

## Food Security

The European Commission Food Security Project aims to improve the livelihoods for most vulnerable households in Southern part of Ethiopia. The Project's GOAL is to contribute to a sustainable asset stabilization and accumulation of PSNP beneficiary HHs in six selected Woredas (Kedida Gamela, Kacha Bira, Sodo Zuria, Humbo, Mirab Abaya, Chench) of the South Nations Nationalities Peoples' Regional States (SNNPRS) in Ethiopia.

The primary target audience for the three year project (January 1st, 2012 – April 30th, 2015) include;

- \* experts of 6 woreda Agricultural Extension Offices,
- \* six Cooperative Promotion Offices,
- \* six Agricultural Inputs and Marketing Offices,
- \* six Trade and Industry Offices;
- \* 629 Development Agents;
- \* SODO Agricultural Technical Vocational and Educational Training (ATVET)
- \* two Micro-Finance Institutions (OMO and WISDOM)
- \* experts involved in approximately 160 Farmers Training Centers;
- \* approximately 140 Rural Saving & Credit Cooperatives and
- \* 163,800 Productive Safety net Program beneficiaries

World Vision Ethiopia in collaboration with different implementing agencies such as Ethiopian Evangelical Church, Mekane Yesus Development & Social Services Commission and Ethiopian Mulu Wongel Amagnoch Church Development Organization has been actively engaged to improve the livelihoods for the most vulnerable households in the the year 2012

### Major Project intervention

- \* Establish a consortium of stakeholders and partners across the 6 Woredas
  - \* Develop a knowledge management & dissemination system
  - \* Support HHs in developing business plans based on market-oriented on- and off-farm income generation opportunities and construct market centers
  - \* Establish and strengthen marketing groups, cooperatives and community saving & credit associations and link them to markets and MFIs
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- \* Conducted researches on market survey, value chain analysis, baseline survey and need assessment
  - \* Provided trainings on business plan preparation, knowledge management, technical facilitation skill
  - \* Supported Rural Saving and Credit Association (RUSACOs) and Marketing group with stationeries and furniture
  - \* Supported business plan preparation
  - \* Facilitated experience sharing visits
  - \* Supported module preparation for Farmers Training Center (FTCs)
  - \* Produced promotional materials such as Bill-boards, Poster and brochure preparation and dissemination

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