**Memorandum of Understanding**

**Among**

**Oromia Environment, Forest and Climate Change Authority**

**Oromia Bureau of Agriculture and Natural Resources**

**Oromia Forest and Wildlife Enterprise**

**Oromia Bureau of Rural Land Administration and Use and**

**Oromia Bureau of Water, Minerals and Energy**

**Oromia Bureau of Livestock and Fishery Development**

# For the Joint Implementation of

# The Oromia Forested Landscape Program vertically and horizontally

**Preamble**

*Recognizing* the Oromia Forested Landscape Program (OFLP) will be Oromia National Regional State's strategic programmatic umbrella and coordination platform for multi-sector, multi-partner interventions on all forested landscapes in Oromia to improve land use across multiple sectors there by contribute to economic growth, food security poverty reduction and also to key national strategies, including the Growth and Transformation Plan II (GTP-2), the Climate Resilient Green Economy strategy (CRGE) Strategy, the Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC), the emerging national strategies for the the Forest Sector and the REDD+, as well as sector strategies for energy, water, and agriculture

*Considering* the government of Ethiopia, through the CRGE vision and strategy aims to build a climate resilient green economy and make the country carbon neutral by 2015, with the specific action in the identified sectors that play a key rolein sustainable development including reducing emission from deforestation and forest degradation(REDD+);

*Considering* that the government of Ethiopia is developing large scale pilot REDD+ programs to reduce transaction costs and leakage risks; maximize the likelihood of effectively reducing deforestation, prepare the country for receiving and deploying result- based climate finance and other financing and ensure the concrete activities on the ground to generate knowledge to inform the National REDD Strategy as part of the national REDD+ readiness process;

*Recognizing* the above issues and achieve Ethiopia’s CRGE Strategy objectives on land-use change, forest, and climate action, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MEFCC) and the Oromia Regional State are developing a jurisdictional REDD+ Program, also referred as Oromia Forested Landscape Program (OFLP), to test the different elements of the National REDD+ Readiness Program;

*Acknowledging* state of forests affect the performance of agriculture, livestock, water supply, energy security, irrigation, tourism and livelihood security and understanding these sectoral state of forests, the Oromia government is taking a landscape approach to achieve the objective of GTP2 and CRGE; environmental degradation, deforestation and forest degradation, soil and water degradation remain major problems in Oromia with many and varied drivers including agriculture expansion, fuel wood consumption, illegal logging, infrastructure development, and forest fire, all of them need to be addressed by promoting integrated landscape management through a coordinated multi-sectoral approach. *Recognizing* this could only be realized through better coordination of activities on the ground implemented by OEFCCA and other relevant implementing agencies (Oromia Bureau of Agriculture and Natural resources, Oromia Bureau of Water Minerals and Energy, Oromia Bureau of Rural Land Administration and Use, Oromia Bureau of Livestock and Fishery Development and Oromia Forest and Wildlife Enterprise through their decentralized structure who cover forest, agriculture, water, and household energy.;

*Acknowledging* the World Bank has committed to deploy funds from its BioCarbon Fund (BioCF) Initiative for Sustainable Forest Landscapes(ISFL) Program to programmatically finance the FDRE to implement the OFLP through two financing instruments[[1]](#footnote-1)including other parallel financing.

*Recognizing* the Oromia National Regional State Government made a substantial changes of institutional set-up and mandates of implementing agencies in the region by proclamation No. 199/2016 issued on July 20, 2016 by the Oromia Regional State Council (*Caffee*); Further recognizing the role of the Oromia Environment, Forest and Climate Change Authority (OEFCCA)in coordinating and leading environmental protection, sustainable forest management and CRGE related initiatives in Oromia;

*Considering* the Oromia Regional State Vice Presidency office chairs the REDD+ Steering committee composed of heads of the OEFCCA, Bureau of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Bureau of Water Mineral and Energy, Bureau of Rural Land Administration and Use, as well as the OFWE director general and the ORCU coordinator, representatives from civil societies, unions, universities, and the private sector will also participate. Further recognizing the Oromia REDD+ Steering Committee will oversee and provide strategic guidance and leadership support to the OFLP, including by mobilizing sectors to coordinate and collaborate under the OFLP umbrella on ‘REDD+-relevant interventions’[[2]](#footnote-2)that affect OFLP goals;

