

Project for Supporting Sustainable Forest Management through REDD+ and Certified Forest Coffee Production and Promotion, Ethiopia

(Period of the contract: 48 months from November 2016,
Our assignments: Sub-leader, livelihood support)

Background of the Project

By targeting the Belete-Gera Forest, which is in the south-western part of Oromia, the Participatory Forest Management (PFM) project in the Belete-Gera Forest was implemented from 2003 to 2012. The PFM groups were established in all 124 sub-villages through livelihood support interventions such as Forest Coffee Certification Program (FCCP). However, the progression of deforestation was confirmed in highland areas, which are non-forest coffee areas. In order to respond to situational changes and align with policy target such as REDD+ programs, Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) mechanism involving appropriate livelihood support is required to be developed.

Outline of the project

For forest users living by agriculture in the Highland area, various livelihood supports, both agricultural and NTFP-based activities, were introduced and promoted for aiming to decrease the pressure to the forests. By conducting the livelihood activities which can contribute to land use management and increase agricultural productivity, the forest users could increase cash income. Totally 2,549 community members were benefitted by the livelihood supports. Revitalization of the PFM groups and review of the FCCP activities were also conducted.

Our assignments:

- Identification of appropriate improved livelihood activities in highland area: 1) improved beekeeping, 2) improved crops with green manure, 3) community nursery of avocado/apple, 4) vegetable in home garden, and 5) rehabilitation of highland bamboo.
- Support introduction of the livelihood activities as technical training and demonstration in the field level.
- Support expansion and monitoring of the improved livelihood activities.
- Support revision of the forest management agreement for revitalization of the PFM groups
- Support promotion and revision of the forest coffee and its management activities.



Training for improved beehives



Planting avocado seedlings



Demonstration for compost making



Promotion at the SCAJ2019 exhibition, Tokyo