchange visit. Two groups of farmers from Gimbichu wereda visited Angacha wereda, where they have been introduced with huge enset diversity in particular and conservation and sustainable use of natural resources in general. This has brought impact in Gimbichu, where farmers are planning for proper natural resources management.

The fourth major achievement was the collection of baseline data and establishment of conservation sites in four weredas. The sites were demarcated, although the Yayo site base line data collection and demarcation was not yet complete. The reports of all sites were compiled by the teams.

The fifth achievement of the project is establishment of project coordination and management units at federal and four sites levels. The project offices were furnished and are operational. The major constraints are delay in project take off and financial transfer to project sites.