Recognizing the head of Oromia Bureau of Agriculture, with the rank of Vice President, heads the cluster for Agriculture and Rural Development[[3]](#footnote-3), and all the parties to this MOU except to the Bureau of Water, Minerals and Energy are members of the cluster ; Further recognizing the role the Oromia Bureau of Agriculture and Natural Resources' plays as co-chair to the Oromia REDD+ Steering committee, and also the possible use of the cluster for Agriculture and rural Development for Oromia as OFLP coordination platform;

*Recognizing* OEFCCA will: a) establish technical OFLP coordination team and facilitators (ORCU) at its head office and at its some selected Zones and Woredas offices ;(b) administer the technical, financial and human resources of OFLP; while also (c) coordinating relevant sectors implementing OFLP activities through its Zones and woreda level authority together with woreda administrations and other relevant bureaus/institutions; (d) implement part of the PFM activities outside OFWE's concession and all A/R activities in identified 49 deforestation hotspot woredas ; and (e) report on OFLP coordination and OEFCCA-led activities financed by OFLP in the joint annual OFLP work plans through ORCU;

*Considering* the Oromia REDD+ coordination Unit (ORCU) established by the Regional Government and originally hosted by OFWE for the last two and half years, has been officially transferred to the newly established authority (OEFCCA), which will serve as OFLP management unit, coordinate the OFLP activities across the different implementing sectors as indicated above and ensure their respective sector representations to ensure timely information gathering, follow up, consolidate and aggregate the OFLP data generated and report administratively to OEFCCA Director General for approval. The approved OFLP-level M&E reports will be shared with the MEFCC, OEFCCA, REDD+ Secretariat, Office of Vice President, World Bank and development partners;

Within the context of their shared roles as well as individual responsibilities towards achieving the OFLP goal that contributes to the achievement of the national vision as captured in CRGE, the Oromia Environment, Forest, and Climate Change Authority, the OromiaBureau of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the Oromia Forest and Wildlife Enterprise, the Oromia Bureau of Rural Land Administration and Use, the Oromia Bureau of Water, Minerals and Energy and the Oromia Bureau of Rural Land Administration and Use and the Oromia Bureau of Livestock and Fishery Development (together referred as “Parties”) here by agree as follows:

**Article 1. Purpose**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to ensure each of the implementing institutions identified as parties to this agreement discharge their respective responsibility and mandates bestowed to them by the regional legislation or regulation towards the successful implementation of the OFLP at a landscape level in a coordinated manner by mobilizing staff, providing leadership and required technical support at all levels to achieve the program's objective of reducing emissions net GHG emission from land use in Oromia through improving the enabling environment for sustainable forest management and investment.

**Article 2. Collaboration**

To achieve the above purposes, the parties will collaborate to achieve the following:

1. Ensure proper management of OFLP mobilization grant resources allocated to implement the program (if applicable);
2. Ensure the forests in the landscape are sustainably managed and synergized with other programs implemented by each party;
3. Ensure over all coordination of the land use related interventions across sectors at each level towards achieving the program objective;
4. Ensure that environmental and social safeguards that are prepared and disclosed for the program by the FDRE are implemented including the implementation of feedbacks and grievance redress mechanisms;
5. Ensure lessons generated through the implementation of the program are well documented and shared to the national level and the international financiers and private sector investors

