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I Abbreviations

AMP	Aid Management Platform	NEBE	National Electoral Board of Ethiopia
APR	Annual Progress Report	DIP	Democratic Institutio Programme
ARM	Annual Review Meeting	NEWA	Network of Ethiopian Women's Associations
BPR	Business Process Re-engineering	NGO	Non- Governmental Organisations
CSA	Central Statistical Agency	NPU	New Public Universities
CSO	Civil Society Organization	OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
DAG	Development Assistance Group	PASDEP	Plan for Accelerated and Sustained Development to End Poverty
DAC	Development Assistance Committee	PANE	Poverty Action Network of Civil Societies in Ethiopia
DGGE	Donor Group on Gender Equality	PIM	Programme Implementation Manual
EDRI	Ethiopian Development Research Institute	PBS	Protection of Basic Service
ESDP	Education Sector Development Programme	PSNP	Productive Safety Net Programme
EPG	Ethiopian Partnership Group	PSCAP	Public Sector Capacity Building Programme
EPF	Education Pooled Fund	PRS	Poverty Reduction Strategies
ETWG	Education Technical Working Group	PSD&T-TWG	Private Sector Development and Trade Technical Working Group
GPF	General Pooled Fund	PPP	Private Public Partnerships
GTWG	Governance Technical Working Group	PFMC	Public Finance and Management Committee
DPRD	Development Planning and Research Department	PPD	Public Private Dialogue
FTI	Fast Track Initiative	RSDP	Road Sector Development Programme
FEACC	Federal Ethics and Anti Corruption Commission	RED&F	Rural Development and Food
GEQIP	General Education Quality Improvement Package	SSWG	Security Sector Working Group
HSDP	Health Sector Development Programme	SWG	Sector Working Group
GTWG	Governance Technical Working Group	TWG	Technical Working Groups
GoE	Government of Ethiopia	TA	Technical Assistant
HLF	High Level Forum	UAP	Universal Access Programme
HPN	Health Population and Nutrition Technical Working Group	WASH	Water Sanitation and Health
JRM	Joint Review Mission		
JGGE	Joint Group on Gender Equality		
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation		
MoFED	Ministry of Finance and Economic Development		
MoI	Ministry of Information		
MoWA	Ministry of Women's Affairs		
MoE	Ministry of Education		
MoRAD	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development		
NAP-GE	National Action Plan for Gender Equality		

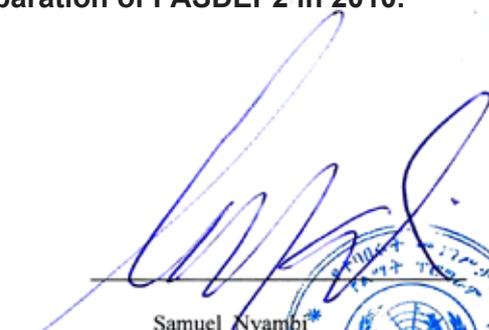
II Message from the DAG Co-Chairs

In 2009, the DAG continued to engage with the Government of Ethiopia in development cooperation and policy dialogue. In particular, the year saw discussions focused on the Proclamation on Charities and Societies (CSO Law), the humanitarian situation, and Ethiopia's response to the global economic downturn.

The implementation of PASDEP over the last five years has seen good progress on human development and the provision of basic services. The High-Level Forum in November 2009 provided an opportunity to reflect on this, and agree that further work was needed on indicators, data quality and results.

On the broader aid effectiveness agenda, the DAG and Government acknowledged that a more concerted effort was required to monitor progress in meeting the Paris Principles, and agreed to revitalise the Aid Effectiveness Taskforce.

Looking ahead, preparatory discussions began in anticipation of the national elections and preparation of PASDEP2 in 2010.




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III Executive Summary

In 2009 the DAG Pooled Funds continued to provide essential financing to enhance the effectiveness of the PASDEP implementation. The pooled funds provide the DAG with the opportunity to coordinate and harmonize assistance to capacity development, technical assistance, research and analysis in line with the Rome and Paris Principles. Key elements of support are: strengthening harmonized support to the PASDEP process; promoting the OECD DAC harmonization agenda; strengthening of PASDEP monitoring and evaluation system; and strategic coordinated support to focus areas of the PASDEP including education and gender mainstreaming.

This report summarizes the work of the DAG and activities supported under its pooled funds from January to December 2009. A total expenditure of USD 2,148,695.17 was made in 2009 under the four pooled funds. Total contributions of USD 1,251,020.48 were received from DAG members during this reporting period.

The **General Pooled Fund** supports policy dialogue structures. In 2009 the fund continued to sustain the coordination and facilitation of the activities of the DAG, including the Technical Working Groups, the DAG Secretariat as well as the High Level Forum (HLF). Financing was also provided for technical assistance to the Governance TWG and the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development harmonization activities. A total of USD 482,975.13 was spent on these activities in the year under review and key achievements included: Dialogue on the macro economy and the development of PASDEP II; Support to participation in the Aid Transparency Initiative.

The **Education Pooled Fund** provided support for the implementation of the Education Sector Development Programme (ESDP) through the financing of a number of activities including the Annual Review Meeting (ARM) of the ESDP. In addition to the expansion of the education system, the Ethiopian government was committed to also raising the quality of education. Therefore, the pooled fund supported the launch of the multi-donor GEQIP programme.

For these activities, total expenditure stood at USD 609,444.72 and key achievements included: Strategic studies to support policy making in the education sector were completed including the Education Finance and Expenditure Review and the Study on School Grants; Annual Review and Joint Review Mission for the Education Sector; and The pooled fund was reviewed in 2009 in order to improve its effectiveness and impact.

The **Monitoring and Evaluation** Pooled Fund provided support to strengthen data collection, analysis and dissemination for the monitoring and evaluation of PASDEP. The implementing partners were the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MOFED), Welfare Monitoring Unit (WMU) and the Central Statistical Agency (CSA). The major activities included: statistical work on welfare and poverty; data collection and dissemination; and capacity building.

The total expenditure of this pooled fund was USD 724,090.28 and key achievements include: Facilitation of preparatory activities for the HICES and WMS Surveys; Capacity development for Poverty Mapping; Development of the statistical system including provision of equipment; and Progress review and awareness raising of PASDEP and MDGs

The **Gender Pooled Fund** has made a significant contribution to the mainstreaming of gender in the national development process. The fund facilitated support to gender equity and the empowerment of women through strengthening policy analysis, research and studies that further enhance the knowledge base on gender-related issues in Ethiopia. In 2009, the Ministry of Women's Affairs made considerable strides in developing their capacity.

USD 332,185.04 was spent under this pooled fund in 2009 for the following activities: Training in gender budgeting, auditing, monitoring and evaluation; Capacity development in the areas of leadership, personal development and management; Development of the Woreda Based Core Plan; Participation in the Beijing +15 Conference in The Gambia; and Production of a documentary film on role models.

IV Background to DAG's Engagement Strategy

The Development Assistance Group (DAG) in Ethiopia currently comprises of 26 bilateral and multilateral agencies represented in Addis Ababa and providing development assistance to Ethiopia (see back cover). The DAG is Co-chaired by UNDP or the World Bank and one bilateral agency. In 2009, UNDP, represented by Fidele Sarassoro co-chaired on the multilateral side and the bilateral chair was held by Hans Docter (Netherlands) in the first part of the year and Howard Taylor, DFID in the latter part of the year. The Executive Committee (Ex-Com) represents the DAG at the meetings of the Ethiopian Partnership Group (EPG), which is a group of resident Ambassadors. The Ex-Com consists of UNDP, the World Bank and four other members on a rotating basis. In addition to the Co-chairs, Ex-Com members during the course of the year included Tom Staal (USAID), Bente Nilson (Norway), Maria Cruz Ciria (Spain) and Ken Ohashi (World Bank).

DAG was established with the purpose of ensuring more effective delivery and utilization of development assistance in Ethiopia. It discusses and agrees on policy, key development issues and supporting actions primarily with the Government; coordinates support for Poverty Reduction Strategies (PRS); interacts with other stakeholders such as civil society, the private sector, regional authorities and parliamentarians; feeds into discussions of the EPG as appropriate; and coordinates with and takes forward the work of the DAG Thematic Working Groups in relevant forums with the Government.

The development partners recognize PASDEP and the MDGs as the overarching frameworks for their development cooperation with Ethiopia and have taken steps to align their country strategies around these and the broader harmonization agenda.

Sectoral and Thematic Programmes

The Government and development partners have agreed on several sectoral and thematic programmes that support the implementation of PASDEP. These sectoral programmes provide important mechanisms for a coordinated sectoral support and for promoting the harmonization agenda in Ethiopia. The programmes are the Education Sector Development Programme (ESDP), Health Sector Development Programme (HSDP) and Road Sector Development Programme (RSDP). Thematic programmes include the Public Sector Capacity Building Programme (PSCAP), Productive Safety Net Programme (PSNP) and the Protection of Basic Service (PBS). The DAG is also contributing to the development of a new multi-donor financing instrument in the Rural Development and Food Security Sector (RED&FS). The development of new aid instruments is meant to fulfill obligations and principles of the Paris Declaration, given the large number of donors in the sector multi-donor funding.

