



Evaluation Summary



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ILO Participation in the ONE UN Programme for Ethiopia - Annual Joint Review 2012 Increased accessibility of sustainable financial and business development services to economically and socially disadvantaged women

Quick Facts

Countries: *Ethiopia*

Annual Evaluation: *May 2012*

Mode of Evaluation: *Independent*

ILO Administrative responsibility:

DWT/CO Addis Ababa

Technical Area: *GENDER*

Project Code: *ETH/11/01/OUF*

Donor: One UN Fund for Ethiopia
(US\$ 600,000)

Partner Agencies: *ILO UNICEF UNDP
UNESCO UNOPS UNODC UNFPA UN
Women WFP*

Excerpt taken from the full evaluation report

The Ethiopia One UN Fund, established in January 2011, aims at facilitating the realization of One UN Programme outcomes by strengthening planning and coordination, aligning funding allocations to the needs of the One UN Programme in Ethiopia and channelling funds toward the highest priorities of the country. The Ethiopia One UN Fund is governed by the High Level Steering Committee (HLSC), which is co-chaired by the State Minister of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MOFED) and the UN Resident Coordinator and composed of representatives of the Government of Ethiopia, members of the

United Nations Country Team (UNCT) and representatives of the donor partners.

The One Programme identified three Flagship Joint Programmes in high priority areas for achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), where the UN has a comparative advantage and which are presently under supported by other donors.

They include:

- 1) Joint Programme “Enhancing Public Service Delivery to Accelerate Regional Employment Outcomes in Four Developing Regional State”
- 2) Joint Programme “Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment”
- 3) Joint Programme “Improving Maternal and New born Health and Survival”.

In 2011, the Ethiopia One Fund’s Joint Programme “Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment” received USD 2.8 million in funding from the UK Department for International Development (DFID). The Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office (MPTF Office) of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) serves as the Administrative Agent of the Ethiopia One UN Fund. The Administrative Agent concluded a Memorandum of Understanding with a total of nine United

Nations Organizations (hereafter referred to as “Participating Organizations”) involved in the Ethiopia One UN Fund. The MPTF Office receives, administers and manages contributions from donors, and disburses these funds to the Participating UN Organizations in accordance with the decisions of the governing bodies of Fund and Joint Programmes: the High Level Steering Committee of the Ethiopia One Fund (HLSC) and the Joint Programme Steering Committee (JPSCs), respectively.

The Administrative Agent prepares and submits annual consolidated narrative and financial reports to the HLSC and donors, as well as maintains regular financial statements on the Ethiopia One UN Fund website on the MPTF Office GATEWAY mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/ET100.

This First Consolidated Annual Progress Report on Activities Implemented under the Ethiopia One UN Fund covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 2011 and reports on the implementation of the Joint Programme that received funding. This report is prepared by the MPTF Office in fulfilment of the reporting requirements set out in the Standard Administrative Arrangement (SAA) concluded with the donors. In line with the MOU, the Annual Progress Report is consolidated based on information and data contained in the narrative progress reports and individual financial statements submitted by Participating Organizations to the MPTF Office. It is neither an evaluation of the Ethiopia One UN Fund nor the MPTF.

Office’s assessment of the performance of the Participating Organizations

However, the report does provide the HLSC with an overview of the achievements and challenges associated with the Joint Programme funded through the Ethiopia One UN Fund, thereby enabling it to make strategic decisions and take corrective measures, where applicable.

The Ethiopia One UN Fund has concluded its first year of operations. Overall, it has been a successful and positive experience. Some important areas of UN development cooperation with Government have been promoted through the support of the UN Country Fund, particularly in the area of gender equality and women’s empowerment.

In 2011, the resources received by the Ethiopia UN Country Fund were earmarked for the Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Joint Programme (GEWE JP). The major challenge ahead, therefore, is to mobilize resources for other Joint Programmes of the One Programme in Ethiopia. This will require a concerted effort by the UN Resident Coordinator, HLSC and the Government.

During the 2011 reporting period, the Ethiopia One UN Fund received a total of US\$ 6.01 million in donor contributions from DFID earmarked for GEWE JP. As of 31 December 2011, the Administrative Agent has transferred a total of US\$ 2.84 million to six Participating Organizations of GEWE JP, based on the approval of the Joint Programme’s Management Committee and endorsement of HLSC Chair. The 2011 financial expenditure reported by the Participating UN Organizations was US\$ 0.43 million.

The MPTF Office envisages that this first Consolidated Annual Progress Report will provide the basis by which to better assess upcoming resource requirements and to advocate and mobilize additional funding in support of the One Programme. Similarly, it is envisaged that the Report’s detailed description of progress made under Joint Programme funded through the Ethiopia One UN Fund will provide the Government of Ethiopia, contributing and new, potential donors and other stakeholders with a comprehensive overview of the results achieved as of the end of the reporting period, and thereby contribute to a better understanding of the Ethiopia One UN Fund’s role as a funding vehicle in the UN’s work to support the Government in meeting its development priorities.

This report is presented in six sections. Section one provides an overview of the Ethiopia One UN Fund and the governance arrangements for its operations. Section two provides an overview of approved funding. Section three highlights Joint Programme achievements. Section four gives an overview of the financial performance of the Ethiopia One UN Fund. The transparency and accountability framework is outlined in section five, and the conclusion to the report is presented in section six.