

**Summary Report  
Of  
PFM Working Group Meeting**

**December 18-21, 2006  
Jimma  
Berete-Gera RFPA, JICA**

## 1. Meeting Program

### PFM Working Group Meeting in Jimma

**Date: December 18 - 19, 2006**  
**Venue: Central Hotel, Jimma**

Oromia Agriculture and Rural Development Bureau (OARDB)  
SNNPR Agriculture and Rural Development Bureau

Hosted by Belete-Gera Participatory Forest Management Project Phase 2

**Day 1 : December 18 (Monday)** - facilitated by **Zelalem Temesgen /PFMP/**

#### Opening Remarks

09:00 – 09:20 - Representative of Oromia Regional Government  
- Representative of SNNPR

**Session 1 : Information Sharing and Discussion on the Status of PFM Implementation in Oromia and SNNPR** -  
09:20 - 10:00 The need for PFM working groups – why it is essential for the Oromia and SNNPR Regional Governments to set these up? How the Oromia WG was formed, what has been done (updates and lessons and challenges), recommendation on how to go proceed (Dr. Girma Amente)

10:00 - 10:30 Discussion ~ What are we going to achieve during a 2-day meeting in Jimma?  
Sharing of expectations for PFM Working Group

10:30 - 11:00 ~ Break ~

#### Session 2 : Progress Update from PFM Working Group

 - facilitated by **Tsegaye /GTZ/**

11:00 - 11:15 1) FARM-Africa/SOS Sahel Ethiopia PFMP  
11:15 - 11:30 2) WAJIB/GTZ  
11:30 - 11:45 3) NTFP Research and Development Project  
11:45 - 12:00 4) Belete-Gera PFMP Phase 2 /JICA, OARDB  
12:00 - 12:45 Discussion

12:45 – 13:45 ~ Lunch Break ~

#### Session 2 : Continued

13:45 - 14:00 5) FAO Project in Bonga  
14:00 - 14:15 6) Kefa Development Programme in Bonga  
14:15 - 14:30 7) FARM/ SOS Bale Eco-region Sustainable Management Programme (BERSMP)  
14:30 - 14:45 8) Forest Coffee Forum  
14:45 - 15:30 Discussion and summary of activities reported by PFM Working Group

15:30 - 15:50 ~ Break ~

#### Session 3 : Ideas and Perspective on Preparation of PFM Guideline

 - facilitated by **Belete-Gera PFMP Phase 2-**

15:50 - 16:10 Presentation on the need of PFM guidelines, purpose of guidelines etc. (Ben Irwin)

16:10 - 16:30 Development of Oromia PFM Guideline as an important component of Belete-Gera PFMP Phase2

16:30 – 17:30 Experiences of PFM guideline development (Oromia and SNNPR)

- Experience of preparation for WAJIB Guideline ~ *Guideline for Implementation of WAJIB Approach in Ethiopia*
- Experience from FARM-Africa/SOS Sahel on preparation of *The Key Steps in Establishing Participatory Forest Management (PFM): A Field manual to Guide Practitioners in Ethiopia*
- Experience from other projects (NTFP, FAO, KDP)

Summary of discussion and agenda of the second day

## Day 2 : December 19 (Tuesday)

### Session 3 : Continued - facilitated by Belete-Gera PFMP Phase 2-

- 09:00 - 09:10 Summary of Day 1 and today's main discussion points
- 09:10 – 10:00 Discussion on why and how Oromia and SNNPR PFM Guidelines, as policy guideline, useful for the Regional Governments and other stakeholders (including local people)?
- What is the objective of the PFM Guideline?
  - How it will be used and by whom
  - Role of PFM Working Group as a facilitator to initiate joint work

### Session 4: PFM institutions and Policy - facilitated by NTFP project-

- 10:00 - 10:15 Studies on Forest Institution (NTFP representative)
- Briefly discuss what has been done and the results reached at
- 10:15 - 10:30 Forest institutions (Ephrem Lemu, Chilimo PFM)
- What has been done since the last WG meeting
- 10:30 – 10:45 Policy, advocacy and Networking (Tsegaye Tadesse, GTZ)
- What has been done since the last PFM WG meeting, discussion on the draft forest policy without mention of PFM, how should these working group proceed on this issue, etc
- 10: 45- 11:10 Question & Answer, Discussion on how to proceed on these issues
- 11:10 – 11:30 ~ Break ~

