



ESAPP Project Report

Eastern and Southern Africa Partnership Programme

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1. General information

Project code: **E101**

Project status: Ongoing

Project sequence: BM2

Project title:	BASIC MANDATE AND REGIONAL COORDINATION ETHIOPIA & ERITREA
Project summary:	The basic tasks of the project are to act as a local representative of CDE for ESAPP in the Horn of Africa; to provide support to the elaboration of ESAPP project proposals; to follow up ESAPP activities and on-going Priority Action Projects; to work on administrative, contractual and financial tasks and to assist on other additional mutually agreed assignments.
Beneficiaries:	The beneficiaries are the horn of Africa countries, namely Sudan, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Djibouti and Somalia as well as the individual projects. Until now while Ethiopia and Eritrea benefit from the operation of some projects, there has not been any projects in Djibouti, Somalia and Sudan
List of products and outputs:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Operational priority projects are coordinated through occasional contacts with the implementing agencies;2. Assisted the preparation of new projects;3. Analysed and encoded data of SCRPs by technician employed for the purpose;4. Managed the employed staff;5. Produced quarterly accounts;6. Produced quarterly reports;7. Implemented 1 priority action projects (E310) successfully and is in the process of implementing another one (E214);8. Digitized the missing maps of Soil Conservation Research Projects;9. Handled various correspondences with Berne and collaborating agencies.
Follow-up activities:	Continue the above listed activities with the exception of priority project E310 and digitization of Soil Conservation Research Project maps which are already completed successfully.

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Appraisal by ESAPP Management Team (CDE):	please leave blank !		
Reporting period: ESAPP	From: 01/01/2005	to: 25/12/2005	
Management Team (CDE):	From: 01/01/2005	to: 31/12/2005	
Approved ESAPP budget:	Total (CHF): 66,000 CHF +2,600 US\$	North (CHF): -	South (CHF): 66,000 CHF +2,600 US\$
Real ESAPP budget allocation:	Total (CHF): 21,300 CHF + 2,600 US\$	North (CHF): -	South (CHF): 21,300 CHF + 2,600 US\$
	Total (CHF): -	Institution: -	

Lead agency	Horn of Africa ESAPP Coordination Office
Requesting agency:	Horn of Africa ESAPP Coordination Office
Executing partners other than CDE:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amhara Region Agricultural Research Institute; 2. Mekele University; 3. Daniel Danano, Ministry of Agriculture; 4. South Agricultural Research Institute; 5. Sustainable Land Use Forum; 6. Sustainable Natural Resources Management Association; 7. Office of Rural Development and Agriculture for <i>Albuko Wereda</i>; 8. <i>Sirinka</i> Agricultural Research Center; 9. National Meteorological Service Agency; 10. Maybar Irrigation Project (budget and expenses not included)

CDE responsible for the project:	Mrs Sarah-Lan Mathez-Stiefel
Other collaborators at CDE:	Professor Hans Hurni; Professor Urs Wiesman; Juerg Krauer; Thomas Gurtner; Dr Karl Herweg;
Date of reporting:	25/12/2005
Name of person filling in the report:	Berhanu Debele

2. Project highlights and impacts

Follow-up on the "Protocol Agreement", which elaborates the framework under which this project and NCCR will have to operate, continued this year as well. The draft that has been prepared by the Swiss Foreign Ministry has been submitted to the Ethiopian side for its consideration. The Ethiopian Science and Technology Commission accepted the draft and is ready to sign the agreement. Hopefully this can be finalized in the first quarter of the new year.

Although, the rehabilitation of the pump for irrigation at Maybar, using the fund of CHF 10,000 secured from Helvetas, was considered completed last year, it was learned later on that the pump could not deliver water to the main canal as two essential spare parts for the pump was missing. This has been fixed and the pump has been operationlized. It is being awaited to see if irrigation could be started after the harvest of the crops grown on rain. The farmers are organized into the water users association (Maybar Irrigation cooperative) and legal recognition is secured. Hence, all the money remaining from the rehabilitation of the pump has been transferred to the account of the cooperative at Dessie branch of the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia.