Discussions are ongoing on how to further strengthen the linkages between monitoring and evaluation systems of the different sectoral and thematic programmes with PASDEP to ensure timely reporting and accountability of development assistance to Ethiopia. The DAG has decided to support policy analysis, strategic studies and capacity building for Monitoring and Evaluation, the ESDP and gender mainstreaming through the Education Pooled Fund and the Gender Pooled Fund, respectively. As part of the support to the implementation of PASDEP, Government and development partners are continuously engaged in discussions on the financing and implementation.

Harmonization and Partnership Structure

Ethiopia is a pilot country for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Development Assistance Committee (DAC) harmonization agenda. Both Government and a majority of international partners are keen to proceed with the deepening of the harmonization process in the spirit of the Rome Declaration (2003) and the Paris Declaration (2005). The DAG provided technical assistance to the Harmonization Secretariat established within the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development's (MoFED) Multilateral Cooperation Department. The Secretariat supports the harmonization efforts and the partnership structure. DAG also provided support for the initial development

of an Aid Management Platform (AMP) to assist the Government of Ethiopia (and its development partners) in the management of resources allocated to development activities. The Government and the development partners' commitment to broaden collaboration and harmonization are supported by a partnership structure, which remains the principal forum for dialogue between the Government and the development partners. The High Level Forums (HLFs), chaired by the Minister of Finance and Economic Development (MoFED), H.E. Sufian Ahmed and DAG Co-chairs, are held to discuss policy issues and progress on harmonization and the implementation of PASDEP.

In 2009, the HLF was held twice. The first, on the 20th April, focused on the Proclamation on Charities and Societies (CSO Law) and macroeconomic development. The DAG was concerned about the possible impact of the CSO Law on development programmes, as CSOs played an important part not only in delivery of programmes but also in dialogue.

The government indicated that the CSO Law was meant to promote transparency and accountability of civil society and also to restrict undue foreign influence in areas that were part of the internal affairs of the country. The meeting agreed to regular consultations on the implementation of the law and establishment of mechanisms to smooth transition.

In the presentation by the DAG, the main causes of the macroeconomic challenges were identified as low foreign exchange reserves and high inflation. External factors were increases in import prices and a weak global economy. Domestic factors included expansionary fiscal and monetary policies raising domestic demand, food supply disruptions, an overvalued exchange rate, deficiencies in export and import competing sectors. The government appreciated the pragmatic approach taken in the presentations and indicated that the government agreed with most of the analyses made with a few exceptions.

The second HLF was held on 18th November 2009 and included discussions on upcoming elections (scheduled for 23rd May 2010), the CSO Law, the review of PASDEP I and the schedule for the planned consultations, including those with development partners, on the development of PASDEP II. The government indicated that the 8 pillars of PASDEP would remain for the next five year phase of PASDEP II (2010/11-2014/15). The pillars aim to ensure that Ethiopia reaches middle income country status and at a minimum meets the MDGs by 2015.

Division of Labour

The Technical Working Group (TWG) chairs met in July and September 2009 to discuss Division of Labour and broader Aid Effectiveness Agenda. The focus of the discussions was to find creative ways to improve government ownership and provide support to aid coordination. The TWG chairs were also asked to consider the best ways that they could position themselves to effectively respond to the development of PASDEP II.

Part I. DAG Pooled Funds: Contributions and Expenditures

A total expenditure of USD 2,148,695.20 was made in 2009 under the four pooled funds. Table 1 shows a detailed breakdown of the expenditure under each fund. A total contribution of USD 1,251,020.48 was received during this reporting period. Table 2 summarizes the contributions received in 2009 and those expected to be received in 2010 in order to support the ongoing and emerging areas of work.

Table 1. Summary of Contributions Received and Expenditures made in 2009

Pooled Fund	UNDP Project Code	Balance from 2008 (USD)	Additional Contributions in	Expenditures in 2009(USD)	Balance Available as of 31 December
General	00057806	98,110.42	515,759.38	482,975.13	130,894.67
Education	00057863	827,040.00	372,830.00		
Gender	00057864	239,041.11	362,431.10	332,185.04	269,287.17
M & E	00057873	1,317,090.58	0.00	724,090.28	593,000.30
Grand Total		2,481,282.11	1,251,020.48	2,148,695.17	1,583,607.42

Table 2. Summary of Received and Expected Contributions (2009-2010) by donor and Pooled Fund

Project	Donor	Contribution Received (2009)	Expected Contribution (2010)	Total Resource
General	Germany	35,971.22		35,971.22
	Irish Aid	142,137.56		142,137.56
	SIDA	200,000.00		200,000.00
	Spain	37,650.60		37,650.60
	USAID	100,000.00	100,000.00	200,000.00
	Sub Total		515,759.38	100,000.00
Education	SIDA	372,830.00		372,830.00
	Sub Total	372,830.00		372,830.00
Gender	Ireland	73,964.50	70,028.00	143,992.50
	SIDA	157,233.00		157,233.00
	Spain	131,233.60		131,233.60
Sub Total		362,431.10	70,028.00	432,459.10
Grand Total		1,251,020.48	170,028.00	1,421,048.4

General Pooled Fund: Implementation of PASDEP

UNDP Project Code: 00057806

Overview of activities

The General Pooled Fund is an un-earmarked fund used for core activities undertaken by DAG that fall outside the existing theme-specific pooled funding arrangements. This includes supporting an enhanced harmonized approach to the implementation of PASDEP and the MDGs, DAG structures including the Technical Working Groups (TWGs) and the DAG Secretariat. The fund is committed to the realization of certain outputs that complement the PASDEP process and institutional support to the High Level Forum (HLF).

The activities implemented and financial expenditures observed during this period are given below:

DAG Secretariat

The Secretariat provided substantive support to the work of the DAG Executive Committee (Ex-Com) and Heads of Agency by facilitating and following up on ongoing issues as well as new initiatives launched by the DAG. The Secretariat also liaised regularly with the TWGs to ensure the smooth flow of communication and information. The DAG Secretariat continued to provide logistic, administrative, financing and procurement services to the various programmes and TWGs. During the period under review, the Secretariat used funds to advertise and recruit for the vacant posts of Communication Officer, Finance and Administrative Officer and Administrative Assistant. These positions were filled in the course of the year.

The DAG Secretariat introduced a newsletter that aims to enhance information sharing and dialogue on issues pertaining to aid effectiveness and harmonization with contributions from all DAG structures, the United Nations, and government partners.

DAG Meetings

The DAG Ex-Com and Heads of Agency (HoA) met monthly to discuss matters arising in the course of the year (see Annex 1). Key meetings in the course of the year included two High Level Forums and a Retreat. The DAG also met with Professor Jeffery Sachs to discuss progress on the Millennium Development Goals.

In addition, the HoAs held Humanitarian Meetings co-chaired by USAID and UNDP (as UN Humanitarian Coordinator). UNOCHA, WFP, FAO, WHO and UNICEF provided essential briefings on developments in the humanitarian sector.

Support to the TWGs and SWGs

The Secretariat assigned its two Administrative Assistance to the SWGs/TWGs to provide administrative and logistics support. In addition, the DAG Governance Advisor provided the Governance GTWG and the Civil Society Sub-Group (CSSG) with technical support to analyse the implications of the CSO Law which was gazetted on 13 February 2009. The analysis provided input for DAG and the Ethiopian Partners Group (Ambassadors' group) discussions with government counterparts. IT equipment and office materials were also procured for the secretariat of the Sector Working Group on Rural Economic Development and Food Security (RED & FS).

Harmonization and Aid Effectiveness

The sub-regional workshop on the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI) was held in Accra, from 8-9 September, 2009. The initiative was launched at the High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness held in Accra in 2008. The purpose of the consultation was to bring together government officials working in the area of aid management and coordination to discuss partner country aid information needs, challenges and way forward for the development of common standards and a Code of Conduct for the recording and publication of aid information, which are at the core of IATI. Ethiopia was represented by Hailemichael Kinfu, Head of External Mobilization Department, Admasu Nebebe, responsible for the Aid Management Platform, accompanied by the DAG Programme Coordinator.

Table 3 **General Pooled Fund (UNDP Project Code: 00057806)**

Description	Expenditure in USD
DAG secretariat Coordination	
National Staff Salaries	71,515.23
DAG Meetings & Retreat	6,242.93
DAG Web Restructuring	2,821.47
Vehicle, Equipment & Furniture	40,816.09
Academic Fee for Central Statistics Authority Staff*	17,468.94
International Staff Salaries	286,540.88
IT equipments and communications	14,163.29
Miscellaneous Expense	7,056.64
General Management Support (GMS)	27,432.83
Total Expense for DAG Secretariat Coordination	474,058.30
Support to Technical Working Groups	
Support to Rural Economic Development & Food Security Sector Working Group Secretariat	6,071.71
Total Expense of Support to Ministry of Rural and Agricultural Development	6,071.71
Harmonization	
Sub Regional Consultation on the International Aid Transparency Initiative	2,845.12
Total Expense of Harmonization	2,845.12
Grand Total	482,975.13

***Expenses to be reversed to M&E Project code 00057873**

Education Pooled Fund: Education Sector Development Programme

UNDP Project Code: 00057863

Overview of activities

Established in 2004, the Education Pooled Fund (EPF) was designed to enable the DAG and the government partners to respond quickly and flexibly to the capacity development and research needs of the Education Sector Development Programme (ESDP), particularly in relation to policy formulation, review, implementation and monitoring. The EPF aims to strengthen the efficiency and effectiveness of the education initiatives as well as policy formulation within the ESDP.

