

EC-CSF Project to Support for organizational strengthening in key civil society networks in Ethiopia

EC-CSF in partnership with Trocaire/Cafod initiated and financed the project, and launched in March 2007, and to be ended on December 2008. The four networks being selected, as implementing partners are PANE, NEWA, EIFDDA and ECS. The project aims to increase the capacities of four civil societies in Ethiopia to enable them engage in democratic and development process better. The total eligible cost of the project is 249,495.75 EUR.

The project has three main objectives, which are to be addressed by five major activities to be undertaken by the four networks.

The three objectives are: -

1. Improve the functioning of the networks and their administration capabilities
2. Increased skills in assessing the impacts of government policy in undertaking advocacy and research
3. Increase capacity in developing proposals for and manage donor funds

To meet the above-prescribed objectives the four networks are each responsible for coordinating one or more of the activities on behalf of the others. Accordingly, the major activities being undertaken by each network were as follows: -

PANE

- Improving the function of civil society networks
- Improving administration and management in the four network organizations

NEWA

- Building the network capacity to monitor and evaluate public policy and improving lobbying and advocacy capabilities

EIFFDA

- Improving research capacity within the networks

ECS

- Increasing networks' and their members' skills in applying for and managing donor funds