The coordinator participated in the Regional Workshop of the West Africa JACS in the last week of August (24-31) in Abidjan, Cote de Ivoire.

Auditing of the accounts of both ESAPP (Basic Mandate and Maybar Irrigation Project) and NCCR North-South (IP2 and IP7) completed for the year that ended June 30, 2005.

Assistance was given to Amare Kebede of SUNARMA (NGO) in the preparation of a priority action project which is approved under the Code E315. Priority Action project was also prepared for E214 which is under implementation in the Coordination office.

During the year, seven priority action projects were approved (E311, E312, E313, E314, E315, E214, and E215) while nine (E071, E301, E302, E305, E306, E307, E310 and E312) of the previously running projects was wound up. Among the completed projects, final technical and financial reports are being waited for from E071, E305, E306, and E312. At the moment there are five projects running (E201, E214, E308, E313, and E314). In addition to these, contractual agreement is signed and the first installment is released for one project (E315). Detailed activity and

budget breakdown is being expected from two more projects (E311 and E215). This bring the number of ongoing project to seven. The status of projects E304 (Manual for Sustainable Soil Fertility in Eritrea) and E309 (Asmara Base Map Improvement combined with On-The-Job Training, Eritrea) which are operated in Eritrea, is not known. With these the number of ongoing projects in the region goes to nine.

3. Appraisal by the lead or executing agency

Steady progress is being made in most projects but repeated delays in reporting are noted on projects E71, E305, and E306 and as well as on the conclusion of the protocol agreement.

4. Project objectives: achievements and constraints

The coordination objective is met while timely conclusion and reporting of some of the projects continued to be a problem.

5. Outputs: achievements and problems

Only the ToR prepared for the Regional Coordinator exists. The overall objective is to have coordinated and smoothly running projects in the region. These are supposed to be in line with the objective and activities of ESAPP. This objective has been achieved by-and-large.

6. Timetable

The timetable was kept by most of the projects although projects E71, E305, and E306 lagged behind in their implementation schedules and the last two in reporting.

7. Impact of the project in relation to ESAPP programme mission

Thematic focus	Analysis (transdisciplinary assessment and monitoring)
	Application (context-specific and actor-oriented problem solving)
	Implementation (development cooperation and policy dialogue)
Fields of activities	Concepts and tools
	Research partnership

	Capacity building
	Development support

8. Beneficiaries

- 8.1. Amhara Region Agricultural Research Institute;
- 8.2. Mekele University;
- 8.3. Daniel Danano, Ministry of Agriculture;
- 8.4. South Agricultural Research Institute;
- 8.5. Sustainable Land Use Forum;
- 8.6. Sustainable Natural Resources Management Association;
- 8.7. Office of Rural Development and Agriculture for *Albuko Wereda*;
- 8.8. *Sirinka* Agricultural Research Center;
- 8.9. National Meteorological Service Agency;
- 8.10. Maybar Irrigation Project (budget and expenses not included above).

9. Partnership networks

ESAPP was put in the footsteps of SCRP. Now the partnership exists with the following institutions.

- 9.1. Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), especially the Natural Resources Development Department,
- 9.2. Amhara Region Agricultural Research Institute (ARARI),
- 9.3. Southern Region Agricultural Research Institute (SARI),
- 9.4. Mekele University,
- 9.5. Sustainable Land Use Forum (SLUF) - an NGO,
- 9.6. Amba Ecotourism PLC - an NGO,
- 9.7. SUNARMA - an NGO,
- 9.8. Office of Rural Development and Agriculture for *Albuko Wereda*,
- 9.9. *Sirinka* Agricultural Research Center and
- 9.10. National Meteorological Service Agency.

As the result of Project E310, network is now expanded to 162 institutions (international, governmental and non-governmental).

The existence of this network was a relief for some institutions, like Gununo and the other former soil conservation research project sites, as without it their activities would have been seriously jeopardized

10. Annexes (max. ¼ page)

11. Additional remarks, explanations (max. ¼ page)