

Main activities completed during Phase 1
(2003.10 ~ 2006.9) (Continued)

- Preparation of draft Provisional Forest Management Agreement (P-FMA) of Chaffee and Afalo sub-villages
- Signing of P-FMAs between the Oromia Government and WaBuBs (Chaffee and Afalo)
- Implementation of livelihood support activities (improved beekeeping, grain mill, water well)
- Support WaBuBs on preparation of subsidiary by-laws for P-FMA
- Joint monitoring on P-FMA by WaBuB and district forest experts
- Elaboration of P-FMAs in Chaffee and Afalo on the recommendations made through the joint monitoring
- Signing of Forest Management Agreement (FMA) in Chaffee
- Signing of renewed P-FMA in Afalo
- Project final seminar to share experiences, achievements and lessons learned with different stakeholders on PFM



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Regional Forest Priority Area
Phase 2
(Belete-Gera PFMP)



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BACKGROUND OF THE PROJECT

The decline of forest in both area and quality is most evident in the central highland, and is gradually spreading to the south-western part where relatively dense forests are still remaining. Currently, Oromia Region represents approximately 70% of the forest resources of the country, its closed high forests are diminishing due to shifting cultivation, fuel wood collection, urbanization, forest fires, poor utilization logging. Unless effective measures are taken, the forest resources would disappear in a few decades.

In this context, the Oromia Regional Government in Ethiopia requested to the Government of Japan for technical cooperation on the Project. The first phase of Belete-Gera PFMP initiated in October 2003 as a three-year project, mainly focusing on establishment of forest management system to be carried out by local people.

In June 2006, the joint terminal evaluation concluded the project purpose is mostly achieved since a system of PFM is mostly established in which Provisional-Forest Management Agreement were signed between WaBuBs, local peoples' forest management associations, in the target sub-villages and the Oromia Regional Government.

In order to support existing WaBuBs on their capacity to implement PFM and further expand WaBuB PFM in Belete-Gera RFPAs, JICA and Oromia Regional Government has agreed to support the 2nd phase of Belete-Gera PFMP, which commenced on October 1, 2006.

EXECUTING ORGANIZATIONS

Oromia Agriculture and Rural Development Bureau (OARDB) and Japan International Cooperation Agency

DURATION OF COOPERATION

October 1, 2006 – September 30, 2010

PROJECT PURPOSE

WaBuB Participatory Forest Management (WaBuB PFM) is developed in selected areas in Belete-Gera Regional Forest Priority Area (RFPA)

OVERALL GOAL

Participatory forest management is carried out in a sustainable manner by the local people in Belete-Gera RFPA

OUTPUTS

- 1) The guideline of WaBuB PFM in Belete-Gera RFPA is prepared.
- 2) The extension strategy of WaBuB PFM is prepared.
- 3) Capacity of WaBuBs of Chaffee and Afalo is strengthened to implement PFM.
- 4) Capacity of the counterparts on PFM is strengthened.
- 5) Capacity of local people in the specific target areas is developed through formulation of WaBuB.
- 6) The guideline of PFM in Oromia RFPA is prepared.



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- Baseline survey in Sebeke Dabiye (Belete forest) and Gara-Naso (Gera forest) villages (Ganda)
- Supplementary baseline survey in Gura-Afalo village (Gera forest)
- Selection of target sub-villages (Chaffee in Belete and Afalo in Gera forest) through the consultation of the communities, districts, zone, and the Regional Government
- Study tour to Integrated Forest Management Project in Adaba-Dodola (GTZ) and Bonga (FARM Africa)
- Survey on customary environmental standard and social codes for forest management in Afalo
- Registration of forest users in Chaffee and Afalo sub-villages
- Consultation with stakeholders (for membership for forest user group, forest boundary, regulation of forest utilization and method of monitoring)