**Article 3. Roles and Responsibilities**

1. Role of Oromia Environment Forest and Climate Change Authority:
2. Administers the technical, financial and human resources of OFLP through ORCU;
3. Establishes three OFLP lead facilitators in selected zones, 38 woreda coordinators in selected woredas, and 6 safeguards coordinators in selected zones;
4. Coordinates relevant sectors implementing OFLP activities through its respective zone and woreda level offices together with zone and woreda administrations and other relevant bureaus/institutions through the ORCU and compile the progress to be shared to partner sector offices, VP offices, MEFCC and the World Bank;
5. Consolidates the budgets of the OEFCCA, OFWE, BoWME, and BoRL and other bureaus as relevant and forwarded to the MEFCC through ORCU once approved by steering committee;
6. Disseminates all the approved budget if allocated to partner sector offices to implement OFLP activities on timely manner and receive actual expenditures from the partner offices to monitor progress and identify any impediments;
7. Responsible for keeping the books of accounts, safeguarding assets, and enhancing financial accountability and reporting;
8. Provides training to the Zone-level OFLP partner sector offices including Zone office of Agriculture and their experts on the safeguards requirement of the program to ensure understanding and consistency in all sector operations;
9. Provides required training to extension agents and Woreda level relevant experts on implementation arrangement, safeguards, specific OFLP activity implementation approach and Project Implementation Manual;
10. Implements PFM and A/R activities in 49 deforestation hotspot woredas not covered under OFWE concessions; and report on OFLP coordination and OEFCCA-led activities financed by OFLP in the joint annual OFLP work plans through ORCU
11. Ensures specific OFLP field manuals such as Participatory Forest Management (PFM) to be updated, Afforestation and Reforestation (A/R), and Land use to be updated are shared to relevant experts and DAs implementing OFLP specific activities;
12. Through the implementation of OFLP in a coordinated manner, extract lessons to inform the national REDD+ strategy and future result based financing operations at scale;
13. Through ORCU, develop Program's Monitoring and Evaluation Manual, and conduct capacity building on a wide range of issues on the program to other implementing institutions;
14. In coordination with the national Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, and through ORCU, prepare a standard for MRV for the program; and
15. Other roles and responsibilities (see table 1 annexed to this MOU).
16. Role of Oromia Bureau of Agriculture and Natural Resources:
17. Appoints OFLP focal person at its regional, zonal, woreda offices to actively participate on annual work plan and budget preparation and provide required technical support to OFLP coordination unit at all levels;
18. Plays key role in the regional REDD+ Steering Committee and REDD+ Technical Working Group for Oromia;
19. Plays key role in joint annual work program preparation and budget approval (facilitated and coordinated by ORCU);
20. Reports to ORCU on OFLP activities implemented by its respective woreda experts and DAs working at Kebele level, participates and contributes to “comprehensive landscape carbon accounting methodology to be developed and rolled out over time[[4]](#footnote-4);
21. Provides human resource support for OFLP implementation on the ground through development agents (DAs) who are in charge of engaging with communities for planning, implementation, and reporting relevant OFLP activities on the ground. Specific accountabilities include:
22. Mobilizes community at Kebele level through participatory approaches defined in key government documents including the mandatory OFLP safeguards instruments, the OFLP PIM, and field manuals for PFM, A/R, land use, and livelihoods that are being updated or developed;
23. Screens proposed OFLP grant-financed activities against the eligibility criteria;
24. Facilitates participatory community planning to identify sites for potential grant activities based on local needs, priorities and criteria being developed by the government
25. Engages in safeguards outreach, monitoring and documentation on the ground and reports to the OFLP Woreda Coordinators and the WoEFCCA on this;
26. Prepares and updates annual work plan and budget items to be consolidated by OFLP woreda coordinators, including also identification of specific relevant goods, services and/or works to be procured;
