

DEVELOPMENT FOOD SECURITY ACTIVITIES

ETHIOPIA

Directly addressing the root causes of food insecurity in chronically food-insecure regions through public works, natural resource management, and social infrastructure interventions

Implementing Partners: Catholic Relief Services, Food for the Hungry, Relief Society of Tigray, World Vision Ethiopia

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Helping to restore watershed services to protect vulnerable populations from shocks, including:

- Protection of downstream homes, other properties, and infrastructure from damage due to sedimentation and flash floods
- Enhanced water availability from groundwater recharge and improved stream base flow
- Improved land productivity and biodiversity from improved soil fertility



Improving social services available to vulnerable groups

- Construction of school classrooms, veterinary clinics, farmer training centers, access roads, health posts, and domestic water sources
- Opportunities for employable skill-transfer to community members, particularly for the jobless youth, including masonry, plumbing, and carpentry



Increasing opportunities to earn and participate more

- Earning income from direct employment in public works
- Decision-making positions in community groups and engagement as forewomen
- Less time spent on travel to water points, health service centers, and the market



Exchanging development approaches and technologies between regions and countries

- Synergizing food security benefits from public works efforts and natural resource management interventions
- Savings and internal lending communities
- Using grey water to grow vegetables for household consumption and income