

GGGI Ethiopia: Gender Equality Co-benefits

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GGGI HISTORY

The Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) was founded as a treaty-based international, inter-governmental organization in 2012 at the **United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development**.

GGGI supports its Member States in transitioning their economies towards a green growth model that simultaneously achieves poverty reduction, social inclusion, environmental sustainability, and economic growth.

GGGI's work contributes to its Members' efforts to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals and their Nationally Determined Contributions to the Paris Agreement.





GGGI in Ethiopia

GGGI has been working in Ethiopia since 2010, supporting the Government of Ethiopia's efforts in the development and implementation of Climate Resilient Green Economy (CRGE) Strategy.

GGGI Ethiopia Country Program is carried out by a team of dedicated technical experts embedded within partner government institutions at central and local levels.

The team provides timely and high-quality demand-driven technical advisory and assistance across six programmatic solutions with Ethiopia's Sustainable line in Development Goals

GGGI MEMBER STATES & COUNTRIES OF OPERATION





GGGI PROGRAMMATIC SOLUTIONS



Catalyzing and accelerating access to climate finance/ green investments for Members' public and private sectors

Green Investments

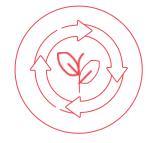
Green bankable projects, investment proposals, national financing vehicles, green and climate instruments, carbonfocused engagements.



Supporting our Members in strengthening policy, planning and regulatory frameworks, and institutional capacity to achieve green growth outcomes

Climate Actions

Inclusive green growth plans, LT-LEDS, NDC support, MRV system design, climate diplomacy.



Achieving a sustainable and circular bioeconomy while securing healthy natural systems

Climate Resilient Agriculture

Solar irrigations, renewable energy application in agri-value chain, resilient cropping practices, resource conservation

Sustainable Forests

REDD+, landscapes financing mechanisms, innovation of natural capital markets.

Coastal Resilience and Blue Economy

(1) Safeguard and strengthen coastal ecosystems resilience and biodiversity; (2) and promote a sustainable and innovative blueeconomy.



Making cities and communities sustainable, livable, and resilient, supported through green jobs, services, and green infrastructure capital markets innovations

Circular Economy and Sustainable Waste Management

(1) Optimize resource use and product lifecycles, (2) promote industrial ecology and Extended Producer Responsibility, and (3) ensure sustainable waste management, value from waste, and address plastic pollution.

Sustainable Mobility

E-Mobility, Non-motorized transport

Green Buildings

Green urban infrastructure norms/ standards/ policies, energy efficiency in residential and commercial buildings

Renewable Energy

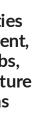
Enhance policies, regulations, and access to sustainable energy infrastructure for a just transition towards (1) renewable heating, cooling, and power systems, (2) more efficient energy systems, and (3) cleaner heat and power generation, reducing greenhouse gas-intensive fuels.

Green Industries

Green industrial parks, green supply chains, energy efficiency in SMEs, labelling and standards.

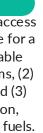
















Accelerating progress in our country programs in poverty eradication and gender equality