27. Provides technical advice to communities for implementation of OFLP component 1 activities (PFM, A/R, land use and livelihoods) on the ground as part of their regular activity, based on the implementation manuals (PFM, AR and land use to be updated or prepared);
28. Conducts regular quantitative monitoring and reporting of physical achievements ~~(~~as per the OFLP PIM) to the relevant Woreda expert(s) for consolidation and aggregation and further vertical reporting through the government hierarchy and to international financiers (assisted by OFLP woreda coordinators);
29. Conducts regular qualitative monitoring and reporting of results using photo documentation, community interviews, and other approaches supported by the OFLP for use by the government to communicate OFLP achievements;
30. Plays key role in all field visits or missions carried out by the regional, zonal, or woreda government institutions;
31. Receives guidance and training from OFLP woreda coordinators and/or Woreda experts on all of the above topics.
32. Provide oversight support to its respective woreda offices to support/implement sector-specific OFLP activities (some directly financed by the OFLP and some financed REDD-relevant initiatives);
33. Ensure synergies between existing sector initiatives that affect OFLP and sector objectives; and
34. Other roles and responsibilities (see table 1 annexed to this MOU)
35. Role of Oromia Bureau of Rural Land Administration and Use:
36. Appoints OFLP focal person at its regional, zonal, woreda offices to actively participate on annual work plan and budget preparation and provide required technical support to OFLP coordination unit at all levels;
37. Implements specific activities financed by the OFLP grant (that is, woreda land-use planning at the sub-basin level);
38. Plays key role in the REDD+ Steering Committee and REDD+ Technical Working Group;
39. Plays key role in joint annual work program preparation and budget approval (facilitated and coordinated by ORCU);
40. Coordinates all land use-related activities spatially at the woreda and landscape level with other bureaus and enterprises;
41. Reports to the ORCU on M&E, FM, and program management, and
42. Other roles and responsibilities (see table 1 annexed to this MOU)
43. Role of Oromia Bureau of Livestock and Fishery Development
44. Appoint OFLP focal person at its regional, zonal, woreda offices to actively participate on annual work plan and budget preparation and provide required technical support to OFLP coordination unit at all levels;
45. Plays key role in the regional REDD+ Steering Committee and REDD+ Technical Working Group for Oromia;
46. Plays key role in joint annual work program preparation and budget approval (facilitated and coordinated by ORCU);
47. Reports to ORCU on OFLP activities implemented by its respective woreda experts, participates and contributes to “comprehensive landscape carbon accounting methodology to be developed and rolled out over time;
48. Coordinates all land use-related activities spatially at the woreda and landscape level with other bureaus and OFWE;
49. Role of Oromia Bureau of Water, Minerals and Energy:
50. Appoint OFLP focal person at its regional, zonal, woreda offices to actively participate on annual work plan and budget preparation and provide required technical support to OFLP coordination unit at all levels;
51. Implements specific activities financed by the OFLP grant (i.e., marketing and promotion of cooking stoves);
52. Plays key roles in the REDD+ Steering Committee and REDD+ Technical Working Group;
53. Plays key role in joint annual work program preparation and budget approval (facilitated and coordinated by ORCU);
54. Reports to ORCU on M&E, FM, and program management; and
55. Other roles and responsibilities (see table 1 annexed to this MOU).
56. Role of Oromia Forest and Wildlife Enterprise:
57. Appoint OFLP focal person at its regional, zonal, woreda offices to actively participate on annual work plan and budget preparation and provide required technical support to OFLP coordination unit at all levels;
58. Implements part of the PFM activity financed by OFLP grant when delegated by OEFCCA;
59. Plays key role in the REDD+ Steering Committee and REDD+ Technical Working Group;
60. Plays key role during joint annual work program preparation and budget approval (facilitated and coordinated by ORCU);
61. Reports progresses on implementation of activities financed by OFLP in the joint annual OFLP work plans to OEFCCA through coordination of the ORCU and
62. ensuring synergies between existing sector initiatives that affect OFLP and sector objectives
63. Reports to ORCU on M&E, FM, and program management; and
64. Other roles and responsibilities (see table 1 annexed to this MOU).