Key interventions during the period under review include:

Launch of the General Education Quality Improvement Programme (GEQIP)

The Ministry of Education launched GEQIP, which will be financed through a pooled funding mechanism and supported by the International Development Association (IDA), Fast Track Initiative Catalytic Fund, UK, Netherlands, Italy, Sweden, Finland and other non-pooled partners. The estimated cost for phase one was US\$ 417.3 million and US\$ 277.5 million for phase two. Financing from the EPF supported some preliminary activities including:

An Implementation Meeting was held at the Ghion Hotel (25-28 February 2009) where participants were re-introduced to GEQIP in the context of ESDP and provided with an opportunity to discuss various implementation and management issues including the Project Implementation Manual, financial management, procurement management and those relating to school improvement plans and school grants.

An Official Launch of GEQIP was held on 14 March 2009 at the Sheraton Hotel with H.E. Prime Minister Meles Zenawi officiating. The meeting introduced GEQIP to federal, regional, institutional and international stakeholders; provided an opportunity for discussion on the way forward and responsibilities in implementing GEQIP; Introduced GEQIP communication channels and systems; and publicized the importance of the programme.

A Communication Workshop was held at the Ras Amba Hotel (23-27 March 2009) where the GEQIP communication strategy was validated and relevant training provided to staff from the Ministry of Education and the Regional Education Bureaus.

Capacity building needs analysis of Ethiopia's New Public Universities

A study was undertaken to map the current status of the New Public Universities (NPU) in Ethiopia, identify immediate development needs and outline credible programs of action for different funding scenarios. The study also looked at the immediate human development needs and the means by which these needs may be met over a three-year period with support from the government, donor community and others. The study will be used to design capacity development interventions and training for teaching and research staff at universities. The research was conducted in 2008 by the Centre for International Cooperation, Netherlands and final approval and payment was processed in 2009.

School Grants Rapid Assessment

The assessment was commissioned in order to provide a baseline data on school grant disbursement; create an understanding on the implementation status of the school grant program; and assess the extent to which the first school grant allocation has been received by schools and utilized in their school improvement planning process. The preliminary findings of the assessment were presented at the Annual Review Meeting (ARM). The study is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2010.

Education Finance and Expenditure Review

The review provides a complete analysis of education expenditures in the entire country. The assessment is expected to analyze the costs, productivity, and financing of education and estimate the costs of achieving the MDG goals and put in place mechanisms how to increase effectiveness, equity, and efficiency in the education sector.

Review of Education Pooled Fund (EPF)

The EPF has been operational for almost five years and it was agreed by the Ministry of Education, contributing donors and UNDP to conduct an evaluation of the fund and its outputs. An international consultant was recruited to review the EPF with a view to conduct an outcome evaluation of the projects funded under EPF, and recommend improvements to the impact of the pooled funding on policy. The report revealed a general consensus on the value of the fund, particularly in facilitating key policy fora, professional study visits and policy-related research. Based on the recommendations of the review, it was agreed that a new project document should be developed and that UNDP would continue to manage the fund.

Development of Phase II Education Pooled Fund Document

The second phase EPF Document was developed with the goal of providing harmonized support to the implementation of Education Sector Development Programme IV for the period 2010-2013. The first EPF document was therefore amended to include a result matrix, defining accessibility of the fund to non-state actors and UNDP financial management procedures and decision threshold.

Joint Review Mission (JRM)

The 2009 JRM was held to review the Planning Process in the Education Sector in Ethiopia from federal to individual school level. The purpose of a JRM is to assess the performance of the education sector and identify key actions that can contribute towards qualitative and quantitative improvements. This is done through a review of progress reports and studies in conjunction with field visits. Guided by sets of research questions, nine joint teams comprising government staff and development partner representatives collected data from selected offices and schools in Addis Ababa City Administration and Oromiya Region. The teams' findings were presented in the presence of the Minister of Education at a half-day meeting held at the Intercontinental Hotel on 29 April 2009.

Annual Review Meeting (ARM)

The 2009 ARM of the Education Sector reviewed the 2008 performance and challenges, implementation of ARM 2008 recommendations, as well as the conclusions and recommendations of JRM 2009. Updates were also provided for participants on the PBS, GEQIP status report, consultation concerning ESDP IV and presentations made on sector studies and interim reports. The ARM took place from 14 to 16 December 2009 at the UN Conference Centre and was attended by 226 people drawn from the Ministry of Education, representatives of various regional and woreda education offices, development partners, NGOs, universities, as well as teachers and students.

Table 4. **Education Pooled Fund (UNDP Project Code: 00057863)**

Description	Expenditure in USD
Strategic Studies on ESDP	
Capacity Building Needs Analysis of Ethiopian New Public Universities	288,155.00
Joint Review Mission of Education TWG	2,901.99
General Education Quality Implementation Workshop	85,590.07
Program Implementation Manual (PIM) Translation	460.05
Redesigning the Education Pooled Fund Document	34,691.41
Semi Annual Retreat of Education TWG	776.06
Study on School Health & Nutrition	15,398.76
Education Pooled Fund Review	14,440.11
Ministry of Women's Affairs Annual Meeting in Gambela*	5,630.60
Annual Review Meeting of the Ministry of Education	68,116.36
Study on School Grants	56,864.45
Teachers Licensing Study	-1,726.42
Miscellaneous Expense	2,729.06
General Management Support (GMS)	35,417.22
Grand Total	609,444.72

* Expense to be reversed to Gender Project code 00057864

Monitoring and Evaluation Pooled Fund

UNDP Project Code: 00057873

Overview of activities

The Monitoring and Evaluation Pooled Fund was established in 2004 following a Memorandum of Understanding signed between the contributing DAG members, the Central Statistical Agency (CSA) and MoFED's Welfare Monitoring Unit (WMU). The fund provides support in line with the government's proposal for strengthening data collection, analysis and dissemination of monitoring and evaluation related to PASDEP. The major supported activities under this agreement include: Statistical work on welfare and poverty; Data collection and dissemination; and Capacity building.

The Monitoring & Evaluation Pooled Fund will be reviewed in 2010 and a new project document prepared.

Major support provided under this project in 2009:

Support to CSA in Preparation for Household Income Consumption and Expenditure Survey

Following a number of meetings held with CSA staff to discuss areas of support for the forthcoming survey, agreement was reached to financially support some preparatory activities such as procurement of survey equipment and experience sharing visits to Egypt, Mozambique, Malaysia and Tanzania.

Five CSA staff members visited the National Institute of Statistics in Mozambique (6-10 July 2009) and gained knowledge of the country's experience in Household Budget Survey, Sampling design, Data Collection Instruments, Data Processing, and Budgeting and Poverty Analysis. The lessons from the Mozambique visit is expected to contribute to the improvement of Ethiopia's survey planning and execution. CSA's Head of the Statistical Methodology Department also led an eight member team to Tanzania (21-28 September 2009) to discuss poverty analysis methods and get hands-on experience of countries that have undertaken similar Household Income Consumption and Expenditure (HICE) Survey.

Subsequently a consultative meeting on poverty mapping was conducted with the support of the World Bank, which examined the feasibility of poverty mapping in Ethiopia. In line with this, staff members from CSA and WMU were provided with training on poverty mapping at the Asian Institute of Technology in Bangkok, Thailand (20 Sep-2 October 2009). As part of the capacity building support to enhance the Monitoring and Evaluation of PASDEP, financial support was provided to 7 CSA staff members pursuing postgraduate study in South Africa. These are the third group of students to be supported by the pooled fund to undertake similar studies. This assistance has had a particularly positive impact on the capacity of the institution to fulfill its mandate.

In line with DAG's support to institutional strengthening for data management and analysis, a Data Archive Server was also procured for CSA use.