Carbon pricing

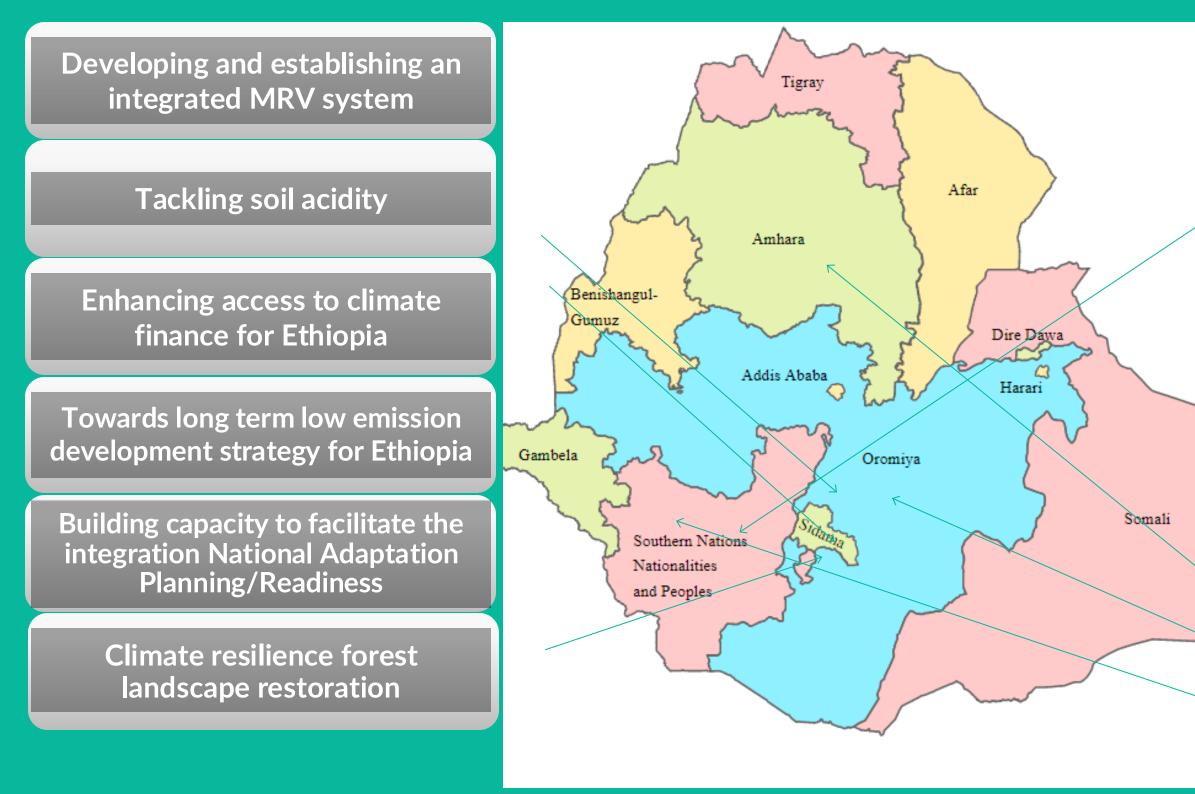
Cross cutting

in all programmatic solutions

Article 6

Article 6 readiness, policy design, transactions and trading

GGGI Ethiopia is moving from a Project to a Program approach; Designing a Sustainable Landscapes and Forestry Program





Agroforestry for People, Peace and Prosperity Project

Conservation and Sustainable Management of Forested Landscape

REDD++ Investment Program II

Forest Finance Investment Incubator

Agro-voltaic System in Ethiopia

Promoting Solar Irrigation Pump System

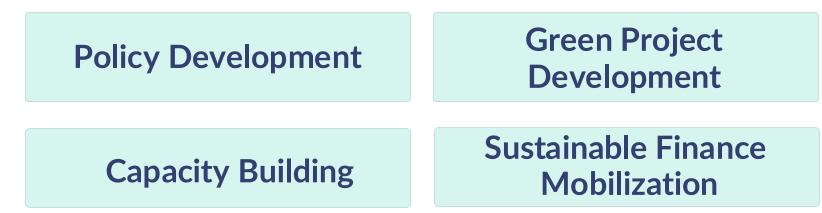
Fostering food security to prevent conflict and ensure stability

GGGI & Ethiopia: Driving Green Growth Together

Strategic Partnership: GGGI collaborates closely with the Ethiopian government to advance national green growth objectives.

Embedded Expertise: GGGI staff are integrated within key government ministries, ensuring direct support and efficient implementation of sustainable development initiatives.

Key Support Areas:



Goal: To strengthen Ethiopia's capacity for climate-resilient and inclusive green economic growth.





GGGI Ethiopia Country Planning Framework (CPF)



GGGI Ethiopia **Country Planning Framework** 2023-2027



priorities

- Strategically aligns with GGGI's global operational priorities and programmatic solutions
- Delivers impactful programs with measurable, attributed and contributed outcomes
- Develops strong partnerships and facilitates resource mobilization
- Strengthens linkages with key global development agendas and GGGI's Strategy 2030





• The CPF (2023-2027) focuses on Ethiopia's development



equality."

Planning Framework (CPF) 2023-2027.