### Session 5: Group session to develop action plans - facilitated by Belete-Gera PFMP Phase 2-

- 11:30 - 11: 40 Form groups for action plan development
- 11:40 - 12:45 Break into groups to work on Action Plan development:
- 1) Regional PFM Guideline development, 2) Community institutions, 3) Policy advocacy and 4) Research
- Who takes an initiative
  - Work arrangement
  - Milestone and long-term schedule

~ Lunch Break ~

- 12:45 - 13:45 Group work continued
- 13:45 - 14:30

### Session 6 : Plenary Session - facilitated by Ben Irwin / BERSMP/-

- 14:30 - 15:15 Report back on Action Plan development
- 15:15 - 15:45 Discussion
- 15:45 - 16:00 ~ Break ~
- 16:00 – 17:00 Information of International Conference on PFM to be held in March, 2007  
Discussion on which organization presents on what themes of the conference  
Overall summary of the 2-day Working Group meeting and way forward

### Closing Remarks

- 17:00 - 17:15
- Representative of Oromia Regional Government
  - Representative of SNNPR

## 2. Participants List

No.	Name	Organization	Title
1	Assefa Ejo	Oromia Regional Government	OARDB
2	Getachu Tefera	Oromia Regional Government	PFM staff
3	Zelalem Temesgen	PFMU	Program Manager
4	Arsema Andargatchew	PFMU	Coordinator
5	Zeynu Lema	PFMU	Technical Adviser
6	Ben Irwin	Bale	Coordinator
7	Abduraham Vearigo	Bale	Medical Plant PC
8	Tefera Tilahun	Bale	Cooperative
9	Ashebir Zeuwdu	Bale	Forester
10	Beyene Zenbaba	Bale	Agr & Rural Dev.
11	Tsegaye Tadesse	GTZ	Program Manager
12	Aklilu Ameha	GTZ	Team Leader
13	Seyoum G/kidan	GTZ	Team Leader
14	Anteneh Petros	GTZ	Agr & Rural Dev.
15	Gebeyehu Gizaw	Bonga PFM	Field Officer
16	Temiru Haile	Bonga PFM	Field Officer
17	Solomon Hailu	Bonga PFM	Field Officer
18	Solomon Tefaye	Bonga PFM	Field Assistant
19	Albyot G/michael	Bonga PFM	Field Assistant
20	Luiza Gabriel	Bonga PFM	CD Officer
21	Messifin Tekle	FAO	Field Manager
22	Shewalul Tesema	KDP	Technical Adviser
23	Kifle Telga	KDP	Technical Adviser
24	Simens Getachew	Kafea ARDO	Agr & Rural Dev.
25	Alemayehu Alemu	Kafea ARDO	Land use and Administration
26	Doyo Hargessa	Borena	Team Leader
27	Seful Memo	Borena	Department Head
28	Ismael Helo	Borena	Coordinator
29	Elias Kalsahun	Borena	Adviser
30	Abebe Teklu	Borena	Depty Head
31	Tari Bule	Borena	Facilitator

32	Gere Tadesse	Borena	Pasturelist Officer
33	Husein Miyo	Borena	PFM Adviser
34	Ephrem Lemmu	Chilimo	Team Leader
35	Wondosen Bekeke	NTFP	Technical Adviser
36	Zerihun Kebebew	NTFP	Partner
37	Eibana Yigezu	NTFP	FM Specialist
38	Abebe Haile	NTFP	Field Officer
39	Million Belay	Melca	Director
40	Befekadu Refera	Melca	Program Coordinator
41	Feyera Senbeta	Coffee Forum	Research Officer
42	Kochiro G/Yesun	Farm Africa	Forester
43	Nepash Ashebir	Farm Africa	Field Officer
44	Dereje Bekele	Jimma University	Lecturer
45	Kiflu Haile	Jimma University	Lecturer
46	Mohammed Seid	Belete-Gera PFMP	Project Manager
47	Nasir A/Sanbi	Belete-Gera PFMP	Gera Ardo Head
48	Wagaye Tesfaye	Belete-Gera PFMP	Gera ARDO
49	Ababu Adam	Belete-Gera PFMP	Gera ARDO
50	Lishan Demissie	Belete-Gera PFMP	Gera ARDO
51	Damtew Asfaw	Belete-Gera PFMP	Gera ARDO
52	Betiglu Solomon	Belete-Gera PFMP	Gera ARDO
53	Esubalew Mesele	Belete-Gera PFMP	Gera ARDO
54	Fikru Bulita	Belete-Gera PFMP	Shae Somobo ARDO
55	Tijani A/Nura	Belete-Gera PFMP	Shae Somobo ARDO
56	Mifta A/Dura	Belete-Gera PFMP	Shae Somobo ARDO
57	Mesay Abera	Belete-Gera PFMP	Shae Somobo ARDO
58	Hideki Sonoyama		JICA expert
59	Tsutomu Nishimura	Belete-Gera PFMP	JICA expert
60	Toshihide Yoshikura	Belete-Gera PFMP	JICA expert

