

FACTSHEET

AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION, FOOD & NUTRITION SECURITY PROJECT

AT A GLANCE

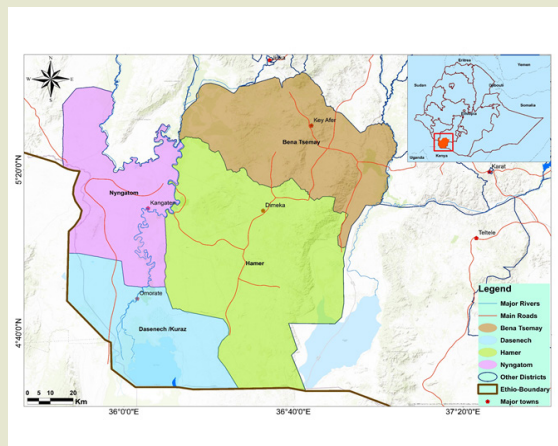
Goal: Contribute towards transforming agricultural productivity and value chain systems for increased incomes, and improved food and nutrition security among pastoral and agro-pastoral (PAP) communities in South Omo Zone, with a gender equitable lens.

Donor: Gates Foundation

Duration: November 1, 2023-October 31, 2027

Geographic Focus:

South Omo Zone: Bena Tsemay, Hamar, Nyangatom and Dasenech woredas



Implementing Partners:

| Stakeholders for priorities alignment & leadership support at federal & regional levels: Ministry of Irrigation & Lowlands, Ministry of Trade and Regional Integration, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Women and Social Affairs

| Coordinating bodies for project implementation at zonal and woreda levels: Sector Offices, Administration, NGOs and private sector.



BACKGROUND

The livestock sector is one of the largest in Africa in terms of population, and serves as a key source of subsistence for more than 12 million pastoral and agro-pastoral Ethiopians (FDRE CSA, 2013).

According to MoA (2012), the sector, which primarily originates from pastoral and agro-pastoral areas, contributes 12–16% to Ethiopia's GDP and 30–35% to its agricultural GDP.

South Omo Zone is home to agro-pastoral and pastoral communities that own a significant share of the country's livestock, including cattle, sheep, and goats. Of the zone's ten woredas, six are pastoral and support a vast livestock population. South Omo Zone alone has approximately 1.94 million cattle, 3.2 million sheep, and 5.8 million goats (South Omo Zone Statistical Abstract, 2021/22).

Despite its immense potential for driving socio-economic transformation, the Zone remains one of the most neglected areas in the country.

The project, designed with both national and continental components, advocates for policies and regulations that transform agriculture and value chain development in Rwanda, Tanzania, Zambia and Ghana.

APPROACH

The project, through high-level advocacy, codified best practices and field-based interventions, contributes towards transforming agricultural productivity and value chain systems for increased incomes, and improved food and nutrition security among the pastoral and agro-pastoral (PAP) communities of South Omo Zone, with a gender equitable lens.

The Hailemariam & Roman Foundation, established in 2018 after the former Ethiopian Prime Minister His Excellency Hailemariam Dessalegn and the former First Lady Her Excellency Roman Tesfaye left office, leverages its convening power to unite continental and local actors in addressing strategic issues.

The Foundation recognizes the importance of credible evidence from diverse sources to inform discussions, convenings, and interventions. By prioritizing evidence-based approaches, it seeks to identify and address key agricultural gaps and bottlenecks at the continental, national, and local levels, driving meaningful transformation for target populations and ecosystems.

KEY ACTIVITIES

| Collecting country and region –specific insights & integrating into messaging on chosen thematic areas

| Codifying best practices

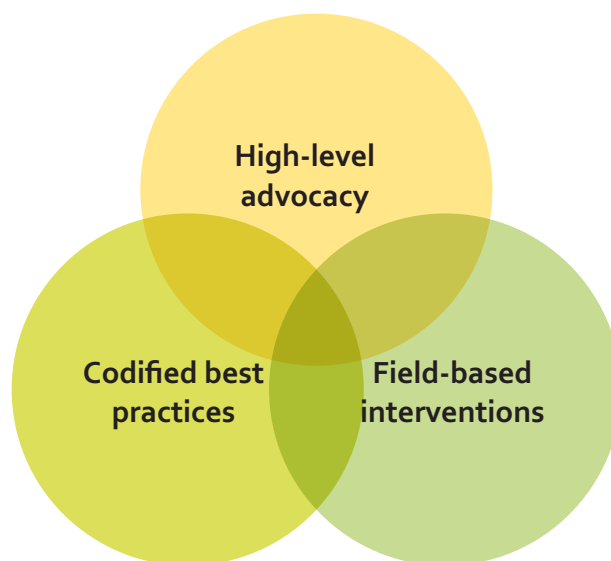
| Coordinating stakeholders for agricultural transformation and value chain development

| Undertaking capacity building trainings

| Strengthening systems capacity

| Carrying out evidence-based high-level advocacy

| Preparing and implementing accelerated transformation woreda plan for PAP and value-chain



EXPECTED OUTCOMES

| Enhanced coordination among key actors to implement transformative agricultural practices, leading to increased productivity and improved food security.

| Improved access to information for pastoral and agro-pastoral (PAP) communities, enabling better agricultural productivity, value chain management, and sustainable practices.

| Strengthened capacity of local authorities, extension agents, and community representatives to proactively advocate for and deliver effective extension services to PAP community members on improved agricultural production and value chains.

| Transformed agricultural productivity and value chain systems among pastoral and agro-pastoral communities, contributing to increased household incomes and improved food and nutrition security



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