

ETHIOPIA

Strategy Support Program II



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Bridging Knowledge and Policy

ONGOING RESEARCH THEMES

- Agricultural Productivity: Performance and Constraints
- Determination of Food Prices in Ethiopia
- Determinants of Adoption and Impacts of Sustainable Land and 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 Study
- Teff Technology Study
- Understanding and Improving Agricultural Extension Service Delivery in Ethiopia
- Weather Index Insurance
- Evaluating Feed the Future (FTF) Program
- Social Cash Transfer Program (SCTP)



ESSP 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.



The Ethiopia Strategy Support Program (ESSP) 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). 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. During Phase I (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 and will end in June 2013, places a greater emphasis on capacity strengthening, while continuing a program of policy-relevant research and analysis. The consortium of donors funding ESSP has agreed to extend the program by a third phase, which will start in July 2013.

ESSP major activities:

- **Collaborative research** within five key institutions [Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI), Central Statistical Agency (CSA), Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), Agricultural Transformation Agency (ATA), and Ethiopian Economics Association (EEA)] promoting poverty reduction and economic development in Ethiopia.
- **Robust knowledge-management** to contribute to policy dialogue, strategic priority setting, and evidence-based policy analysis.
 - Strengthen data dissemination (EDRI, CSA, EEA).
 - 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, EEA).
 - Financial support for PhD training in economic analysis (EDRI).
 - Federal and regional GIS training and/or support (CSA, ATA).
 - 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 FUNDING

ESSP 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)

ESSP Highlights of 2012

- A book titled "Food and Agriculture in Ethiopia" was launched in November 2012.
- In collaboration with EDRI and CSA, 383 trainees from regional universities, AAU, EDRI, CSA, MoFED, EEA, and other institutes were trained on GAMS/CGE Model, Game Theory and Industrial Organizations, Applied Microeconomics, Writing, Presenting & Publishing for Development Economics, Supply Chain Operation Reference (SCOR) Model for High Level Officials and Practitioners, Refreshment Courses on Research and Basic Econometrics Approach, and/or GIS Training.
- 64 seminars and presentations were given to partners jointly with EDRI, EEA, and other collaborating institutions.
- The blog <http://essp.ifpri.info> gives an overview of ESSP's work and publications. In 2012, it had a total of 3,412 views with 2,134 unique visitors.
- A total of 18 ESSP Working Papers and 9 ESSP Research Notes were published.
- ESSP/EDRI launched the third Competitive Research Grants for 2012/13 Academic Year. 15 Master and 4 PhD students were awarded a grant.

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COMMUNICATIONS AND PARTNERSHIP

ESSP 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 Ethiopian Development Research Institute, the Central Statistical Agency, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, the Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research, the Agricultural Transformation Agency, 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, Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI)
- **Ato Wondirad Mandefro**
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- **Dr. Abraham Tekeste**
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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 (non-voting, ex-officio member)

Providing Support in a Dynamic Environment

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

ESSP is supported by a consortium of three 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 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 Team

The ESSP 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 2013

- **Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI)**
 - Support to EDRI SAM/CGE analysis
 - Support policy analysis on agricultural productivity, markets, and economic growth
 - Joint seminar series
 - Strengthening of data dissemination
- **Central Statistical Agency (CSA)**
 - Support to GIS analysis and federal and regional GIS training
 - Strengthening of data dissemination
 - Support the impact evaluation of the Feed the Future Program (FTF) and the Productive Safety Net Program (PSNP)
- **Ministry of Agriculture (MoA)**
 - Support analysis of impact of agricultural extension and impact of new agricultural technologies
 - Support impact evaluation of the Agricultural Growth Program (AGP)
- **Agricultural Transformation Agency (ATA)**
 - Support the establishment and scouting of the Ethiopian Soil Information System (EthioSIS) geo-database and survey through GIS analysis
 - Support to the teff value chain and productivity analysis
- **Ethiopian Economics Association (EEA)**
 - Technical and financial support to the Price Dynamics Hub
 - Support the annual conference on the Ethiopian economy

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