### **3. Expectations of Participants for PFM Working Group**

At the beginning of the workshop, the participants shared each other their expectation from the 2-days meeting. The main points raised from the participants are summarized below.

1. Experience Sharing on PFM
  - Different approaches, new information, concept, design, achievement, challenges, lessons learnt, measures taken
  - JICA PFM approach
  - Integration of livelihood activities in PFM
2. (Effective & Proactive) PFM-WG
  - Activities accomplished so far
  - Monitor implementation status of the last 2yrs action plan
  - Set up strong & effective PFM-WG
  - Develop a framework to strengthen PFM-WG
  - Define a task force TOR/topical area
  - Clear & attainable action plan
  - Establish office & assign focal person (Position& JD)
  - Define roles & responsibilities of woreda, zonal & regional level PFM-WG
  - Consensus on how PFM-WG will be strengthened
  - PFM-WG should focus that the development master plan of Oromia & SNNPR may give major emphasis for PFM vis-à-vis NRM
  - Oromia & SNNPR will be facilitators for PFM-WG
  - Assign NGO which will support the government to conduct next meeting
3. Policy Advocacy
  - How to harmonize PFM with legislative
  - Issues about policy & legislation draft for PFM programme
  - Consensus on policy lobby to mainstream PFM
4. Government (Regional) Commitment to Support PFM-WG
5. Rejuvenate system of Networking
6. Reach consensus on PFM Guideline for Oromia

#### 4. Main points of the discussion

Day 1 - Morning

Session 1:

Regarding to the current status of PFM, some comments were raised as follows;

- No clear plans for PFM, which fit the project in all areas of the region, are prepared up to now.
- There is not enough finance and responsible person to run the project as experts, even though there is an agreement from the side of Oromia to run the project.
- There are some problems such as financial for the success of the objectives.
- There is an appreciable effort from the side of stakeholders for the success of the PFM.

Session 2:

After the presentation from FARM Africa/SOS Sahel, GTZ. NTFP and Belete-Gera, Some comments were raised from the participants as follows;

- What is it included in main content of the NTFP's agreement with local people?
- What is the responsibility of local institution of NTFP project?
- In NTFP project, what kind of local institution and forest management members exist?
- Are there any negative impacts from eco-tourism to environment and life of local people in Adaba Dodola?
- In Belete-Gera PFMP, it was reported some deforestation was caused. What is the cause of it, technical or management problems? What are the challenges?
- Is the WaBuB PFM expansion as the needs of local community or as a project plan?
- Does The WaBuB PFM Guideline aim to be used as a kind of standard for expansion of PFM in Belete-Gera?
- How will WaBuB Guideline utilize moral and idea of WAJIB Guideline?
- How does FARM-Africa project protect the forest from deforestation?

Day 1 - Afternoon

Session 2 (Continued):

After the presentation from FAO, KDP, Bale and Coffee Forum, some questions and comments were raised as follows;

- In FAO's challenges, the need of policy advocacy was not clearly suggested.
- In the project area by FAO (Bonga), new activity by FAO can not be identified. It would be necessary to differentiate FAO project and other PFM project.
- In Bale eco-region sustainable management programme, what kind of emphasis is needed for decision makers to create awareness?
- How is Bale project related with PFM?
- Why have only 13 woredas been selected in Bale project?
- Does Coffee Forum project relate to PFM?

Day 2 - Morning

Session 4:

After presentation from Melca, NTFP and GTZ, the following discussion was raised;

- Q1: In Melca project, is there any difference of benefit between forest users and farmers? What do you mean by loss of biodiversity?
- A1: We have conducted some studies, but we cannot get clear difference of the benefits. We are sensing forest destruction from the aspect of biodiversity.