Support to MoFED Welfare Monitoring Unit (WMU)

In order to enhance the monitoring and evaluation of PASDEP, financial support was provided to the WMU to undertake the following activities:

- Prepare the Annual Progress Review Report for the third year of PASDEP;
- Conduct consultative workshop to discuss on the ground work of Poverty Mapping;
- Sensitize PASDEP/MDGs implementation through Media broadcast in different languages; and
- Finalize printing of the Annual Progress Reports of the first and second years of PASDEP implementation, PPA & MDGs Synthesis Report, 2004/05 HICE & Welfare Monitoring Survey (WMS)

Table 5. Monitoring and Evaluation Pooled Fund (UNDP Project Code: 00057873)

Description	Expenditure in USD
Analytical Works	
Benchmarking experience in HICES & HWMS	26,169.22
General Management Support (GMS)	793.16
Sub Total analytical works	26,962.38
Data Base Management System Development	
CSA/DAG Review Workshop	2,155.35
Equipment Procurement for HICES & WMS	194,968.61
Global Poverty Reduction & Development Forum	1,114.39
Poverty Mapping Training DAG	85,615.23
Reimbursement To Help Age International	29,639.05
Support to Data base management	31,495.39
General Management Support (GMS)	10,900.16
Sub Total Data Base Management System Development	355,888.18
Support to Survey Work	
Training on Public Relations & Statistics, Building Bridges between Users and Producers 2008	145.75
Miscellaneous Expense	58.30
General Management Support (GMS)	102.49
Sub Total Support to Survey Work	306.54
Strategic Institutional Capacity Building	
Long term Training for Central Statistical Authority Staffs	77,905.13
General Management Support (GMS)	8,315.82
Sub Total Strategic Institutional capacity Building	86,220.95
Creating Awareness PASDEP & MDGs	
Awareness Raising on PASDEP	70,041.30
Miscellaneous expense	241.14
General Management Support (GMS)	4,962.50
Sub Total Creating Awareness PASDEP & MDGs	75,244.93
Strategic Studies and Capacity Building	
Support to Welfare Monitoring Unit	133,580.16
General Management Support (GMS)	9,350.61
Sub Total Strategic Studies and Capacity Building	142,930.77
Exchange rate loss*	36,536.52
Grand Total	724,090.28

*Due to periodical revaluation of local currency value against USD

Gender Pooled Fund: Mainstreaming Gender

UNDP Project Code: 00057864

Overview of activities

Established in 2007, the purpose of the Gender Pooled Fund is to support gender equity and the empowerment of women through strengthening policy and strategy development. Funding is provided for research and studies that further enhance the knowledge base on gender-related issues in Ethiopia.

The fund also provides capacity development interventions that strengthen organisations and institutions such as the Ministry of Women's Affairs (MOWA) and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) working to promote gender equality and empowerment.

The activities undertaken in the year under review were as follows:

Strategic Studies

Studies on gender based violence (GBV) and research on the impact of affirmative action are underway. A documentary film was commissioned to document best practice and strategies that reflect the political, economic and social empowerment of women. The documentary also showcased women who can be role models and inspire others through sharing stories of their successes and challenges and also to show the opportunities available through government programmes, including the women's package and other affirmative action policies. In the reporting year, this film was shown in November 2009 at the international conference on Beijing +15 held in Banjul, The Gambia.

Capacity Development

The capacity gap assessment undertaken by the Ministry identified a number areas that required capacity enhancement. The capacity assessment had indicated that staff in lead positions displayed capacity weakness in: executing effectively their mandate to implement policies and programmes; and coordinating, monitoring and integrating gender into the broader development agenda.

Trainings were therefore provided for:

- 60 women from regional bureaus and sector ministries obtained training on gender budgeting, auditing, monitoring and evaluation;
- 53 heads of Women's Affairs Departments, bureaus and offices received training in Transformational Leadership Change in May 2009. The training covered new models in leadership, personal development and management training undertaken as follows;
- 53 representatives and heads of department from regional bureaus, sector ministries, regional forums and leagues received training in transformational leadership;

Two workshops were organised in order to discuss and identify challenges to women's access to microfinance and then develop a framework for improvement of access. Policymakers and senior government officials were also provided with the opportunity to participate in international conferences and experience exchange forums including:

- The 3rd International Conference on Gender Equality and Economic Empowerment in Africa held in South Africa in September 2009;
- The Beijing+ 15 Conference in November 2009 in Banjul, The Gambia; and
- A Benchmarking and Experience Sharing Visit to China in May 2009 to gain experience in awareness raising and mobilisation. Following the introduction of the Business Re-engineering Process (BPR), the Ministry of Women's Affairs aims to streamline its core processes, promote gender mainstreaming and awareness creation called for the establishment of benchmarking by learning from best practice in other countries. China was one of the countries selected due to its achievement in gender mainstreaming, women's empowerment and the reduction of gender disparities in education, health and employment. Within Ethiopia, the pooled fund financed a national conference, held in the Gambela Regional State, to develop the Ministry of Women's Affairs Core Plan. The Core Plan forms the basis of a

sector wide programme for interventions in gender issues.

Institutional strengthening of MOWA

The Ministry of Women's Affairs was only recently established and therefore requires significant institutional strengthening to enhance its capacity and efficiency. In this regard, funding was provided to procure desktop computers, laptops, printers, photocopiers and other equipment for the Ministry. The pooled fund also continued to finance a Technical Assistant position (reporting to the Minister) to support the Ministry in a number of technical activities including review of the Ethiopian Women Development Fund and the National Gender Mainstreaming Guidelines as well as development of proposals for resource mobilization.

In September 2009, the Ministry wrote to UNDP requesting that donors expand the scope of the pooled fund to cover more activities. As the United Nations Country Team (UNCT) had decided to develop a Joint Programme on Gender as part of the Delivering as One' agenda, it was agreed that this be taken into consideration in the development of the pooled fund.

Table 6. Gender Pooled Fund (UNDP Project Code: 00057864)

Description	Expenditure in USD
Policy and Strategy Development	
Participation in key Conferences and Study Tours	34,048.64
General Management Support (GMS)	1,771.24
Sub Total Policy & Strategy	35,819.88
Capacity Building	
Assist Ministry of Women's Affair in Core Plan Development	20,595.38
Consultative Workshop	3,735.44
Gender Mainstreaming at All Level	9,018.04
Institutional Strengthening	15,342.12
March 8 Celebration	27,572.32
Production of Documentary Film	22,028.89
Study on Challenges and Difficulties of Women with Disabilities	3,285.81
Technical Assistance	17,294.71
Training on Gender Audit, Budgeting, Monitoring and Evaluation	13,027.04
Training on Transformational Leadership	32,725.32
Upgrading Educational Status of Diploma Holders to Degree Program	50,720.63
Workshop on Problems of Disabled Women	1,760.41
Workshop on Strategic Planning & Management	9,295.01
Institutional Strengthening	54,376.20
Miscellaneous	585.4
General Management Support (GMS)	15,002.44
Sub Total Capacity Building	296,365.16
Grand Total	332,185.04

Overview of Support Areas and Outcomes

Main areas of work	Support Activities	DAG Partners	Outcomes	Future Work
Enhanced donor coordination and support to harmonization and enhanced policy dialogue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operationalizing the DAG partnership structures through enhanced policy dialogue Coordination and management of DAG activities; Providing TA to TWGs; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MOFED) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy issues discussed between the Government and donor at HLF. Senior government officials gained experience on the International Aid Transparency Initiative and Aid Effectiveness. Development issues identified and discussed among donor group in a coordinated and harmonized manner through DAG meetings. Information sharing and dissemination enhanced; DAG website regularly updated, and quarterly newsletter launched. TWGs engagement in governance enhanced synergies forged through provision of comprehensive technical assistance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide capacity building support to ensure the participation of policy makers in relevant conferences, and workshops Facilitate quarterly HLF meetings based on mutually agreed agenda between the DAG and Government; Enhance the capacity of DAG Secretariat to support policy dialogue and donor coordination Continued technical assistance for TWGs as required Facilitate harmonized support for development of PASDEP II.
Strengthened monitoring and evaluation systems of PASDEP to ensure informed decision making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support to data management and dissemination system ; Capacity strengthening of CSA and MoFED; Support to poverty analysis; Enhancing public awareness on PASDEP Technical and financial support for the formulation of PASDEP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSA, MoFED (DPPRD) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSA Data management and dissemination improved through provision of relevant IT equipment Improved HICES and WMS methods acquired by CSA senior staff through experience sharing visit to Mozambique and Tanzania. Seven staff from CSA gained technical capacity to monitor and evaluate the PASDEP through post graduate training. Twelve staff from MoFED and CSA were trained on Poverty Mapping. Public awareness of PASDEP & MDGs enhanced through radio broadcasting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued capacity building support to CSA and MoFED Continued support to Data Management System Support the preparation for worda and zonal level welfare survey. Awareness raising and dissemination of PASDEP II and achievement of the MDGs.

Main areas of work	Support Activities	DAG Partners	Outcomes	Future Work
<p>Enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of education development initiatives and policy formulation of ESDP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate studies and research; Organization of workshops and study tours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Education; CSOs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed and appraised the progress, challenges and future perspectives in the implementation of the ESDP and preparation for ESDP IV Planning, budgeting and reporting at all levels of the school system appraised and discussed. Strategic studies for policy development conducted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education Finance and Expenditure Review School Grants Assessment Effectiveness and efficiency of Education Pooled Fund assessed. Phase II Education Pooled Fund Document Developed. Conducted the GEQIP Technical, Communication Strategy and Launching workshops. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize ARM 2010 JRM 2010 Complete the study of Public Expenditure Review in Education (PER) Finalise the Rapid School Grant Assessment Finalise the physical and financial progress report of Teachers Development Programme I. Facilitate various strategic studies as requested by the Ministry
<p>Ensuring Gender Equality</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided Technical Assistance to MoWA Capacity building support, Facilitate strategic studies and gender analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Women Affairs CSOs Women Affairs Department of Ministries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity Development Support provided to MoWA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical Assistant Recruited IT equipment and office materials provided. Facilitated study to investigate problems of Poor Women with Disabilities. Capacity Development of MoWA's staff undertaken in the areas of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gender auditing, mainstreaming and budgeting Transformational Leadership Strategic Planning and Management Economic Empowerment of Women assessed and discussed at 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for the assessment of the impact of Affirmative Action. Finalize study on Gender Based Violence. Continue capacity development support for MoWA Assign TA to assist MoWA on policy related research and innovation Facilitate participatory dialogue and networking amongst concerned stakeholders Provide support for policy analysis on emerging issue

Main areas of work	Support Activities	DAG Partners	Outcomes	Future Work
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consultative workshop • Facilitated the participation of senior staff of MoWA at the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 8th African Regional Conference (Beijing +15), The Gambia. ✓ Bench marking and experience sharing visit to China. ✓ International Conference on Gender Equality and Economic Development, South Africa. • Thirty two women from Emerging Regions have commenced on a summer degree programme. • Facilitation of a national conference where the Core plan developed by MoWA was introduced to stakeholders. • Documentary film on role model women produced and disseminated. 	

