



# DREAM II - Pre-Conference

Coordination for pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities  
in lowland areas

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# Introduction

- ▶ **SSD:-** established in 2003 to support the development initiatives of the poor, neglected and marginalized communities of Ethiopia. SSD has legally registered with Charities and Societies Agency (CSA) with registration number 0034.
- ▶ **VISION**  
Seeing the rural poor farming and pastoral communities of Ethiopia self sustained and independent of other's support.
- ▶ **Mission**  
Address and compliment the initiatives of poor and marginalized communities to become self-sustained through promoting integrated community development programs.
- **Objectives**  
The overall objective of SSD is to sustainably enhance the livelihood of target groups through increasing food and income security, promoting basic social services and protecting and managing the environment.

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# Topics

## SSD thematic areas (in order of importance) in Afar

- ▶ Irrigation Infrastructure construction
- ▶ Irrigated Agriculture Development
- ▶ Community Based Disaster Reduction Management
- ▶ Community Capacity Building (individual and CBOs)
- ▶ Women Economic Empowerment (Saving and Credit Schemes)
- ▶ Gender transformation
- ▶ Humanitarian emergency support

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# Community approaches

- ❖ Linking relief with long term development
- ❖ Holistic approach to beneficiary needs
- ❖ Community partnership and active participation
- ❖ Strengthen local institutions and build the capacity of the beneficiaries
- ❖ Diversifying economic means of the target people
- ❖ Involvement & participation of all stakeholders at all project cycles( labor, materials, finance, ideas, etc.)

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# Partners & Financing Instruments

## SSD Main partners:

- ▶ CLWR/CFGB
- ▶ Menschen für Menschen Swizerland,
- ▶ Afar National Regional State
- ▶ CSSP2

## Source of funding:

- International Donors;
- Local Governments/ ANRS Covers 30% of project cost in cash
- Community contribution (labour & local material)

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# Collaboration Opportunities

- ▶ Our biggest scope/Added value for collaboration:
  - ▶ With GIZ:
    - ✓ SSD has developed more than 20 irrigation projects in Afar. Some of the irrigation infrastructure are damaged and needs rehabilitation. So we can jointly rehabilitate the schemes with less cost but bigger impact to transform pastoralists to Agro-pastoralists collaboratively.
  - ▶ With other organizations/partners:
    - ✓ SSD has the expertise in irrigation development. We are happy to share this experience to interested organizations.
    - ✓ The pastoralist/ agro-pastoralist development needs a multi-specialization engagements. So SSD wants to join hands with other partner organizations in areas of Fodder development, veterinary service, linking relief with development initiatives, and so on.

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# Picture that tells it all

- ▶ Can you show a picture that illustrates the work you do



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# Local food production in from nil to ...





# Increased milk availability

Reduced migration especially the women and children

Milking cows are kept around the settlement throughout



# Natural resource conservation practices started ...

- Plantation of trees like Papaya, Neem, Moringa etc. in home stead, along canals in the irrigation land, at Schools and government offices
- Moisture conservation and water harvesting activities



# Permanent settlement in project kebeles started...

- ▶ Very few Afar houses around the irrigation area (less than 10) in mid 2004
- ▶ More than 500 families have permanently settled around the irrigation scheme



# School enrollment dramatically increased

- ▶ 250 students
- ▶ More than 8 teachers
- ▶ Up graded the school up to grade 8
- ▶ School expanded by PCDP Afar



# Improved communication and transportation...

- ▶ At least one truck every day
- ▶ A small bus occasionally
- ▶ Wireless telephone service



# Trading improved

Shops, local restaurant, electric generators, satellite dishes, TV, grinding mills



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