- Q2: For Eco-Mapping of Melca, GPS and remote sensing is not an end point. How can you use it especially for local people?
- A2: For the future, GPS is used as a simple tool to show the local forest status for new generation. There is a gap between old and new generation in knowledge. So, we are using this material for knowledge transferring and decision-making for government. But it is sure that the use of GIS is complicated and training needed.
- Q3: How does local people's belief affect forest status in Melca project?
- A3: Previously, people's belief led to afraid of forests. Nowadays, there are changes in their believes.
- Q4: What is the difference between mandate (proclamation) and Regional PFM Guideline?
- A5: Proclamation is written document. And the guideline is implementation. The main initiatives for the Regional Guideline should be led by Oromia Regional Government. But, as a source of information, PFM working group members in the Region will participate and raise ideas.

Day 2 – Afternoon

Session 6:

For Action Plan development, participants were divided into four groups:

- Group 1: Regional PFM guideline development
- Group 2: PFM institutions
- Group 3: Policy advocacy
- Group 4: Research

Main discussion points after presentation were summarized below.

- Q to Group 2: Does your Work Plan have different from activities of FARM Africa?
- A: Our aim tries to compile different institutions and come up with concrete recommendations.
- Q to Group 4: Is it possible to work collectively with PFM projects and get finance for the research?
- A: Financing is not the aim of our project (FARM Africa)
- A: If the research comes up with a concrete proposal which supports the objectives of the Project, it might be possible to support financially (Belete-Gera PFMP).
- A: It would be possible to conduct the research on the impact of PFM and on the capability of people living in and around the forest (NTFP).



## 6. Action Plan Developed

### Group 1. Regional PFM guideline development

Leader: Asefa Ejo (Oromia Regional Government), Wondosen Bekeke (SNNPR)

#### 1. Steps to set objective of PFM Guideline

1. Task force identification
2. Duties & Responsibilities of TF
3. Activity plan
4. Implementation of planned activity
5. Monitoring & Evaluation

#### 2. Task force identification

1. Leading initiative (Regions)
2. Representative of PFM-Projects (GTZ, Farm Africa, SOS-Sahel, JICA, NTFP, Bale·eco-region PNRM)
3. Environmental projects (FAO, KDP, Melca, CFF and other potential firms/NGO)

#### 3. Activities

	Responsibility	Period
1. Assign task force members	Regions	19/12/06
2. TOR preparation & distribution for comments	Task force Regions	
3. Identify venue	T/F	
4. Review the existing site specific PFM Guidelines (Farm-SOS, GTZ, JICA··)	T/F	
5. Produce draft of regional PFM Guideline	T/F	
6. Distribute drafts of PFM-G/L to all stakeholders to comment	Regions	
7. Organize workshop to discuss on draft PFM Guideline	Regions PFM project	
8. Produce final PFM Guideline	T/F	
9. Publication	Regions Regions/PFM project	
10. Dissemination of PFM Guideline	Regions	

#### 4. Commitments

- Coordinating the T/F by Regions
- Resources allocation(manpower & financial control) by projects
- Timely provision of site specific PFM Guideline (WaBuB, NTFP)

#### 5. Assumptions

- Active participation of T/F members and projects

## **Group 2. Community Institutions**

Leader: Zelalem Temesgen (FARM Africa), Abebe Haile (NTFP)

### **I. Activities to be carried out**

Activity 1: Review existing forest based community institutions (traditional and modern forest institutions operating on the ground)

Date : End of February 2007

Activity 2: Review/research challenges, opportunities of the best options and reflect on practical issues need to be addressed. Recommendations presented.

Date : End of March 2007

Activity 3: Implementation of recommendations

Date: End of June 2007 – to coincide with the next PFM working group meeting

### **II. Focal institution to take the initiative (be a lead and supporting role)**

NTFP project take the lead role

GTZ- Addis provide a support role in relations with regions

### **III. Task force members**

PFM projects (Regional ARDB representatives, FARM SOS, JICA, GTZ, NTFP)

Participating members: Ministry of Justice, cooperatives office, melka, FCF, etc)

### **IV Commitments:**

- Government support and involvement is must
- Financial contribution from JICA, FARM SOS, GTZ and NTFP
- Focal persons assigned from each member institution
- Focal institution officially requests the name of the focal person from member institutions.

