

# Ethiopia Strategy Support Program II

## Bridging Knowledge and Policy

### ESSP PROGRAM HISTORY & OBJECTIVES

Based in Addis Ababa, ESSP began its activities in late 2004 with the aim of undertaking timely and actionable research to fill knowledge gaps, improve knowledge database management systems, and strengthen national capacity to undertake policy relevant economic analysis.

Phase I of ESSP operated from September 2004 to June 2008. ESSP conducted a varied program of economic research and provided extensive technical and analytical support towards the establishment of the Ethiopia Commodity Exchange (ECX). Phase II of ESSP, which began in July 2008, places a greater emphasis on capacity strengthening, while continuing a program of policy-relevant research and analysis.

### ONGOING RESEARCH THEMES

#### Research Initiatives 2012:

- Agricultural Productivity: Performance and Constraints
- Determination of Food Prices
- Determinants of Adoption and Impacts of Sustainable Land/Watershed Management
- Dynamic Implications of Production Shocks and Policy on Livestock Markets and Household Welfare: A Sectoral and Economywide Analysis
- Aspirations, Risk and Household Investment Behavior
- Agricultural Growth Program (AGP) Impact Evaluation
- Accelerating Agricultural Market Transformation in Ethiopia: Processes, Potentials, and Challenges
- The Teff Value Chain
- Understanding and Improving Agricultural Extension Service Delivery in Ethiopia

### ESSP II FUNDING

ESSP II receives funding from a consortium of donors:

- Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)
- UK Department for International Development (DFID)
- United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

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ESSP II aims to promote sustainable development and poverty reduction in Ethiopia through policy-oriented research, institution strengthening, capacity building, and dialogue on economic and agricultural policy issues.

### Ethiopia Strategy Support Program Phase II (ESSP II)

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The Ethiopia Strategy Support Program II (ESSP II) is a collaborative program of capacity building, research, policy analysis, and knowledge dissemination by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and the Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI).

#### ESSP II major activities:

- **Collaborative research within three key institutions promoting poverty reduction and economic development in Ethiopia**
  - **Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI)**
    - Support the EDRI SAM/CGE Analysis
    - Support short-term policy analysis on cereal markets, inflation, and economic growth
  - **Central Statistical Agency (CSA)**
    - Support integration of GIS analysis in CSA reports
  - **Ministry of Agriculture (MoA)**
    - Support analysis of agricultural markets and food security
- **Robust knowledge-management to contribute to policy dialogue, strategic priority setting, and evidence-based policy analysis.**
  - Strengthen data dissemination through REKSS
  - Create and maintain operational geo-database at CSA
- **Capacity strengthening and increased knowledge dissemination within the academic and policy research community, including:**
  - Joint seminars and training on economic modeling (EDRI)
  - Financial support for PhD training in economic analysis (EDRI)
  - Federal and regional GIS training (CSA)
  - Household survey analysis training (AAU, EDRI)
- **Enhancing communications and institutional linkages between policy makers, policy analysts, civil society, and other policy and research actors through joint seminars and other dissemination events.**

### ESSP II Highlights of 2011

- CSA and ESSP II launched the 2006/07–2010/11 Atlas of Agricultural Statistics and database in November 2011.
- 249 trainees from EDRI, CSA, MoFED, AAU and regional universities, EEA, and other institutes were trained on CGE Model, PDA use, Panel Data Analysis, Game Theory and Industrial Organization, Micro-econometrics and / or GIS Training.
- 53 seminars and presentations were given to partners jointly with EDRI, EEA, and other collaborating institutions.
- ESSP II launched the site <http://essp.ifpri.info> in April 2011. The site gives an overview of ESSP's work and publications. At the end of 2011 the site was getting about 180 unique visitors a month.
- A total of 17 Working Papers and 3 Briefs were published. Please visit <http://essp.ifpri.info/publications/>
- ESSP II selected 23 candidates for the second phase of the Small Research Grant Award.

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### COMMUNICATIONS AND PARTNERSHIP

ESSP II achievements depend on coordination and communication with key partners and stakeholders, including policymakers, donors, researchers, and private-sector and civil society leaders.

The Program has developed formal links with key institutions such as the Central Statistical Agency, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, the Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research, the Ethiopian Economics Association, Ethiopian universities and research institutes, and numerous private trade associations.

### NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NAC)

- **Ato Newai Gebre-Ab**  
Chief Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister and Executive Director, EDRI
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State Minister, Ministry of Agriculture (MoA)
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Director General, Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research (EIAR)
- **Wro. Samia Zekaria**  
Director General, Central Statistical Agency (CSA)
- **Ato Bulbula Tulle**  
Managing Director, Hawas Agri Business (Private Sector)
- **Dr. Bart Minten**  
Program Leader, IFPRI-ESSP-II (non-voting, ex-officio member)

### Providing Support in a Dynamic Environment

ESSP II is country driven and country-owned. The program's priorities are set and updated regularly by a high-level National Advisory Committee.

ESSP II is supported by a consortium of four donors who have pooled their funding to support policy analysis and evidence based policy dialogue, with the understanding that national partners set the agenda.

ESSP II is structured in a way that enables collaboration with an extensive and unlimited range of partners, including national academic institutions, private-sector and civil-society actors, technical experts in line ministries, and donor agencies.

### The ESSP II Team

The ESSP II team is composed of nearly 40 highly qualified international and national researchers, based in Addis Ababa and Washington DC, who work with a broad set of collaborators in relevant partner institutions. The Program's primary administrative base is the IFPRI Addis Ababa office (on the campus of the International Livestock Research Institute), with an active research and outreach base at EDRI.

### Capacity Building Initiatives for 2012

- **Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI)**
  - Support to EDRI SAM/CGE Analysis
  - Support to short-term policy analysis on cereal markets, inflation, and economic growth
  - Joint seminar series
- **Central Statistical Agency (CSA)**
  - Support to GIS analysis
  - Federal and regional GIS training
  - Strengthening of data dissemination through REKSS
- **Ministry of Agriculture (MoA)**
  - Support to agricultural and food security policy analysis
  - Creation of operational agricultural policy data base
  - Training on agricultural policy analysis

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