

KAFA Forest Bees Products Development & Marketing Union Review of Participatory Forest Management Progress

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Background to the Union

- Kafa forest bees products development and marketing cooperative union is a community based organization
- Established in 2007
- Member cooperatives 26 with total of 6527 members (4481 male and 2046 female)
- Main products are honey & wax
- Product potential of the zone is estimated 350 tone of honey per year

Background to the assignment

- This assignment is part of NABU project entitled “Biodiversity Under climate change: a community based conservation, management and development Concepts for the Wild Coffee Forests.”
- The Union is practical collaborator of NABU in implementing PFM at field.
- Bases for collaboration: sustainable natural resource management is an important ground for long term production and marketing of honey.



Key Components of the assignment

1. Efficiency review of existing NABU supported 16 PFM sites
2. Establishment of additional PFM on 4500ha natural forests
3. Development and implementation of management improvements for existing (16 PFM) sites
4. Provide Support to newly established PFM sites



PFM Project progress



Efficiency review of existing NABU supported 16 PFM sites

- Supported reviewers by providing information, facilitating community meetings
- Conducted community level assessment in line with the review report
- Conducted assembly and executive committee meetings
- Strengthened the institution by filling gaps and by re-electing strong committee members



2. Establishment of additional PFM on 4500 ha natural forests

- Established new PFM on 3,490.43 hectares of natural forests & handed over to 1,436 (761 male and 678 female) traditional forest users
 - Yertachiti 596.3ha,
 - Shocha 2062ha and
 - Chefe hana 831.13ha
- Additional 1150.57 ha of forest is at its final planning stage in Chelesheki kebele (Sylem woreda).
- In total 4640 ha handed to 1,828 (879 female and 949 male). This will make 103% against the overall plan
- 2 more potential sites (Gimbo and Cheta) under discussion



Photo of handover Forest

3. Development and implementation of management improvements for existing PFM sites

- Preparation of detail plan for annual implementation **for 9** PFM sites
- Provision of stationery for **nine** PFM in four woredas
- Provision of office equipment support for **two** PFM sites
- Provision of nursery equipment for **seven** PFM
- Provision of modern beehives for **seven** PFM sites
- Provision of office construction material for two PFM sites

Major PFM activities conducted on the newly established sites

- Awareness creation & investigation work in —————> four wordas
- Participatory negotiations and zoning of forest with PPC in —————> Four sites
- Demarcation of agreed PFM areas in the field in —————> four sites
- Conducting forest Assessment —————> Four sites
- Development of management and business plan —————> three sites
- Facilitating forest handover from government through signing —————> three sites



The outcome of the project Intervention

- Promotion and awareness creation increased action on forest protection
- In all newly established sites community started protection, development & regulated use .
- Some of Previously established sites have also started forest management work
- One PFM site has already join the union as members cooperatives so as to create additional income
- Some are on the process to join the union

Development Supports

Institutional support

- Facilitate Establishment of Nurseries/on 6 sites/
- Forest seed collection & distribution/ on three 3 sites
- Provide equipments for PFM communities(working tool & office equipments)

Implementation Support

- Provide training to PFM communities
- Support PFM communities representative on detail plan preparation
- Provide Technical Support
- Facilitate administrative & legal backing

Table1.Detail Development Support

N o	PFM sites	Stationary materials	Construction materials	Beehives & protective cloths	Nursery equipments
1	Wodito	X	–	8+3	X
2	Gachemo	X	–	8+3	X
3	Kumity	X	–	–	–
4	Wohabigory	X	–	8+3	X
5	Dadaty	X	–	8+3	X
6	Shunnoyerina	X	–	8+3	X
7	Hawerinakukuri	X	–	8+3	X
8	Haloganity	X	–	8+3	X
9	Tura	–	X	–	–
10	Mediwuta	X	X	–	–

A photograph of a dense, lush green forest covering a hillside. In the foreground, a dirt path leads into the forest. The text "THANKS! GALLETEHON!" is overlaid in large, bold, blue capital letters.

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