

2nd Phase organizational strengthening in key civil society networks in Ethiopia

A project on Support for organizational strengthening in key civil society networks in Ethiopia co-financed by European commission Civil Society Fund (EC-CSF) in Ethiopia and Trociare/CAFOD/SCIAF has been implemented in the past two years by the four CSOs; Poverty Action Network of civil society organizations in Ethiopia(PANE) Network of Ethiopian Women's Association (NEWA),Ethiopian catholic Secretariat (ECS) and Ethiopian Interfaith Forum for Development Dialogue and Action (EIFDDA) with the technical and coordination support by the lead applicant Trocaire-CAFOD-SCIAF. The project was initiated to meet the specific objective of strengthening the CSOs capacity, to fully participate and provide significant contributions in poverty reduction process, policy development and implementations to achieve MDG/PASDEP. Overall, the achievement being evaluated remarkably indicates; the improving capacity of the functioning of the four CSOs, enhancing the administration and management in the four networks, strengthening the networks' capacity to monitor and evaluate public policy and improving lobbying and advocacy capabilities and improving their research capacity and building their capacity in local fund raising and the skill in the overall management of donor funds.

Based on this solid experience, the four CSOs with Trocaire/CAFOD responded for the 2009 call for proposal for a Grant provided by EU-CSF.

The proposal strengthens the preceding project as it is the scale up with some modifications and progress. The new project aims to promote decentralized regional and local development responses and democratization processes by strengthening the effectiveness and efficiency of the NSAs in the selected emerging regions namely; Gambella, Benshangul-Gumuz and Western Welega Zone of Oromia. The project total cost is 200,000 Euro.