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Social protection for inclusive development in the Afar region of Ethiopia

The Government of Ethiopia has implemented a number of development and poverty interventions such as the Productive Safety Net Programme (PSNP). These interventions led to high rates of economic growth of about 10.6% per year in 2004/05 - 2011/12 and poverty reduction at the national level. However, some areas of the country, such as the Afar Region, registered lower poverty reduction compared to other regions. The Afar region is prone to drought and livelihoods in the region are dominated by pastoralism. Because studies show divergent results regarding PSNP's contribution to people's asset growth and poverty reduction, this study evaluates the effectiveness of PSNP on poverty, food security and livelihood in the Afar region.

Main question

- What type of social protection practices are available in the study area and how are they applied to different population groups? What is their effectiveness? What is the current level of poverty in the study area? How vulnerable are different population groups to poverty? Why has poverty remained high compared to other regions of the country?
- What has the impact of social protection programmes been? What was the impact of PSNP on poverty reduction (income) and risk minimisation?

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Country focus

- Ethiopia

Planned activities

- Assessing current social protection practices through focus group discussions
- Determining poverty status and problem and wealth ranking through Participatory Rural Appraisal(PRA)
- Mapping the challenges and the policy learning opportunities of social institutions and the impacts of the PSNP in the Afar Region
- Sharing knowledge in a workshop with relevant policy actors at local level, academic and research institutions; and at the regional and international levels
- Organise an international conference through a call for papers on the theme: Social protection for inclusive development in pastoralist areas of Sub-Saharan Africa.