



Hybrid DREAM Event 15 December 2021

TVETs: creating employment opportunities with lowland programs

The Ethiopian lowlands have their own potential and challenges for development, but they share a concern with other part of Ethiopia: how to improve livelihoods and how to create employment opportunities. The challenge is particular for young people: how to provide them with a future and hopeful vision and make them contribute to lowland development. There are many skills that are in much demand, such as masonry, that if would be more widely available could be the basis for a rewarding job. TVETs play a large role here, as they bring practical skills to young people that can serve as the basis for gainful employment or business.

The challenge is how to do this effectively and how to reach scale, both to fulfil the demand for such services and to make a significant impact in employment creation. To address this challenge three TVETS in Afar and Somali Region have set up practical trainings that can be provided on demand and against payment – with the idea that different organizations can engage the TVETS to provide such trainings on request.

The hybrid DREAM event on 15 December will discuss the first experiences made with the training courses against tuition fees offered by the three TVETS in Afar and Somali Region. The owner of the courses are the TVETS, they are acting like private sector entrepreneurs selling skill trainings. While conducting the courses, jobs are created by the TVETS as they need to engage consultants to manage the job. For the pastoralist and agro-pastoralist trainees, the skill training provided is often the first opportunity to allow a decision between livelihood options. The event will also discuss how the lowland investment programs could buy-in supporting a larger spin-off to increasing skills and capacities of members of the pastoral and agro-pastoral communities, leading towards sustainable jobs and stronger local economies.

This event takes place in the larger series of discussion on Coordination, Cooperation and Capacitation for Lowland Development of the DREAM program. Following the Development of Resilience Empowering Alternative Measures in Arid and Semi-arid Lowlands of Ethiopia conference (DREAM- I) held in Afar, September 2019, three Pre-conferences were executed: (i) Coordination Pre-Conference held on 3rd November 2020, (ii) Co-operation Pre-Conference held on 12th November 2020 and (iii) Capacitation held on 26th November 2020 as well as a number of Learning Events: (1) Fodder and Rangeland Nexus on 9 March 2021 and (2) Educational Institutionalization on 28 April 2021 (3) Strengthening Woreda level Planning and Coordination on 16 June 2021 (4) Financial Management Capacity at Woreda

Level on 29 July 2021 and (5) Gully Management under problem-solving coordination on 31 August 2021.

The event will be hybrid – with both on-line presence and a physical meeting in Jigjiga.

Program

09:30 – 09:45 Key note: Employment and building skills: a major challenge in the lowlands. The opportunities with the GIZ SDR program: Dr Elisabeth van den Akker

09:45 - 10:05 Creating skills, business and job opportunities – the experience of Gewane ATVET College:

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| 10:45 – 11:00 | <p>Panel response: how to create employment opportunities, how to stimulate business, how to manage the skills development? Interest in booking courses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bureau of Cooperative - NGOs (Alliance or WHH) - Representative of main programs (LLRP, SDR) |
| 11:00 – 11:40 | <p>Parallel group discussion in Jigjiga and virtual</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the options for creating more employment in the implementation of the ongoing programs through job opportunities, engaging micro-enterprises, local skill development, procurement, bringing more money in the local economies? - How to optimize the impact of the TVET programs? How can the current plan of paid trainings contribute to reaching scale in employment creation? |
| 11:40 - 12:00 | <p>Presentation and discussion of group work</p> |
| 12:00 – 12:30 | <p>Wrap up discussion: making systematic links between and with the main Lowland Programs</p> |