

Integrated Land Use Planning in Ethiopia

A cross-sectoral approach to sustainable land use

The challenge

Rural population in Ethiopia was reported at about 78% in 2020; however, this share is declining rapidly, with an annual growth rate of urban settlements of 4.7%. In most parts of the country, there is an unregulated expansion of settlement areas. At the same time, the government promotes investment in land for agricultural production. Combined with a high population growth of 2.6% (2019), these factors are leading to increasing competition for land areas; resulting in disputes, especially in peri-urban areas.

Due to the competition between agricultural interests and the growth of settlements in peri-urban areas, the interests of certain land uses, such as forests, protected areas and smallholder farms are overlooked and important ecosystems are being lost.

Moreover, ministries and their line agencies take little account of integrating sectoral plans into comprehensive development plans. This results in sectoral and legally secured, but incompatible state planning.

In addition, the institutional and regulatory framework for integrated land use planning (ILUP) at national level and in selected regions is inadequate and not aligned with international human rights standards.

Objective

The overall aim of the project is to improve the institutional and regulatory framework for integrated land use planning at national level and in selected regions in accordance with international human rights standards.

Project name	Participatory and Integrated Land Use Planning (PILUP)
Commissioned by	German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
Political partner	Ministry of Planning and Development (MoPD)
Project regions	Amhara, Benishangul-Gumuz and Oromia regions
Lead executing agency	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
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Our approach

The Participatory and Integrated Land Use Planning project follows a multi-level approach to support participatory and intersectoral land use planning. The project strengthens the capacities of land management, civil society, and the private sector to develop, legally anchor and pilot participatory and integrated land use planning. In particular, it strengthens selected regional land administrations in order to gain practical experience with the implementation of planning processes in peri-urban and rural areas with high land competition. It will also invest in the creation of short- and long-term training capacities, thus, contributing to increasing the number and quality of university graduates and skilled workers with vocational training. In this way, the project contributes to strengthening the regulatory and institutional framework of ILUP at national and regional level. In the long term, this will promote the sustainable use of natural resources, a holistic planning and sustainable development of settlements as well as prevent land use disputes. Thus, the project contributes to good governance and the creation of a conducive framework for investment.



Community representatives participating in awareness raising and participatory rural appraisal (PRA) activities



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Integrated land use plans were validated by community representatives and sector experts in Benishangul-Gumuz and Amhara regions in the first phase of the project

Outputs



Expected results



A national land use policy is **adopted**

Standards for data transfer (data collection, data management and data sharing) **have been adopted**



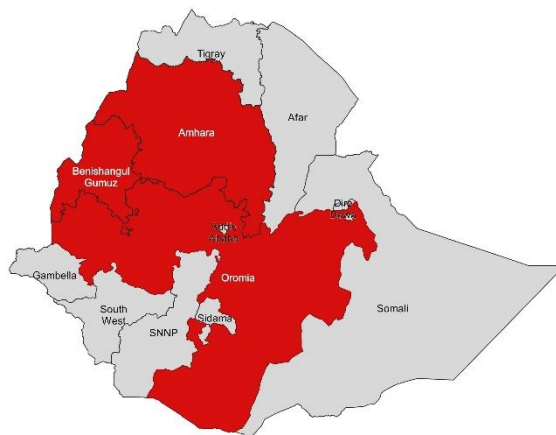
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An updated curriculum on land use planning by a federal university senate is **adopted**



Main activities

- Support the drafting and adoption of **a national land use policy**
- Support the development and adoption of **standards for data transfer**
- Five integrated land use plans for areas with land competition (hotspots)** have come into force
- Empower regional authorities** to monitor compliance with the designated land use types
- An **updated curriculum on land use planning** by a federal university senate is **adopted**
- Integrated land use planning training modules** are **incorporated** into existing curricula by TVET schools



Map of project regions in Ethiopia

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