## **Group 3. Policy advocacy**

Leader: Tesgaye Tadese (GTZ), Million Belay (Melca)

1. Why didn't it work?
  - Composition - hard to get the group together
  - Oromia PFM unit not stable
  - lack of clean TOR for the Task force
2. First Step
  - Reinitiate the task force
  - Identify 3 core groups  
(GTZ/ FARM-SOS/ Melca) →Chairperson
3. Activities
  - GTZ should call a meeting by Jan. 10.
  - Develop TOR
  - Distribute via e-mail
  - Decide a date for advocacy strategy development

#### **Group 4. Research**

Leader: Feyera Senbeta (Coffee Forum)

Who can take an initiative?

- ECFF – Ethiopia Coffee Forest. Forum
- NTFP – Non-Timber. Forest Product

Activities to be carried out jointly

- Is PFM increase or decrease deforestation
- Impacts of inclusive and exclusive useright /membership in relation to long term sustainability of PFM
- Economic, ecological and social impacts of PFM in comparison to landuse change
- Assessment and analysis of negative and positive impacts of policies at various level on PFM
- Independent review of PFM approach in Ethiopia context

Milestone / target (schedule)

- Formulation Research Concept
- Develop TOR
- Secure / Pool / Funds
- Select researchers
- Conduct research
- Disseminate research output

Target

- At least 2 researches in 2007 carried

Commitment

- Funds and Resources / human and material

## 7. Site Visit Program

Dates	Time	Activities	Remarks
Dec. 20 (Wed.)		<u>Site visit to Gera Forest (Afalo sub-village)</u>	Welcome by Gera District Administration
	8:30 - 10:30	Drive to Chira (Gera District)	
	10:30 - 11:00	Welcome at Gera Forest Extension Center	
	11:00 - 12:00	Drive to Afalo village	
	12:00 - 13:30	Site observation (forest, livelihood, etc.)	
	13:30 - 15:00	Discussion with WaBuB (Forest Management Association) members	
	15:00 - 16:00	Drive back to Chira	
	16:00 - 18:00	Drive back to Jimma	
Dec. 21 (Thur.)		<u>Site visit to Belete Forest (Chaffee sub-village)</u>	One hour mule/horse back ride to Chaffee sub-village
	9:00 - 10:30	Drive to Belete (Bee city)	
	10:30 - 11:30	Move to Chaffee sub-village by mule/horse	
	11:30 - 13:00	Discussion with WaBuB (Forest Management Association) members	
	13:00 - 14:00	Move back to road by mule/horse	
	14:00 - 15:30	Drive back to Jimma	
	16:00 - 17:00	Wrap-up meeting in Jimma	

## 8. Main discussion points in site visits

Day 3 – Site visit to Afalo sub-village, Gera District:

After sharing of general information of Afalo sub-villages by Gera ARDO staff and WaBuB representatives, the participants were divided in two groups and followed the joint forest monitoring activity in the two direction of Afalo forest. During the monitoring activities, some questions such as forest uses and WaBuB activities were raised from the participant.



Day 4 - Site visit to Chaffee sub-village, Shabe Sombo District:

After sharing of general information of Chffee sub-villages and activities of WaBuB by Shabe Sombo ARDO staff and WaBuB representatives, questions and comments, summarized below, were raised from the participants.

- Q1- Is there any financial contribution from WaBuB members?
- A1- Currently WaBuB does not ask members any financial contribution, such as member fee and registration fee. But, in the future, WaBuB has a plan to start collection contribution (member fee).
- Q2- Regarding forest inspection/patrolling, how do you perform this task and which procedure you apply to implement it?
- A2- WaBuB has forest patrolling committee and forest developing committee. These committees check and control the forest once a week in every direction and they report results to the WaBuB executive committee.
- Q3- Did you get any advantage from the forest or the project?
- A3- With Forest Management Agreement (FMA) WaBuB and district ARDO signed, our life to live in the forest and use forest product has been secured. In addition, the Project provided us modern beehives and one grain mill.
- Q4- How do you make sure your life is secured?
- A4- All rights and responsibilities for WaBuB members in terms of forest use are clearly stated in FMA. We have a right to claim.
- Q5- Did you get any training on the support of modern beehives?
- A5- We got three days training on modern beehives.
- Q6- Do you know the WABUB forest coverage in hectare?
- A6- It is 232 hectare.