Part II. DAG Technical/Sector Working Groups: Summary of Activities

1. Education

The education TWG currently has fifteen active members and undertakes the work plan agreed upon at the TWG retreat in March 2008 calling for focus on the following goals: More harmonised bilateral and multilateral support to the education sector; Increased use of joint instruments for financing ESDP; Enhanced education policy dialogue; and Strengthened linkages, coordination and working relationships between government, the DAG and other stakeholders.

Policy dialogue in the sector has been enhanced through the ESDP IV planning process, review of how the government can scale up quality secondary education at low cost, discussion on partner support to TVET, and design and launch of a number of guidelines and strategies.

The Education TWG actively participated in the DAG Division of Labour process and aid effectiveness, and the issues were discussed at the group's semi-annual retreat in September 2009. The group's medium term objective is to work with one plan and one report. However, there was no indication from partners of plans to delegate in the sector. It was agreed that the main interface with government was through the ETWG co-chairs.

The TWG invited the Ministry of Education (MoE) to its regular monthly meetings and held quarterly meeting with the MoE. TWG members participated in a joint field mission with government to look at how regions, woredas and schools were approaching planning, budgeting and monitoring in the sector. Recommendations were discussed at the ARM and a number of agreements reached, which will be available in the ARM 2009 report when it is finalised.

The TWG agreed ToRs for a Capacity Building Task Force. The capacity building efforts of non-GEQIP donors in the general education sub-sector were mapped, providing a platform for more complementarity in the capacity building efforts within the general education sector.

A Joint Technical Review in March 2009 focused on issues of planning, monitoring and budgeting. The issue will be picked up in the ARM and subsequently in the ESDP IV planning process. A sector public expenditure review will help to inform the planning process.

Members of the Education TWG have increased financing for ESDP channeled through joint instruments such as GEQIP, Fast Track Initiative, Protection of Basic Services (PBS) Grant and the Public Expenditure review. Linkages and coordination have also been forged with the PBS M&E Task Force.

A regional support team was mobilised to help the regions to prepare reports for the 2009 ARM. Provisional data for 2008/09 was reported in the ARM, which generally indicated some decline on key indicators. The TWG is waiting for the finalised data.

2. Gender

The Donor Group on Gender Equality (DGGE) has been working on fulfilling two strategic objectives, namely: Improving gender mainstreaming in government sector policies, programmes and projects; and Improving coordination and harmonization of gender policies, approaches, programmes and projects.

The group provided support to the Ministry of Women's Affairs (MoWA) to engage in the monitoring and implementation of Ethiopia's National Action Plan (NAP) and the women's package. Through this intervention a sex disaggregated data was obtained and analysis provided in the PASDEP policy matrix and report. Input was also provided strengthen the Annual Progress Review's reporting on specific areas as regards gender equality.

The DGGE managed to reinforce links with otherworking groups and subgroups, particularly PSCAP, PBS, and Social Accountability.

A series of discussions were held with MoWA, including at ministerial level, on mapping out a com-

mon understanding of the way forward and possible expansion of the Gender Pooled Fund.

The group has also completed a gender specific donor mapping exercise.

3. Governance

The GTWG's main focus areas in 2009 were the roll out of the Proclamation on Charities and Societies (or CSO law), monitoring and advising on the political context in the lead up to Ethiopia's general elections in May 2010 as well as dialogue with government counterparts, partners and stakeholders. The GTWG facilitated engagements on thematic governance areas through its five Sub Groups: Civil Society Sub Group (CSSG), Conflict Sub Group (COSG), Democratic Representation Sub Group (DRSG), Human Rights Sub Group (HRSG) and Justice Sub Group (JUSG).

The CSSG submitted an updated Technical Analysis Report on the CSO Law to the DAG in the second quarter of 2009 and continued to provide analysis throughout the year and informing DAG's engagement on the issue during the High Level Forums. The Sub Group initiated and maintained dialogue with GoE interlocutors, such as the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) and the Charities and Societies Agency (CSA) at the technical level.. The Sub Group consulted and collaborated with local and international NGO groups on DAG/GTWG strategies related to civil society. An Adaptation Facility' was designed and initiated for the strengthening of capacities of selected target CSOs, and training provided on strategic planning, domestic resource mobilisation, financial management, etc.). The Civil Society Sector Monitoring and Research Project (CSSMRP) was designed and negotiations held with GoE to get buy-in for the project. The Sub Group also ensured coordination and harmonisation of major donor civil society-programmes, including finalising a review of the European Commission's Civil Society Fund. The COSG made excellent progress in establishing regular dialogue and an effective working relationship with the Ministry of Federal Affairs (MoFA) in 2009. Through regular consultations and meetings at MoFA, chaired by the Minister of Federal Affairs, the COSG supported the development of a joint MoFA/Development Partners (DPs) work plan for 2009. Technical and high level meetings to support the implementation of the agreed work plan took place on a regular needs basis. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation between MoFA and Development Partners was

drafted jointly and will be finalized in 2010. The COSG supported Government efforts to conceptualize, design, hold stakeholder consultations on and pilot Conflict Early Warning and Early Response Mechanisms at the National and Regional State levels. As part of a 6-months (June – January 2010) support package to MoFA an overall training resource packet was developed, including early warning/response components, supplementary materials were completed for the training of field monitors on managing, collecting, verifying and communication of information related to conflict. A training programme for field monitors was conducted in 25 pilot woredas.

The DRSG established and facilitated regular dialogue with key democratization stakeholders (political parties, National Electoral Board of Ethiopia, House of Peoples Representatives, etc.). The Sub Group coordinated several field visits to review democratization trends in different regions of the country. It provided regular updates and briefings on election issues and the political context for the DAG and EPG Committee 1 (EPG C1). A Donors' Elections Retreat was held in May 2009, which led to the formulation of the Joint Electoral Assistance Framework (JEAFF) for monitoring the political context and progress on electoral preparations and reforms. The GTWG and DRSG supported EPG C1's lobbying efforts that achieved some progress on the Election Code of Conduct, political party financing and support to the National Electoral Board (NEBE).

The HRSG monitored and analyzed human rights incidents and trends and provided various briefing notes, reports and other documents to the DAG and EPG. Briefing notes were provided to the DAG and EPG on the draft Anti-Terrorism Proclamation as well as Ethiopia's Universal Periodic Review (UPR). Also, a donor mapping of human rights projects was completed and circulated to the GTWG.

The JUSG engaged with the consultancy in charge of the review of the Justice Sector Reform Programme (JSRP) under PSCAP. Lessons learned from the PSCAP Results Analysis on Justice Reform were shared and discussed with judicial institutions and JUSG donors. Recommendations following this Analysis are now being processed by GoE and PSCAP donors and will inform the design of PSCAP II.

The JUSG also agreed to pursue a strategy of direct dialogue and engagement with the Heads of key institutions in the sector. Lastly, a donor mapping within the justice sector was conducted summarizing bilateral and multi lateral justice support programmes.

4. HIV

The HIV/AIDS Development Partners Forum meets once a month and holds quarterly joint meeting with the federal HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Office (HAPCO).

In January 2009, the forum developed an action-oriented work plan and identified a set of priority areas for support. An end-term evaluation of the national HIV/AIDS response and the development of a new five-year, multisectoral strategic plan (known as the SPM II) have been regular agenda items from the forum. Members who are also part of HAPCO's Advisory Committee for the planning process have served as linkages by giving regular updates. Upon the request of HAPCO, the forum provided consolidated partner feedback during the planning process. The Forum has served as an information-sharing and consensus-building body for other major strategic issues of the national AIDS response.

The Forum also worked closely with HAPCO to improve partner understanding of the outcomes from the government's business process re-engineering (BPR). In 2009, HAPCO organized a meeting with the Forum to share the results of the BPR. Following that, a small working group within the forum was tasked to follow up with HAPCO, the Ministry of Health and other relevant government institutions to ensure partners have more detailed understanding of the post-BPR structure.

The Forum members' participation in HAPCO's quarterly Joint Review Meetings (JRMs) and the National HIV Prevention Summit was another area of focus.

