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# Operationalization and Sustainability of IAIPs in Ethiopia (OS-IAIP) Project

## BACKGROUND

The development of agro-industries presents Ethiopia with an opportunity to accelerate economic development and achieve its industrial development goals. Agro-industries can help fulfill the potential of agriculture and advance industrialization in the country. Recognizing this opportunity, the GoE is spearheading the development of integrated agro-industrial parks (IAIPs) and accompanying Rural Transformation Centres (RTCs) with the intention of better integrating agricultural value chain actors in four regions of the country Bulbula (Oromia), Bure (Amhara), Yirgalem (Sidama) & Baeker (Tigray) region.

## CONTEXT

To sustain and improve the operationalization and sustainability of the four IAIPs in the selected pilot regions Ministry of Industry (Mol), and the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) initiated the **Operationalization and Sustainability of integrated agro-industrial park project** in Ethiopia. The bilateral project were signed between the Italian Government and the Ethiopian Government, the project is funded by AICS, Mol is the implementing agency, and The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) provides technical support throughout the life of the project.

By concentrating efforts on building capacity of stakeholders and strengthening the value chain, ensuring food quality, safety, and traceability systems via operationalization of laboratories, and promoting a socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable parks the project endeavors to enhance the overall economic landscape and promote equitable growth across various parts of the country.

## EXPECTED OUTPUT



Harness the full potential of private sector engagement in the agro-industry and allied sectors in and around the IAIPs and RTCs.



Enhancing regional capabilities for implementing Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and associated incentive packages to attract investments in agro-industries within the regions.



Enhanced connections (market linkage) between cooperative unions and agro-processors.



Establishing a strong regulatory framework for food quality, safety, and traceability, and ensuring that businesses in the agricultural industry sector comply with these standards.



Implementation of food safety and quality standards in the IAIPs and RTCs through operationalizing laboratories.



Affirmative action for gender parity, safety, and security for female workers in the workplace by creating a more inclusive and equitable work environment.

## RESULT

- Supported the AGRF Summit-Tanzania and promotional events conducted and about 9 institutions attended the event
- Cooperative capacity gap assessment was conducted in collaboration with ECC.
- The project supported the implementation of The Collateralized Commodity Financing (CCF) pilot test during the 2021/22 harvest season to address challenges in the agriculture sector associated with the underdeveloped market system and limited access to finance.
- A food safety Quality and traceability assessment report was conducted and validated. **62** products identified to develop and adopt standards.
- Supported **2** NQIs Higher officials from EFDA & ESA to attend the Africa Food Regulatory Forum in Egypt.
- Aflatoxin Control ToT and GAP TOT manuals were developed and validated.
- 24** Experts trained on TOT of GAP and Aflatoxin Control management and **12** institutions benefited from the capacity building.
- 31** Experts trained on the Criminal Justice System Responses to Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) and consultation with stakeholders conducted.
- 103** Company workers trained on GBV for Yirgalem IAIP.
- UN2UN agreement held with UNODC for GBV and GBV Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for IAIPs Developed,
- Environment & Social Management plan for Yirgalem & Bulbula IAIPs updated in collaboration with stakeholders.
- Circular Economy Assessment held to investigate the opportunities of circularity in the IAIPs.
- Assessment study for optimal use of waste treatment plants in IAIPs conducted.
- Collaborated with National Bioeconomy institute on the Validation Workshop of National Bioeconomy Strategy in Ethiopia.

## GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE



## COUNTRY



## REGION

Bulbula(Oromia),Yirgalem(Sidama)  
Bure (Amhara), Baeker(Tigray)



## DURATION

2021 – 2026



## TOTAL BUDGET

€ 2.065 million



## PARTNERS

Italian Development  
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