- **GGGI** Ethiopia is dedicated to advancing gender equality
- through its projects. This aligns with "Realizing co-
- benefits and reducing trade-offs... for advancing gender

GGGI uses its The Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) strategy, action plans, and the Ethiopia Country

Co-benefits Through Gender Integration

GESI and CPF Alignment

GESI Strategy and the Ethiopia Country Planning Framework (CPF) 2023-2027 guide co-benefit identification.

Climate-Resilient Agriculture

Ensures equal access to training and resources enhances food security and resilience.





Sustainable Forest Management

Promotes women's participation improves conservation and empowers them economically.

Reducing Trade-offs and Gender Equality

CPF's Proactive Role

The CPF uses gender analysis to mitigate negative impacts.

Sustainable Energy Projects

Women's needs and safety concerns are addressed, preventing increased workload or risk.

Inclusive Decision-Making

Promoting women's participation minimizes unintended consequences and ensures that projects are inclusive and equitable.





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Development



Ethiopia

Successful Cases: Urban and Rural

Rural Focus

Climate-resilient agriculture empowers women and contributes to sustainable livelihoods.

Urban Initiatives

Sustainable energy prioritizes women's access to clean energy for better health and safety.

Best Practices

Documenting and sharing lessons learned to scale successful gender-sensitive approaches.





Advancing Gender Equality as the Overarching Goal

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GESI and CPF Roadmap

Provides a roadmap for mainstreaming gender in all GGGI's work.

Policy and Advocacy

GGGI creates an environment for gender equality through policy dialogue, advocacy, and capacity building

Equitable Access

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Empowering women and promoting participation leads to a more just society.

Climate Resilient Forest and Landscape Restoration (CRFLR) Program

Objectives

- The Program is designed to contribute to Ethiopia's efforts to restore 15 million hectares of degraded land.
- To restore degraded forest and farmlands in selected watersheds, following a Holistic Landscape Restoration approach across 10,000ha.
- Increased resilience and enhanced livelihoods of the most vulnerable people, communities, and regions (11,000 households) to the impact of climate change.

Program in the context of gender equality

- (1) Awareness raising event and Capacity Building
 - Gender ToT training
 - Peer-to-peer learning programme: women were the main participants
- (2) CBO & Women VSLA setup/ CBOs registration
 - 14 out of 14 women VSLAs were set up and strengthened
- (3) Participatory Forest and Farmland Management Plans

Project P

Project F

Theme:

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eriod:	November 2021-June 2026
unding:	9.6 million USD
	Climate Action Sustainable Forest
ode:	ET15



Conservation and Sustainable Management of Forested Landscapes (CSMFL) in Southwestern Ethiopia Project

INTRODUCTION

Implemented in collaboration with the Ethiopian Coffee Forest Forum (ECFF), the International Development Enterprises (iDE), and the Government of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

Project Period:	Dec. 2	
Project Funding:	USD 7	
Theme:	Climate Forest	
Project Code:	ET27	

Implemented in Oromia and the Southwest Region of Ethiopia in six zones within twelve Districts.

OBJECTIVES

To strengthen mainstreaming and integration of biodiversity conservation interventions into local development programs;

To improve gender equality and livelihoods of forest dependent communities, including women and youth; and

To enhance the sustainable forest management in selected woredas and zones in **Oromia and SWEP Regional States;**

To build the capacity of Government stakeholders and local community groups at various levels.



2022 - Nov. 2025

.2 million

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Conservation and Sustainable Management of Forested Landscapes (CSMFL) in Southwestern Ethiopia Project

Project Outcome

- Improved conservation of biodiversity in the forested landscape;
 - Improved management of forest resources for multiple functions;
 - Improved gender equality and livelihoods of communities living in and around the forested landscapes; and
- Strengthened institutional, human and system capacity and multistakeholder coordination

Training on the Water-Energy-Food-Forest nexus approach

Meseret Asefa, project participant

"The Conservation and Sustainable Management of Forested Landscape (CSMFL) project takes a unique, collaborative approach among projects in our region. Different organizations, each specializing in a specific area like livelihoods or conservation, are able to work effectively together for the conservation"

Yenenesh Demisie, project participant

"As a new region formed recently, woreda offices in Southwest lacked resources needed to fully focus on conservation and community initiatives. The material support provided by the CSMFL project is incredibly valuable in helping us carry out our important work more effectively"











Fostering Food Security to Prevent Conflict and Ensure Stability in the Central Rift Valley of Ethiopia

INTRODUCTION

The project will enhance food security to prevent conflict and instability among the vulnerable rural communities in the Central Rift Valley areas in Ethiopia. The total direct beneficiaries of the communities are 1,760 farmers mainly targeting rural women farmers, conflict-affected community members, and unemployed youth with tailor-made innovation approaches and practices.

