Smallholder farming dominates the agricultural sector in Ethiopia and is the pillar of the country’s economy.

Often farming takes place in degraded and vulnerable environment where there is substantial loss of vegetation, associated erosion and declining soil fertility. Huge demand for natural resources including fuel wood and water resources exacerbates environmental degradation and affects food production.

The Integrated Landscape Management (ILM) project is implemented to enhance long-term sustainability and resilience of food production systems by sustainably managing key environmental resources. ILM combines land management choices and Integrated Natural Resources Management (INRM) with water- and climate-smart agriculture, value chain support and gender responsiveness.

UNDP's Approach

The intervention focuses on integrated landscape management (ILM) to achieve food production resilience in landscapes under pressure. It ensures multi-stakeholder platforms, establish systemic monitoring, learning and knowledge management as well as strengthening of institutional frameworks for better policies that fosters sustainability and resilience.

Highlight of Project Activities

- Support 240,000 farm households for improved soil and water management
- Diversification of food production on 120,000 hectares of land to generate cash income through value chain development, market access, improve nutritional levels and increase genetic biodiversity
- Restoration of 10,000 hectares of agro-pastoral systems with healthy environment and ecosystems including watershed protection, forage production, irrigation of pasture, maintenance of soil fertility, bio-diversity preservation, and improved breeds
- Strengthening farming systems and market linkages to improve utilization, processing, preservation and storage of food
- Establish a system of monitoring of ecosystems services and global environmental benefits within the project sites
- Development of a project page on the Resilience Atlas to store baseline data for informed decision-making for agricultural production and ecosystem management
Partnership

Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (MEFCC) is the main implementing partner of the project.

The project will build partnerships at local, regional and national levels in order to coordinate and establish synergies across sector line ministries, universities, non-governmental and private sector actors. Partnerships at the community level will be key to ensuring successful implementation.

Funding partners

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