**Engagement plan with the EU Delegation in Ethiopia**

Engaging with a European Union (EU) Delegation is key to get first-hand information on future calls and its priorities concerning a particular country. Having this information can help anticipate how our programmes could fit those calls, and also get more time to prepare the proposal. This document gives information and examples of questions as a guide to prepare a potential meeting with the EU Delegation.

Please be aware that EU Delegation staff is generally not open to meetings/lobbying for a project during a Call for Proposal, as the calls for proposals are supposed to be competitive and transparent processes.

This paper is organized into 3 sections: i) EU Funding instruments which gives a general overview of the funding available in the country, ii) Example of questions to ask in the meeting and iii) examples of projects funded by the EU in the country.

**EU Funding Instruments**

The EU has committed **EUR 745 M** through the [National Indicative Programme 2014-2020](https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/national-indicative-programme-ethiopia-2014-2020_en) for Ethiopia. The programme has the following priorities in line with the Government's priorities:

**-Food Security and Sustainable agriculture (EUR 252 M)**

**-Roads and Transition to Energy (EUR 200 M)**

-**Health (EUR 230 M)**

This funding comes from the **European Development Fund (EDF**) which is the main instrument for providing aid to the African Caribbean Countries (ACP)withfocus on poverty eradication; sustainable economic, social and environmental development, democracy, rule of law, good governances, human rights and the relevant principles of international law. For the period or 2014-2020 the overall EU contribution to EDF is **EUR 30.5 billion** which will be broken down into geographical allocations and thematic actions.

At regional level (East Africa Region, Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean) an [EU Multiannual Indicative Programme](https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/regional-indicative-programme-eastern-africa-southern-africa-and-indian-ocean-2014-2020_en) has been agreed at **EUR 1,332 M** (2014-2020) with the following components:

1. Peace, security and regional stability
2. Regional economic integration
3. Regional natural resource management

*N.B. It is not expected that this regional funding would benefit Civil Society Organisations (CSOs).*

**EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa**

Ethiopia benefits from actions under the [EU Emergency Trust Fund for Africa](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/regions/africa/eu-emergency-trust-fund-africa_en). The fund is made up of EUR 1.8 billion from the EU instruments, and an additional EUR 81.3 million from EU Member States and non-EU donors (Norway and Switzerland). The Trust Fund aims to tackle the root causes of irregular migration and displacement in countries of origin, transit and destination, through a range of priority sectors:

**-Economic Programmes**: Create employment opportunities, especially for young people and women in local communities, with a focus on vocational training and creation of micro and small enterprises. Some interventions will support the reintegration of returnees into their communities.

**-Resilience**: Support basic services for local populations, and in particular the most vulnerable, as well as refugees and displaced persons, including through community centres or other means of providing them with food and nutrition security, health, education, and social protection.

**-Migration Management**: Improve migration management in all its aspects, including contributing to national and regional strategies on migration management, containing and preventing irregular migration and fight human trafficking.

**-Stability and Governance**: Support improvements in overall governance, in particular by promoting conflict prevention, addressing human rights abuses and enforcing the rule of law through capacity building in support of security and development as well as law enforcement, including border management and migration-related aspects.

EU Trust Fund in the **Horn of Africa** will facilitate progress in cooperation frameworks and High Level Dialogues on migration, such as the Khartoum process and the Common Agenda on Migration and Mobility with Ethiopia. The EU Trust Fund will provide an initial budget of approximately **EUR 600 m** for the Horn of Africa until 2020.

**EU Resilience building program in Ethiopia (RESET)**

RESET is an initiative that brings together at operational level ECHO and the EU Delegation in Ethiopia in a tangible Relief, Rehabilitation and Development process. Its approach is based on the premise that chronic humanitarian and longer term needs and recurrent food insecurity caused by drought can be more efficiently addressed via a longer term resilience approach, linking humanitarian and development actions.

The strategy consists of an integrated approach where different partners implement a multi-sectoral resilience program together with the local authorities in a defined geographic area. These areas are called “clusters of woredas” and were selected on the basis of their repeated vulnerability.

RESET is based on 4 pillars for building resilience:

-Improving the provision of basic services (health, wash, nutrition, etc.)

- Support to livelihoods

- Safety Nets

- Disaster Risk Reduction

These are complemented by other areas of support such as: natural resource management, sustainable land management, climate change adaptation and social protection.

The activities are mainly implemented by consortia of NGOs offering an integrated approach across sectors and benefiting from the different expertise. The partnership with the local authorities as well as UN agencies or other partners intervening in the area is an essential part of the approach.

