



A quick summary of the current project IDA is partnering with other stakeholders

- Project Name:** Special Technical and Vocational Education & Training and Agro-Processing Industrial Cluster Center (STVET-APICC)
- Location:** KalaAssa village, in Irob district - Eastern Tigray, Ethiopia
- Project owners:** IDA, METEC, ECC-SDCOAD, and Irob district administration with collaboration with Eastern Tigray zone Administration and other stakeholders
- Project Objective:** To create and develop competent and self-reliant citizens who will contribute to the economic and social development of the region and the country. The project will significantly reduce current poverty levels and will improve the sustainability and livelihoods of the Irob community.
- Project budget:** 265,000,000 BIRR (approximates to \$12,000,000 USA dollars). IDA (Irob Development Association) is to raise 10% of the total cost. The remainder will be covered by the aforementioned stakeholders.
- Project beneficiaries:** The project is expected to benefit all Irob households (HHs), estimated to be at 7,100 HHs; with main focus to youths. The number of Irob youth who drop-out of school and immigrate to the middle East countries through the dangerous routes, such as Libyan Sahara Desert and Mediterranean Sea, are among the highest in the country. STVET-APICC will help reduce or eliminate the exodus of these immigrants by providing job and growth opportunities locally. The center will also provide short term trainings to farmers about rural business development and link them with businesses across the country. Sample beneficiaries include but not limited to:
- Unemployed, youth and adults
 - School dropouts – regardless of education level – (Irob district has the highest drop-out rate in the region)
 - Individuals with potential / these who are actively trying to improve themselves but need help
 - People from urban and rural areas
 - Landless farmers (41% of Irob HHs are considered to be landless)
 - Farmers with land and interested in modern technology to improve production
 - Disadvantaged groups
 - People with disabilities
- Benefits of the project to Irobs, Tigray region, and the country at large:**
- Creation of skilled workforce that will contribute to the national economy
 - Creation of employment and generation of additional income
 - Contribution to a nation's GDP
 - Promotion socio-economic development
 - Regional stabilization and sustainability
 - Improved food self-sufficiency
 - Eradication of poverty
 - Integration into global markets
 - Will help put an end to illegal youth immigration

Regional profile: Tigray is the northern regional state of Ethiopia. The total land area of the region is about 54,572 sq. kms consisting of high plateau and mountains. Per population and housing census of 2007, Tigray had a population of 4.314 million, consisting of 49.2% male and 50.8% female population. And its population is expected to grow by 2.5% annually. The population density stood at 76.7 persons per sq. km.

Irob district profile: Irob district is located in the far North-Eastern of Tigray region. The total area of the district is estimated to be 850 km², with a landscape consisting of rugged mountains, hills, high plateaus & deep valleys. Only 1.4% of Irob land can be used for cultivation. The average annual rainfall and temperature of the area are less than 300mm and 200c, respectively. The total population of Irobs is estimated to be 35,000, of which 51% are females. Total household is about 7,100, of which 40% are female headed households. Majority of Irob population is young.

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