**PAN-AFRICAN CIVIL SOCIETY**

**FCPF CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM ON REDD+ PROJECT**

1. **Brief about the Organisation**

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| Brief organization Profile | Ethio Wetlands and Natural Resources Association (EWNRA) is a not-for-profit civil society organization, which has been established and registered in Ethiopia as an Ethiopian Resident Charity, following the Federal CSA Proclamation No. 621/2009 with the Federal CSA. It was officially registered in 2000 and launched its pioneer wetland management project in partnership with GO and NGO institutions in Illu Ababora Zone, Oromia regional state, Southwest Ethiopia. Considerably, EWNRA has been evolving and growing through time institutionally and its engagement on natural forest resources management, environmental conservation and supports to improve grassroots communities’ livelihood. As a result, it’s been up scaled from a woreda based small project to multi sector interventions and expands to the four Ethiopia’s regional states (Oromia, SNNPRS, Amhara and Gambella). EWNRA has been working on the following main thematic areas:  
- Forest resource management  
- Integrated Wetland-Watershed Management  
- Livelihood Diversification and Income Generation  
- Sanitation  
- Capacity building |
| Type of registration and year | Ethio Wetlands and Natural Resources Association (EWNRA) is a not-forprofit civil society organization, which has been established in 2000 and re-registered in Ethiopia as a residence charity following the Federal CSA Proclamation No. 621/2009 with Federal CSA. |
| Title of the Project: | Capacity Building of Local Community and Civil Society Organization on Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs) value chain and organized Participatory Forest Management (PFM) groups in Illu Ababora Zone, Oromia Region. |
| Project Goal, Objectives, results and activities | The major aim of this project is to build the capacity of the Civil Society and local communities on REDD+, based on the Ethiopia context. The project will capacitate forest dependent communities and CSOs on forest based income generations though NTFPs value chain and enhance PFM CBOs performance through training, strengthening CBO |
institutions and awareness creation in the five PFM implementation Woredas (Nono-Selle, Didu, Ale, Halu and Becho), Illu Ababora Zone, Oromia Regional State. These woredas have better forest coverage and PFM implementation areas. The project will improve understanding and knowledge of local communities, CSOs and concerned stakeholders on OFLP safeguards instruments and their rights and obligations through training. It will also assist communities to establish their Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) and full knowledge on how to operationalize their GRM. The project actions & measures will give due consideration to the underserved community groups such as marginalized, women, youth, the poor and ensure their voices heard and participate on community meetings where important decisions are made affecting their interest and economic wellbeing. Local communities and CSOs representative will engage in Oromia Forested Landscape Program (OFLP) initiatives and coordination platforms to share lessons and overcome encountered challenges on REDD+ and related project activities.

**Overall project Goal**

The major aim of this project is to build the capacity of the Civil Society and local communities on REDD+, based on the Ethiopia context. In order to achieve this overall goal, the project will specifically contribute to local communities’ livelihood improvement and forest management through local community capacity development on NTFPs and strengthen CSOs and organized PFM groups in the Illu Ababora Zone, Oromia Regional State.

**Project Objectives**

The main project objectives are:

- Improve local community capacity to increase incomes from the forest products through NTFPs Value Chain

- Establish and strengthen Organized PFM groups and CSOs on sustainable forest management, REDD+ and partnerships with OFLP initiatives

**Project results and activities**

In order to realize the project objectives, this project has proposed two main Results/Outputs that will be delivered during the project operational period. These are 1) **Local communities’ engagement and benefits improved from forest products especially through NTFPs value chain** 2) **PFM CBOs and CSOs recognized and integrated into Woreda level REDD+ forums and platforms**. These outputs have been designed to achieve project goal and objectives by addressing identified problems on NTFPs value chain; improve PFM CBOs and CSOs performance and integrate with ongoing OFLP programme and REDD+ initiatives.

**Result 1:** Local communities’ engagement and benefits improved
from forest products especially NTFPs value chain

The project has identified and planned the following key activities that lead and contributes to achieve the result area during implementation period, these include:

1. Identify community target groups and farmers for NTFPs value chain interventions in PFM implementation woredas

2. Train selected farmers on the NTFPs value chain especially honey

3. Support study to conduct communities’ NTFPs institutional and marketing challenges to implement NTFPs value chain

**Result 2. Organized PFM groups and CSOs recognized and integrated into Sub regional/ Woreda level REDD+ forums and platforms.**

The project will undertake the following activities that lead towards the result includes:

1. Train community and CSO representatives on PFM and safeguard instruments

2. Support local communities to establishment and integrate GRM system with PFM and the intervention woredas

3. Facilitate and support PFM CBOs and CSOs to engage in OFLP REDD+ coordination forums/platforms to voice their concern and roles

4. Facilitate and support woreda level community, CSO and government joint workshop on the implementation of PFM & NTFP marketing

5. Facilitate and conduct participatory monitoring and evaluation

| Beneficiaries | The project direct beneficiaries are PFM communities that residing in and around the forest in the five REDD+ PFM/JFM implementation woredas in the Illu ababaora Zone. These woredas comprise about 53 forested Kebeles. Based on the EWNRA’s REDD+ PFM SW project, the total project beneficiaries are estimated to be about 127,642 people (66,499 male and 61,153 female) in total; out of which 106,910 (55,959 Male and 50,951 female) are direct beneficiaries whilst the remaining will be indirect beneficiaries. Furthermore, both husband and wife are members of the forest management groups (FMGs) and also the HH dependents will be direct beneficiaries |
| Total Budget | **35,000 USD** |
| **Project Period** | November 2018-October 2019 |