**Examples of questions to ask during the meeting**

-**Implementation of the SDG Agenda**: In September 2015, the UN launched a new sustainable development agenda which includes new goals and targets related to children rights, for instance Goal 16.2 “End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children”. *Refer to your expertise of the situation of children in the country, our concerns, and programmes.*

**Q**: How the EU Delegation is going to support the implementation of the SDG agenda in Ethiopia? Is the EU Delegation going to prioritize some of the targets related to children rights?

-**Engagement with CSOs**: the EU recognises the role of civil society and its contribution to development and democracy and stresses the need for a strategic engagement with civil society at country level. The *EU Roadmap for Engagement with Civil Society* should be a common strategic framework for the engagement of EU Delegation and Member States with civil society at country level.

The EU Delegation has provided support to CSOs to implement projects in the areas of good governance, food security, human rights, education and health.

**Q.:** Ask if there are any upcoming Civil Society consultation meetings taking place that ChildFund can be part of and if the EU Delegation is planning on holding a more institutionalized dialogue with Civil Society.

Enquire the EU Delegation about the [EU Roadmap for engagement with civil society](http://capacity4dev.ec.europa.eu/public-governance-civilsociety/minisite/roadmaps). What will the next steps be? How could we be involved?

**-Funding opportunities:**

**Q:** How will the bilateral funding for Ethiopia be implemented? Would it also be through competitive calls for proposals where CSOs could apply? Would you consider direct funds to NGOs[[1]](#footnote-1)?

**European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR):** This instrument aims the promotion of democracy and human rights in non-EU countries. It has worldwide coverage outside the EU and can act independently of the consent of governments in the countries concerned.

**Q.** We understand from our office in Brussels that an envelope of EUR 0, 6 M is foreseen for 2016. When can the calls for proposal be expected and what will it focus on?

Will they include an objective related to children’s rights? If not, ask to consider a focus on children’s rights given the situation of children in the country. If yes, mention that the new EU strategy on gender includes an objective to tackle violence against girls. Ask if the EIDHR calls will include objectives related to this issue? (EU Gender Strategy: <http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-15-5691_en.htm>).

**Civil Society Organisations – Local Authorities (CSO-LA):** It is a thematic programme under the Development Cooperation Instrument. It focus is on enhancing local CSO and LA contributions to governance and development processes. Under this programme CSO will be supported as partners in promoting social development (esp. access of the most vulnerable to social services), and stakeholders in promoting inclusive and sustainable growth.

**Key words**: capacity building of national CSO, innovations, social services in where local authorities lack the capacity, socio-economic initiatives, job creation etc.

**Q**. The CSO-LA programme will focus on enhancing CSOs’ contributions to governance and development process. How do you think a NGO focused on children’s rights like us can contribute to this priority?

When can the calls for proposals for CSO be expected and what will they focus on?

**Examples of projects supported by the EU Delegation in Ethiopia[[2]](#footnote-2)**

**-Fighting hunger in Ethiopia through cash transfers for participating in public works,** implemented in partnership with The World Bank DFID Canadian CIDA Irish Aid USAID Swedish SIDA (**EUR 241 m**). **Objectives:** Achieving food security for the chronically food insecure through cash transfers for participating in public works during 6 months of the year. Unconditional transfers are also provided to those unable to work and rehabilitation of the natural environment.

**- Food security and livelihood recovery in Eastern Harrarghe zone of Oromia regional state of Ethiopia,** implemented in partnership with International Committee for the Development of Peoples (CISP), East Harrarghe Zonal and Woreda and Oromia Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Commission (**EUR 4, 3 m**). **Objective:** Contribute to long-term self-reliance and sustainable development in the intervention areas. It is expected that the project activities undertaken under the integrated food security programmes will be consolidated and will contribute to reduce structural as well as transitory food insecurity of the target communities.

- **Promotion of dialogue and capacity building of CSOs for increased Women's participation in development in Amhara region** implemented by Amhara Development Association (EUR 142,500) from 2010 to 2011. **Objective**: To foster and sustain women's participation in development in Amhara region.

1. Direct grants are granted directly to an NGO without the usual call for proposal. These are possible only in a limited number of situations, for example to support humanitarian aid or emergency assistance. They can also be awarded to actors with a de jure or de facto monopoly or with the high degree of specialization or technical competence necessary for a particular type of action. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. More info can be found at: [EU Delegation to Ethiopia](http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/ethiopia/projects/list_of_projects/projects_en.htm) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)