Throughout the year, the Forum also helped coordinate partner involvement in the 2010 Demographic and Health Survey, an M&E system assessment, follow ups on Global Fund-related issues, and the ongoing National Health Accounts exercise. Other strategic issues such as partner participation in HAPCO's annual planning process, ART security, human resources, improving donor harmonization and aid effectiveness are also included in the Forum's work plan.

5. Health, Population and Nutrition (HPN)

Created after the launch of the first Ethiopian Health Sector Development Programme (HSDP) in 1998, the HPN Technical Working Group (TWG) supports the activities of the Federal Ministry of Health (FMoH) under the framework of the HSDP. HPN members are also regular and active members of the Joint Core Coordinating Committee (JCCC) of the HSDP.

When new leadership was installed at the Policy, Planning and Finance Directorate General, the HPN met with the new Director General in order to reinvigorate the governance structure and meetings.

HPN participated in the preparation of the concept note for the development of the HSDP IV, the fourth health sector development program, to be finalized in line with the PASDEP II.

The HPN TWG managed to hold periodic Joint Consultative Meetings (JCM) with the Ministry and provided Technical Assistance to the FMoH for the annual district-based planning exercise. The Health Pooled Fund for FMoH management requirements and technical assistance was consistently utilized and periodically replenished.

Following up to the Ethiopia International Health Partnership (IHP) Compact commitments, the HPN TWG worked closely with the MoH to finalise the Joint Financing Arrangement for the MDG Fund. This was based on the outcomes of the MDG Fund. Appraisal conducted the previous year. The Joint Financial Arrangement was thus finalized and signed by seven Development Partners in April 2009. Financial contributions have started to be channeled to the MDG Fund, with other partners following suit. The Protection of Basic Services (PBS) II sub-Programme B has been fully aligned to the MDG Fund priorities and scope.

During 2009 the monitoring and reviews of PBS sub-Programme A (block grants to woreda) included allocations and activities in the health sector.

The annual Joint Review Mission was re-established (it was also one of the IHP commitments) and carried out in June – July 2009, with substantial participation from HPN Partners.

An HPN Retreat was held in May 2009, with a follow up in December 2009. Discussions focused on getting consensus on the priority issues and ways of working within the HPN TWG and sharing plans for the review of health sector Joint Governance structures. An HPN action plan was developed based on the retreat outcomes.

HPN members have also agreed to support MoH mainly in four key issues, as pillars of health sector development: Human Resources for Health, Health Management Information System, Logistics and Procurement and Planning in general. Various Task forces were established to allow for HPN members to carry out specific tasks, in collaboration with the MoH, on the above mentioned key issues.

Building on the above mentioned commitments, the HPN conducted consultations with partners and prepared a Mapping of support for Health Information System and Human Resources for Health, with related issue papers for guiding a coordinated dialogue between the Development Partners and the MoH.

The HPN has also actively worked for the re-establishment of the National Advisory Committee (NAC) for the health information system. The NAC was officially revitalized in August 2009, but was not yet functional by the end 2009. Another area of engagement for the HPN has been its work on the definition of the national Human Resources for Health strategy. In October 2009, HPN members participated in the Annual Review Meeting of the health sector held in Dire Dawa.

Technical Assistance Guidelines were developed through joint consultations between MoH and Development Partners.

Through its representatives in the Country Coordination Mechanism (CCM), the HPN has consistently followed up on the issues of grants and processes in the country related to the Global Fund (the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria - GFATM). The HPN welcomed the election of the Ethiopian Minister of Health as the Chair of the Global Fund Board and ensured its support for this demanding task at global level. In coordination with CCM, the HPN provided support to the GFATM Board meeting held in Ethiopia in November 2009. HPN members also assisted the MoH in the development of GFATM Round 9 TB-HSS proposal, submitted in

May and approved (the HSS part only) by the GFATM Board in November 2009. The HPN partners actively contributed to missions from Global Health Initiatives relevant to Ethiopia, such as GFATM and Global Alliance for Vaccine and Immunisation (GAVI).

Umbrella organisations such as CRDA and CORHA continued to represent Civil Society within HPN, but their participation has lacked consistency. Therefore HPN members have recognised the need to increase active participation of Civil Society.

6. Monitoring and Evaluation

The Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) TWG revised and updated its Terms of Reference in 2009 in order to incorporate new developments and address challenges. Based on the revised ToR, the Group updated its work plan for year 2009.

The M&E TWG has been proactive in trying to forge links and play a more active and visible role by requesting regular dialogue with GoE counterparts (MoFED and the CSA in particular) and raising the agenda with DAG (particularly with the DAG Secretariat).

Representatives of the M&E TWG have also conducted discussions with GoE counterparts from MoFED and CSA, where a broad agreement was reached on the need for regular dialogue and coordination of work activities.

Members of the M&E TWG participated in an M&E Workshop organised by the PBS where various tools on measuring basic services delivery were presented and discussed. The TWG has maintained PBS, a major contributing instrument to the PASDEP, as a standing item on its meeting agenda. M&E TWG members have also continued to participate in the PBS M&E group.

The TWG has actively participated in the DAG Division of Labour exercise and provided useful inputs into the process.

The M&E TWG took the initiative to propose to its government counterparts that a joint M&E Sector Working Group (SWG) be set up. A ToR was designed and shared with the Government for its feedback.

The TWG has also proposed that more space be given to the group within the management of the

M&E Pooled Fund.

7. Public Finance Management Committee (PFMC)

The PFMC is a Government-Donor joint committee, which promotes exchange of information and review technical analysis, undertakes policy dialogue, and outlines policy options to inform high level policy discussions on Public Finance Management issues, when judged necessary. ToRs for the main group were finalized and validated by donors and GoE. ToRs for the four sub-groups (Aid Effectiveness, Fiduciary, Macro (MSG), Joint Budget Aid Review or JBAR) have also been agreed and validated by donors and GoE. Aid Effectiveness, JBAR and Macro have been active during the year.

The PFMC met formally twice in 2009 (in April and November 2009). The joint meeting flagged several major concerns including: a) the fall in the growth of spending in poverty oriented sector; b) public spending in infrastructure and containing domestic borrowing by State Owned Enterprises (SOE's).

The MSG met formally three times in 2009. It also conducted several ad-hoc meetings to discuss various macro concerns: liquidity in commercial banks and excess money supply in the economy; trends in inflation (particularly that of non-food inflation); and the status of Medium Term Structural Adjustment. In this last discussion in December 2009 the group highlighted progress in several areas including: exchange rate management and availability of input supply to the agricultural sector. The major concerns identified include private sector development (slow progress in private-public dialogue), industrial policy as part of PASDEP II, the land market, and public monopoly of the telecom sector.

8. The Private Sector Development & Trade (PSD&T)

The PSD&T TWG has updated the Donor Support Matrix for the sector. Following positive feedback from stakeholders and the group's government counter-part (Ministry of Trade and Industry) an ad-hoc Task Force was established to define and agree upon an M&E tool to establish a systematic method of monitoring development in the Private Sector in Ethiopia. This could feed into the PASDEP II M&E framework. A Matrix of Indicators for PSD was thus developed, initially containing 11 indicators, later further screened

and reduced to seven core indicators.

The group has also drafted a concept note on a Harmonised Tool for the private sector development.

Donors engaged in the PSD group acknowledge that, until now, efforts in Ethiopia to support private sector development have been duplicative and fragmented, following individual, project-based approaches. Multi-donor programmes, together with multi-year frameworks and disbursement plans, would contribute to improved aid predictability through coordinated and effective support for demand driven development processes. Moreover, they facilitate broad-based discussion on the reform agenda, as they contribute to enhanced dialogue between the GoE and its development partners. The interest of the GoE in this new approach for PSD is encouraging.

During the Private Sector SWG meeting held in January 2009 and the High Level Forum (HLF) in April 2009, the GoE indicated that a new wave of structural reforms would be implemented, and that its development partners would have a voice in this process. In view of the possible creation of the Harmonized Tool for PSD, Donors agreed on gathering some financial resources into a smaller pooled fund, which will mainly support studies (i.e. Corporate Governance) and research.

The small pooled fund will also provide an opportunity for the PSD donor group to understand, test and assess the mechanisms of a bigger multi donor programme.

A small Task Force led by USAID has been created to prepare the concept note, with the first meeting scheduled for early 2010.

Based on the recommendations indicated in the 2008 Roadmap for PSD&T, a number of sub-working groups were created and have continued to be active in 2009. These are the Value Chain Development, Trade and regional integration, Cluster Development and Financial Sector Development sub groups. Engagements of these sub-groups include, for the Trade and regional integration, a policy strategy document on a national quality infrastructure for Ethiopia that was approved by the Council of Ministers. A major sector diagnostic study initiated between two of the Financial Sector Development sub-group is currently in consultations with government (NBE & MoFED).

9. Rural Economic Development & Food Security (RED&FS)

The RED& FS Sector Working Group is made up of senior staff of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MoARD) research institutions and representatives of development partners. The SWG is chaired by MoARD and is the backbone of the Government-development partners' dialogue structure. It has established its ToR a secretariat, and three technical committees to deal with issues that require more work than can be done at the SWG level.

