

Hybrid DREAM Event 21 June 2022

Mapping development interventions in the lowlands: supporting coordination at woreda level

Considerable development efforts take place in the Ethiopian lowlands – to use the development potential of the lowlands and to work on their resilience. The amounts spent are very substantial, but more is needed to achieve lasting impact. There is a general feeling that more progress could be made, if efforts were better coordinated, if there would be more planning and direction at woreda level and if development systems were systematically built up. The current drought emergency is testimony that there is much distance to cover yet.

As a tool to an effective coordination process, a start has been made with mapping the interventions under different programs in the different lowland woredas. The DREAM hybrid event on 21 June will present the first results of this mapping.

In the hybrid event of 21 June we want to discuss how such mapping can be made as useful as possible for coordination by woreda teams, how efforts in the same woredas can reinforce one another, how mapping can be linked with planning, how to validate and update information and whether additional data may be added in the mapping to support woreda planning and coordination.

This event takes place in the larger program for Coordination, Cooperation and Capacity Building for Lowland Development under DREAM. The most recent event was the DREAMII Conference from 15-18 March 2022 in Adama, that brought together 180 participants and galvanized coordination and cooperation around the lowland programs and worked on integrated capacity building. During this DREAMII event the mapping of development programs in the lowlands was started as well, on which this event builds.

Final Program	
10:00 – 10:15:	Key note: Tezera Getahun (Pastoralist Forum Ethiopia (PFE))
10:15 – 10:40:	Mapping development interventions: presenting the result, Dr Taye Alemayehu (MetaMeta)
10:40 – 10:55:	Supporting local planning and the importance of mapping, Dr Paul Roden (GiZ)
10:55 – 11:10:	The backbone program and the role of improved woreda planning: where does mapping fit it? Dubale Admasu (USAID)
11:10 – 11:30:	Response from BoFED Afar and BoFED Somali Region (Borana and South Omo)
11:30 – 12:10:	Parallel group discussion in Semera, Jigjiga and virtual
	 How can mapping improved the coordination of development activities under different lowland programs? How to best link mapping of development interventions with planning at woreda level? How to organize and improve mapping of development interventions? Would additional data sets be useful or should we keep it basic? How can we further strengthen the coordination and planning at Woreda level?
12:10 – 12:30:	Presentation and discussion of group work
12:30 – 13:00:	Wrap up discussion:
Moderator:	Dr. Frank van Steenbergen

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