OBJECTIVES



Create the basis for economic empowerment of the beneficiary communities through capacity building, provision of climate-resilient technologies, and fostering stakeholders' collective efforts.

Enhance community engagement and well-being through cross-cultural interaction, and community conversation that results in conflict prevention and resolution that provides stability across the social strata.

Develop a clear understanding of the need for partnership and collaboration in ensuring environmental conservation that affects the communities' food security, peace, and stability. Mainstream youth and women empowerment and social inclusion in project formulation and implementation to ensure that 'no one is left behind'.







Agroforestry for People, Peace and Prosperity Project

OUTCOME

Restored Landscapes	Rehabilitated degraded land by planting indigenous trees and promoting sustainable agroforestry, reducing competition for resources.
Enhanced Livelihoods:	Improved coffee production and sustainable agriculture, providing economic benefits that encouraged collaboration between Gedeo and Guji communities.
Increased Social Cohesion:	Strengthened social bonds through joint capacity-building activities and workshops, fostering dialogue and conflict resolution.
Strengthened Local Institutions	Developed cooperatives and community-based organizations to manage resources and mediate disputes, promoting equitable access.
Inclusive and Sustainable Peacebuilding:	Addressed environmental and economic conflict drivers, ensuring benefits for both communities and fostering cooperation and mutual benefit.

Project Results

310,000

In 2023, the project procured 310,000 seedlings (150,000 coffee, 150,000 trees, and 1,000 fruit) from local seedling suppliers and youth groups.

1055 Ha

In 2024, the project procured 320 KG (180 Coffee and 140 tree) seeds; and raised over 1.4 Million Seedlings (644,000 coffee & 805,000 trees) and restored 1055 ha of forest and agroforestry landscapes.

313 Ha

In 2023, through community participation, restored 313 ha of degraded forest and agroforestry lands, including public and individual holdings,.







100,000 people

As of June 2024, the project direct and indirect beneficiaries become more than 100 000 people from project interventions including capacity buildings activities, seedling & restorations, coffee infrastructures, coffee business and job creations

Solar-Powered Irrigation Project CSA intervention in Senegal





OVERVIEW OF THE KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Support for piloting solar pumps in the Senegal River valley directly addresses a key issue that producers are facing namely the high cost of electricity supplied by the State Company. First Project to provide support to grass roots communities through capacity building, technical solution and financing mechanisms .

Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD) has partnered with GGGI between January 2021 and September 2024 to :

- 1. Deliver Climate Smart Agriculture technologies and practices to **15,628 small-scale farmers** with improved skills;
- 2. Supply **1,672 megawatt** of solar-irrigation equipment to 10,870.66 ha that helped to:
 - Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 7,100-ton CO²eq per year from 2025,
 - Increasing yields by **21**% and income by 6%,
 - Create **435** green jobs, and enhancing over 50,000 people's food security across the twelve sites in the Senegal River Valley region,





WAY FORWARD

Scaling up energy solutions for sustainable agri-food systems

Project Upscaling:

Expands prior work, providing integrated support for climatesmart agriculture (CSA) adoption by rice farmers, including capacity building.

Facilitates investment in solar-powered irrigation and drainage for farmer groups.

Renewable Energy S (government fund):

Aims for 40 MW of new renewable energy capacity within two years of a \$50M investment.

Targets a 40% reduction in average electricity generation costs.





Renewable Energy Special Purpose Vehicle (RE-SPV) with FONSIS

Seeks 20,000 t CO2e annual emissions reduction. Plans to expand solar irrigation by 30,000 hectares, increasing farmer yields by 58% and incomes by 10%.



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