The RED&FS agenda has three sub-components or pillars, namely: Disaster Risk Management and Food Security (DRMFS), Sustainable Land Management (SLM), and Agricultural Growth (AG). Each cluster has its own Technical Committee (TC).

Virtually all development partners support RED&FS while the sector is labeled by the development partners without exception as high priority and receives a quarter of all aid provided by DAG members.

At the beginning of 2009 the Food Security TC was renamed to the Disaster Risk Management and Food Security (DRMFS) TC to reflect the different tasks the TC is executing. The DRMFS TC has redesigned new Food Security programmes (2010-2015). In 2009 the Agriculture Growth TC was intensively engaged in the design of new Agricultural Growth Programme (AGP). A coherent Policy and Investment Framework (PIF) is not yet in place at the sector level.

In September 2009 the RED&FS SWG decided that comprehensive Policy and Investment Framework (PIF) for the agriculture sector should be prepared to: (i) inform the AGP which is under preparation (ii) fit into the upcoming PASDEP process and (iii) guide the investment of expected substantial inflow of resources. To set up the process for PIF preparation and oversee the work progress the meeting established a PIF steering committee. The steering committee prepared ToRs for PIF preparation and the recruitment of national and international consultants to undertake the task is in progress.

In April 2009, the first REDFS Trust Fund (TF) was established with a committed 1.5 Million Euro from the Netherlands Embassy. The TF was placed at

the World Bank which is delegated to administer and execute the trust fund. The UNDP Country Team established the second TF during the first half of 2009. The amount committed from the UN Country team is USD 2.2 million. In general, both TFs have been used to finance analytical studies focusing particularly on Agricultural Growth and workshops relevant to the SWG.

Ethiopia is in the process of implementing the Comprehensive African Agricultural Development Program (CAADP), which is at the heart of efforts by African governments under the NEPAD initiative to accelerate growth and eliminate poverty and hunger in the region. The RED&FS secretariat supported the organization of the CAADP, various consultation meetings, workshops, round table consultations and the compact signing conference.

10. Transport

The Transport Sector Working Group is co-chaired by the Ministry of Transport and Communication and the European Commission. The working group meets 5 times a year and is hosted by the Ministry. The first meeting in 2009 was only held in August but has been regular since then. The Transport Sector Working Group continues to be an excellent example of donor-government partnership with agenda items being driven by common donor-government needs.

One key 2009 outcome of the working group is a joint study to be financed by the European Commission, the World Bank and possible other development partners. The World Bank is leading the study which will focus on identifying the causal linkages between extending rural roads and economic growth.

The scope of the study has been reworked extensively at the working group to represent the needs of the Government of Ethiopia and its development partners.

Other priority issues in the working group include:

- Improved coordination of capacity building: the Ministry of Transport and Communication (MoTaC) and donors have agreed to establish a capacity building desk within MoTaC that will work towards coordinated capacity building in line with national policy.
- Road Safety: ongoing discussions are being held in the working group on how development

partners can best support Ethiopia's national road safety strategy.

- Maintenance of Roads: MoTaC and its development partners use the working group to identify how best to support maintenance of roads and to raise the profile for the need of better axle load controls that diminish damage caused by overloading.

The Transport Sector Working Group continues to be well attended with the last meeting attracting 21 attendees and being co-chaired by the State Minister of MoTaC. Government representation typically includes the Ethiopian Road Agency, Ministry of Transport and Communication, the National Road Safety Council and the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development.

11. Water

The Water TWG offers support to the Government in the implementation of Ethiopia's Water Sector Development Program (WSDP), the PASDEP (Water chapter and policy matrix) and the Universal Access Programme (UAP) for the WASH sector, as well as in the appraisal of WASH programmes and Water Resources initiatives in response to the MDGs.

Key functions of the Group are to coordinate donor activities by sharing information among donors and to promote and engage in active dialogue with the Federal Government on WASH and on Water Resources, on regular basis at senior level, and to discuss key issues related to development and water with all relevant stakeholders in the Country, including local governments, NGOs, civil society and private sector organisations. Since mid 2009, the CRDA Water & Sanitation Forum has been permanently invited to the DAG Water TWG meetings in representation of civil society.

Government officials are invited on ad hoc basis. In 2009, the DAG Water TWG activities and policy dialogue mainly focused on the WASH sub-sector with limited discussion on broader water resources topics. They included: Participation in the Joint Technical Reviews (JTR) for the National WASH programme held in January 2009 and October 2009; Participation in the 34th Water, Engineering Development Centre (WEDC) International Conference on WASH Sustainable Development and Multisectoral Approaches in May 2009; Participation in the Joint Budget and Aid Review meet-

ings organized by MoFED and the PBS partners in May 2009 and November 2009; and Participation to the 3rd national WASH Multi-Stakeholders Forum (MSF) in October 2009.

A large amount of the external resources flowing into the WASH sector is harmonized into a WB managed Trust Fund, but many donors and their

substantial investment have so far continued to contribute to the emerging National WASH Programme through separate administrative agreements.

During the second half of 2009, DAG Water TWG partners proposed a quick transition to a fully harmonized funding framework for the WASH sector to the government. The Government welcomed the idea and, in separate but connected effort, carried out a comprehensive review of the Universal Access Programme (UAP) for the WASH sector. The Government and partners are set to bring forward these processes in 2010.

The Water Sector Working Group (Water SWG) was launched in September 2009 and is set to become a permanent forum of dialogue on water issues among Government and development partners. The SWG is chaired by the Minister of Water Resources (MoWR) and convened quarterly by a joint team composed by DAG Water TWG co-chairs and two focal persons from MoWR. Invitation to the Water SWG is extended to all DAG Water TWG participants. The DAG Water TWG meets monthly in order to prepare common positions to be subsequently discussed with the Government.

Annex 1. Overview of DAG Events in 2009

Date	DAG Event	Major Issues Discussed	Comments and Follow Up Actions
22 January	DAG Heads of Agency meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The new CSO law, implications and way forward 2. Governance agenda for 2009 – GTWG ToR; Update on DIP NEBE support 3. EPG-DAG collaboration 4. Macroeconomic update 5. Humanitarian update AOB <p>Division of Labour (DoL) Retreat DAG Secretariat HLF (topics and dates)</p>	<p>An assessment of the impact of the CSO law to be undertaken with inputs from PSNP, PBS and DIP programmes.</p> <p>EPG to take the lead on the 2010 elections and broader areas of governance while the DAG takes the lead on sustainable economic development</p> <p>10 DAG agency staff identified to take part in the Macroeconomic sub group. ToR to be prepared.</p> <p>Retreat postponed until after AU summit and EU consultant is in place.</p> <p>DAG Ex-Com to review DAG Communication Strategy</p>
23 February	DAG Heads of Agency meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Briefing by Civil Society sub-group (CSSG) on CSOs and meeting with the Ministry of Justice 2. EPG/DAG collaboration 3. Next HLF 4. Briefing on the UN;s -Delivering as One initiative 5. Update on Humanitarian issues 6. Briefing on the macroeconomic situation by IMF 	<p>Proposals on dates and topics to be emailed to the DAG Co-Chairs for discussion at next meeting.</p> <p>CSSG to finalise by early March the concept notes on an 'Adaptation Facility' and 'Monitoring the impact and enforcement' of the CSO law.</p> <p>The Governance TWG to be the DAG counterpart to the EPG Committee 1 (Democracy) while the Macroeconomic sub group of the Public Financial Management TWG would be the immediate counterpart of the 2 ('Sustainable Economic Growth').</p> <p>The DAG Co-chairs and the Irish Ambassador (representing the CSSG) to deliver a letter to Minister Sulfian on DAG's proposal for the next HLF to focus on macroeconomic issues and the CSO law.</p> <p>The IMF to provide the DAG with a presentation on the impact of the global financial crisis. The EU was also launching work on the global crisis and offered to collaborate.</p>

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26 March	DAG Heads of Agency meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preparation for the HLF's three agenda items: CSO law; macroeconomic issues; and the predictability of aid flows. Delegation of preparation of discussion papers to TWGs 2. Preparation for 2010 elections and related governance support – Brief on NEBE. 3. Update on PBS II 4. Humanitarian update and visit to the Somali Region AOB <p>Lunch meeting with the new Development Cooperation Minister</p> <p>Review of the outcomes of the Paris DAG meeting</p>	<p>CSSG asked to advise the DAG, by 8 April, what key issues needed to be taken forward in the HLF.</p> <p>The GTWG and CSSG to send to dag an analysis of the CSO law.</p> <p>IMF and the World Bank to lead the macroeconomic group in preparing the HLF discussion paper and share with the DAG by 3 April.</p> <p>The Democratic subgroup to draft a paper setting out priority actions for preparing for the elections including observation and additional financing to advise the DAG and EPG.</p>
20 April	Ninth High Level Forum	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proclamation on the Charities and Societies Law 2. Macroeconomic Development 	<p>IMF leads discussion on stabilisation and the World Bank on structural issues. The government to agree on a schedule of actions to be formulated with the World Bank and IMF.</p> <p>Discussion on Predictability of Aid postponed.</p>
15 May	DAG Heads of Agency meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HLF outcomes and next steps 2. Influenza support 3. Humanitarian update 4. DAG programmes and Annual Report 5. TWG workplans and related matters 6. Briefing on Spring Meetings (World Bank) 	<p>The CSO law to remain on the HLF agenda for some time.</p> <p>The CSSG to liaise with Ato Jimma at the Ministry of Justice on CSO law.</p> <p>DAG Heads of Agency endorsed the DAG Annual Report.</p>

