

## **Performance on Financial Transparency and Accountability**

### **Background**

In an effort to enhance decentralized public service delivery to the poor, the Government of Ethiopia and development partners have embarked on a new mechanism known as Protection of Basic Services (PBS) since 2006. The PBS project supports Ethiopia's progress towards the improvement of broad based economic growth, governance and basic service delivery in the health, education, agriculture, water and sanitation sectors at the local level. Financial Transparency and Accountability has been one of the sub-components of the PBS program that has been designed to support activities at the Regional/City Administrations, Woreda and sub-Woreda levels to significantly enhance transparency around public budget procedures (budget preparation, expenditure and audits); and, foster broad engagement, strengthened "voice" and power of citizen representative groups and citizens more broadly on public budget processes and public service delivery.

### **Performances**

From the start of the implementation of the project, more efforts have been done to enhance the public understanding of the local government's budget and enable citizens' participation in the formulation and execution of the local government budget. In this regard, significant achievements have been registered. Among the achievements:-

1. In the processes of dissemination of public budget information at the *woreda* level; almost 98 percent of *woredas*' in the country have posted/disclosed the budget and expenditure information for their respective local citizens. At basic

service delivery points (schools, health centers, farmers training centers and water points) the posting of service delivery standards has reached more than 70 percent.



2. To enhance the understanding of citizens regarding the public budget formulation and spending processes, other than posting the information in public places, regions/city administrations are using mass media (radio and TV) programs, brochures, t-shirts and innovative and cultural ways for the public budget and spending information dissemination which enhanced access to information by citizens.



- Budget Literacy Training (BLT) has been another FTA tool to enhance citizens' understanding about the budget process, service delivery issues and citizens' roles in the planning and budgeting process. By now, BLT is so far delivered for more than 2.3million citizens across the country in all Woredas and city administrations of which more than 40% are female. Trainees were drawn from the community on the basis of their capacity to transmit their knowledge from the BLT including 'Idir' leaders, religious leaders, Kebele council members, sector staff, and known personalities in the communities.



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የ 2009 አፈጻጸም				ከ 2003 አስከ 2009			
ወንድ	ሴት	ድምር	የሴቶች ተሳትፎ (%)	ወንድ	ሴት	ድምር	የሴቶች ተሳትፎ (%)
3,324	2,150	5,474	39.28	63,706	32,573	96,279	32.76
1,880	1,145	3,025	37.85	27,314	12,778	40,092	28.69
69,267	41,020	110,287	37.19	102,930	55,277	158,207	34.89
4,546	4,039	8,585	47.05	121,735	50,750	172,485	29.42
1,100	1,200	2,300	52.17	19,659	11,415	31,074	36.73
615	439	1,054	41.65	6,949	2,811	9,760	28.80
3,813	4,392	8,205	53.53	997,938	710,683	1,708,621	34.77
423	277	700	39.57	5,956	2,863	8,819	32.46
208	189	397	47.61	2,289	2,216	4,505	49.00
125	207	332	62.35	4,441	3,151	7,592	41.50
2,575	3,432	6,007	57.13	37,468	43,245	80,713	53.58
87,876	58,490	146,366	39.96	1,390,385	927,762	2,318,147	40.02

4. More than 40% of woredas have conducted the pre-budget discussion and 46% of participants are women. The pre-budget discussion is a forum on which citizens come together with their local authorities on planning, priorities and budget allocation issues. This is planned to continue as one of the disbursement Linked Indicators under the Enhancing Shared Prosperity through Equitable Services (ESPES) Program for Result (PforR) program.

2009 Summary of all Regions/City Administrations Pre-Budget Discussion							
Regions/City Administrations	Total number of Woreda	Number of Woredas' Perform pre-budget Discussion	Woreda (%)	Number of Participants			Female participation (%)
				Male	Female	Total	
Tigray	53	11	20.8	533	498	1,031	48.3
Afar	34	14	41.2	441	209	650	32.2
Amhara	167	45	26.9	2,578	2,012	4,590	43.8
Oromia	311	118	37.9	9,663	6,144	15,807	38.9
Ethiopian Somali B/Shangul Gumuz	73	15	20.5	597	623	1,220	51.1
SNNP	21	3	14.3	199	153	352	43.5
Gambella	157	42	26.8	1,763	1,588	3,351	47.4
Hareri	14	5	35.7	237	138	375	36.8
Dire Dewa	9	2	22.2	97	46	143	32.2
Addis Ababa	9	9	100	504	524	1,028	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>19,865</b>	<b>16,560</b>	<b>36,425</b>	<b>45.5</b>

  

2010 Summary of all Regions/City Administrations Pre-Budget Discussion							
Regions/City Administrations	Total number of Woreda	Number of Woredas' Perform pre-budget Discussion	Woreda (%)	Number of Participants			Female participation (%)
				Male	Female	Total	
Tigray	53	19	35.85	976	923	1,899	48.60
Afar	34	19	55.88	540	375	915	40.98
Amhara	167	53	31.74	2,547	1,581	4,128	38.30
Oromia	333	117	35.14	2,976	1,712	4,688	36.52
Ethiopian Somali B/Shangul Gumuz	99	15	15.15	595	623	1,218	51.15
SNNP	21	7	33.33	99	26	125	20.80
Gambella	163	58	35.58	2,469	2,109	4,578	46.07
Hareri	14	5	35.71	208	150	358	41.90
Dire Dewa	9	9	100.00	105	95	200	47.50
Addis Ababa	13	13	100.00	403	376	779	48.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>1023</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>36.27</b>	<b>12,302</b>	<b>9,835</b>	<b>22,137</b>	<b>44.43</b>

5. Public procurement implementation and Audit finding information has been starting posting at local levels.

#### 4- Audit findings and procurement process information

R.No.	Region/city administration	No.of Wor.	No.of Wor.per	% of coverage
1	Tigrai	53	53	100
2	Afar	34	27	79
3	Amhara	168	134	80
4	Oromia	333	0	0
5	Eth.Somale	99	72	73
6	B/Gumuz	21	11	52
7	SNNP	163	120	74
8	Gambela	14	0	0
9	Harari	9	0	0
10	D/Dawa	13	13	100
11	AddisAbaba	117	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>1023</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>42</b>

6. Financial Transparency and Accountability Impact Assessment has been done and it is almost finalized.

#### Next Target

All the processes of dissemination of posting public budget information, enhancing the understanding of citizens regarding the public budget formulation and spending processes, utilization of Mass Media (Radio and TV) programs as a means of enhancing citizens understanding, and engaging citizens at local development plan. Accordingly:-

1. In order to implement financial transparency and accountability initiative at Federal and Regional level Government budgetary institutions, Draft implementation Directives has developed and it is now under the process implementation.