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11 June	DAG Heads of Agency meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GTWG work for EPG 1/DAG and update on the Elections Assistance Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of the Human Rights subgroup 2. Update on the Humanitarian situation 3. Brief on upcoming UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa (RBA) Management Team Meeting 4. Review of PASDEP and preparation of next PASDEP 5. Preparation for election of new Bilateral Chair 6. Division of Labour (DoL) AOB Representation at DAG Heads of Agency meetings IMF mission	<p>The DAG and EPG to jointly hold overall responsibility for ensuring the effective implementation of the Joint Electoral Assistance Framework (JEAF).</p> <p>Meeting held on 5 June between DAG/EPG, DAG Co-chairs and the Prime Minister to discuss governance and elections, private sector investment and regional security issues. The PM said the government would be selective in inviting international observers to the next elections. Mr. Sarassoro proposed that donors develop a Code of Conduct and ToR for international observers.</p> <p>The DAG to propose the APR of PASDEP to take place in September/October.</p> <p>DAG TWG chairs to meet on 8 July to discuss on DoL and feed to Heads of Agency.</p> <p>Attendance to DAG meeting was only at Head of Agency level unless the member was absent, in which case their deputy would be delegated.</p>
9 July	DAG Heads of Agency meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Macroeconomic issues and briefing by IMF on latest mission 2. CSO law follow up 3. PBS-PSNP funding shortfalls 4. Humanitarian situation 5. TWG chairs Division of Labour (DoL) meeting 6. APR-PASDEP II 7. New Ex-Com members 	<p>DAG to formally request the GoE to make available for comments draft budgets.</p> <p>A small group of Heads of Agency to meet with the Minister of Women's Affairs to discuss the ministry's proposal for assistance to shift from capacity building to more direct programmes for beneficiaries.</p> <p>The EC Aid Effectiveness consultant to follow up on the OECD letter requesting HoAs to ask the government for feedback on Aid Effectiveness.</p> <p>The M&E TWG requested the support of DAG Co-chairs to solicit feedback from MoFED on the group's proposed Core Indicators.</p>

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28 July	DAG meeting with Professor Jeffery Sachs (Director of the UN Millennium Project and Special Advisor to the UN SG on MDGs)	1. Briefing on the Millennium Village Project	<p>Prof. Sachs proposed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DAG approach the GoE about targeting two or three difficult areas • The DAG to take the embryo of the Koraro programme and try it on a bigger scale • The DAG to find out from the GoE what their geographic priority areas are and do a localized and focused intervention.
15 September	DAG Heads of Agency meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Humanitarian update and outlook 3. CSO update 4. Update on election preparation 5. Summary of CAADP 6. Gender Pooled Fund – recent DAG meeting with Minister of Women's Affairs 7. PASDEP II process and substance (following EPG meeting with State Minister Mekonnen Manyazewal) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next HLF (date, agenda, etc) • DAG Retreat (date, agenda, etc) 	<p>The CSSG to look at national laws concerning endowment funds. Donors with additional comments and expression of interest should contact the TWG by next week.</p> <p>The Gender TWG to provide DAG HoAs with a proposal document on an expanded scope of the Gender Pooled Fund.</p> <p>DAG Co-Chairs to suggest to H.E. Minister Sufian Ahmed that DAG would like PASDEP to be on the agenda for the next HLF.</p> <p>Technical Working Groups to provide a review of PASDEP I and issues for emphasis for PASDEP II.</p>

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28 October	DAG Retreat	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentation – Development in Ethiopia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where are we now? (DAG Co-chair -Howard Taylor) • The Way we work (DAG Ex-Com member- Ken Ohashi) 2. Proposal for PASDEP II 3. Presentation – Update on DAG Pooled Fund (DAG Secretariat - Victoria Chisala) 4. Presentation – Update on CSO Law (CSSG – Pippa Bird) 5. Presentation – Elections (GTWG- Oliver Blake and Lisa Bakels) 6. Summary and Key issues for HLF 	<p>DAG to propose to Minister Sufian Ahmed that a joint DAG-Government retreat be organised following the HLF.</p> <p>DAG Ex-Com to brief HoAs after reviewing the requests for funding submitted by the GTWG and PANE.</p> <p>CSSG to conduct a rapid survey on CSO exemption.</p> <p>DAG Secretariat to facilitate a review of the M&E Pooled Fund.</p>
12 November	DAG Heads of Agency meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HLF preparation AOB 	<p>PASDEP presentation to be made by Mr. Edmond Wega (CIDA); CSO presentation to be made by Ms. Colleen Wainwright (Irish Aid); and Election presentation to be made by Mr. Howard Taylor (DFID).</p> <p>Korea and Turkey reported to have expressed an interest to join the DAG.</p> <p>EC proposed that the DAG revisit the issue of DoL exercise within the framework of Aid Effectiveness.</p>

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18 November	Tenth High Level Forum	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upcoming elections 2. CSO law 3. Review of PASDEP I and timetable for PASEP II 	<p>MoFED to provide Development Partners with access to the AMP in three to four months time.</p> <p>DAG to inform MoFED on members of the revitalized Harmonisation Taskforce. The Aid Effectiveness sub group within the Public Finance Management Committee (PFMC) to be de-activated once the Taskforce was formed.</p> <p>DAG to discuss the proposed Monitoring Facility with Mr. Admassu Nebebe (Director of UN/HLF Secretariat/MoFED) and Mr. Hailemichael Kinfu (General Director/MoFED).</p> <p>PASDEP II would include some basic principles on Aid Effectiveness, possibly under section dealing with resource mobilization.</p> <p>MoFED to hold APR soon.</p>
15 December	DAG Heads of Agency meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Humanitarian update 2. Tracking the impact of the CSO Law 3. HLF follow up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aid Effectiveness 4. Allegations of political distortion of donor funded development programme 5. M&E Pooled Fund/Working Group 	<p>The Government has agreed on holding only two assessments a year (one for the Belg and the other Meher season).</p> <p>UNOCHA to provide a briefing on the full Meher Assessment at the next DAG HoAs meeting.</p> <p>CSSG to provide the DAG with a copy of the CSO Concept Note and the Exemption Survey. DAG Co-Chair to send the Concept Note to Minister Sufian Ahmed and request a meeting between DAG and the government to discuss CSO law further.</p> <p>Heads of Agency to inform the DAG Secretariat of their interest to join the Harmonisation Taskforce.</p> <p>GTWG to send the DAG Heads of Agency a revised ToR for the allegation of distortion study.</p> <p>DAG Secretariat to schedule a DAG meeting on M&E Pooled Fund.</p>

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Chair

The DAG is co-chaired by UNDP or the World Bank with one bilateral agency.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee comprises six members and represents the DAG at meetings with the group of resident Ambassadors known as the Ethiopian Partnership Group (EPG). UNDP and the World Bank are permanent members and are joined by four other DAG member agencies.

Heads of Agency

The DAG Heads of Agency (HoA) hold monthly regular meeting and act as the decision making body of the DAG.

Secretariat

The DAG Secretariat is housed in UNDP Ethiopia and is responsible for the day-to-day running of the DAG, management of the DAG Pooled Funds, and providing support to the DAG Co-Chairs, Executive Committee, HoAs and Working Groups. The Secretariat operates under the overall supervision of the UN Resident Representative and the DAG Co-Chairs.

Pooled Funds

DAG members contribute to four pooled funds, which are managed by the Secretariat. Three of the funds provide a framework for harmonizing donor activities and support to the country in the specific areas of Education, Gender Equality and Monitoring & Evaluation. The fourth pooled fund, The General Pooled Fund, provide resources for projects that support the country's national poverty reduction strategy and MDGs falling outside the areas covered by the three specific funds mentioned above.

High Level Forum

Quarterly High Level Forums (HLFs) are held between the DAG and government officials at ministerial levels to discuss harmonization issues as well as policy and progress on implementation of the national poverty reduction strategy. The HLF is co-chaired by the Minister of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MoFED) and the DAG co-chairs.

Working Groups

The DAG 11 working groups are where technical experts within the member agencies gather to coordinate and provide policy/technical support to the government, civil society and private Sector. Technical Working Groups (TWGs) are donor - only forums while Sector Working Groups (SWGs) are co-chaired by the government (in most cases at State Minister level). Education (TWG); Gender Equality (TWG and SWG); Governance (TWG); Health, Population and Nutrition (TWG); HIV/AIDS; Private Sector Development and Trade (TWG and SWG); Public Finance Management Committee (SWG) Rural Economic Development and Food Security (SWG); Monitoring and Evaluation (TWG); Water (TWG and SWG); and Transport (SWG).

Harmonisation Agenda

Ethiopia is a pilot country for the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Development Assistance Committee (DAC) harmonization agenda. An agreement was reached at the November 2009 HLF to revitalise the donor-government Harmonisation Taskforce.