**Article 4. Relationship of parties**

Neither of the Parties to this memorandum of understanding shall take positions on behalf of others without their consent. The parties will maintain the right to express their opinion individually on topics related to this Memorandum of Understanding.

**Article 5. Amendments and termination**

5.1 This memorandum of understanding can be amended by the written approval of the parties.

5.2 This Memorandum of understanding may be terminated by either Party up on six months’ prior notice given the other Party

**Article 6: Conflict Resolution and Monitoring**

6.1 Conflict(s) among parties shall be resolved through discussion.

6.2. The implementation of the MOU shall be monitored through joint evaluation report

In WITNESS THEREOF six original copies in English of the Memorandum of Understanding were signed on day, month, and year indicated below.

**For the**

**Oromia Environment, Forest and Climate Change Authority**

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**Oromia Bureau of Rural Land Adminsitration and Usr**

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**Oromia Forest and Wildlife Enterprise**

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**Oromia Bureau of Agriculture and Natural Resources**

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**For the Oromia Bureau of Livetsock and Fishery Development**

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**For the**

**Oromia Bureau of Water Minerals and Enery**

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**Annex** **1.Summary of Institutional Roles and Responsibilities in OFLP Implementation**

| **Institution** | **Accountabilities in the OFLP (not only grant)** | **Examples of implementation accountabilities of key specific activities financed by the OFLP grant** |
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| **MEFCC** | * Provides operational guidance to OEFCCA/ORCU to carry out OFLP procurement, FM, and safeguards activities. * Assists in resource mobilization for the OFLP umbrella. * Provides guidance on strategy and policy. * Monitors and reports on ER according to agreed rules, using the national MRV system (verification will be conducted by a third party to be hired by ORCU administratively guided by OEFCCA). * Supports compatibility of OFLP with Ethiopia’s CRGE strategy and facility. | * MRV implementation (financed under national REDD+ Readiness grant) * National GHG accounting (to which the OFLP contributes data) * Ensures that fiduciary obligations are carried out and complied with by the ORCU/OEFCCA * Interacts with the Bank team and other development partners |
| **EWCA** | * Coordinate with contiguous woredas and zones on issues of mutual concern, including land use and watershed planning, resettlement, livelihoods provision/substitution, PFM, A/R, and so on. | Bale Mountains National Park resettlement planned |
| **REDD+ steering committee** | * Provides strategic guidance on OFLP management and implementation. * Provides management direction to OEFCCA/ORCU. | n.a. |
| **REDD+ technical working group** | * Provides strategic oversight on OFLP management and implementation. * Provides technical direction to OEFCCA/ORCU. | n.a. |
| **Oromia vice president’s office** | * Assigns and maintains OFLP focal person to assist OEFCCA/ORCU in coordinating OFLP implementation across sectors. * Provides high-level political support to OEFCCA/ORCU to ensure multi-sector-level coordination. * Assists OEFCCA/ORCU, through OFLP focal person, to cascade and coordinate across the Oromia government’s vertical structure through region, zone, woreda, and kebele levels. * Is the main voice of OFLP in the high-level Regional Council, and (a) advocates forest-smart development, and (b) ensures that OEFCCA/ORCU participates in the region’s budget planning sessions and any other key decision-making events at the level of the region. * Chairs ORSC and ensures that all OFLP implementing sector institutions are working in coordination. | n.a. |
| **OEFCCA** | * Leads and administers the implementation of OFLP by overseeing its technical, financial, human resource, and inter-sectoral coordination facilitation activities through ORCU. * Provides strategic and technical guidance to ORCU to ensure multi-sector-level coordination for OFLP implementation. * As a member of the high level regional government council and lead in coordinating the implementation of REDD+ activities at regional level, is instrumental in bringing any outstanding issues related to OFLP implementation on the agenda of the regional council for decision making and/or guidance. * Advocates forest-smart development as its mission. * Participates in the region’s budget planning sessions and any other key decision-making events at regional level. * Establishes OFLP coordination unit within the team of ORCU at its vertical sectoral structure down to the woreda level. * Implements specific forest activities financed by the OFLP grant (that is, PFM and A/R out of OFWE concessions). * Appoints OFLP focal person to coordinate implementation of PFM and A/R activities (subcomponent 1.3) in 49 deforestations hotspot woredas out of OFWE concessions. * Participates actively in high level meetings and in the REDD+ Steering Committee including REDD+ Technical Working Group. * Provides technical and logistical support to ORCU in facilitating regional inter-sectoral joint annual work plan preparation, budget approval, report compilation, M&E, and progress review workshops. * Provides support to ORCU in facilitating the REDD+ Steering Committee and REDD+ Technical Working Group meeting and activities. * Reports to ORCU on M&E, FM, and program management activities financed by the OFLP grant (that is, PFM and A/R). * Participates in the design and implementation of the Forest MIS   Note: Signs MoU with OFWE, BoA, BoWME, BoRL. | * Designs and implements Forest MIS * Design and implements PFM activities (subcomponent 1.3.1) (out of OFWE concessions) and A/R activities (Subcomponent 1.3.2) in 49 deforestations hotspot woredas |
| **ORCU** | * Coordinates and manages OFLP. * Implements specific TA activities financed by the OFLP grant. * Acts as secretariat for the REDD+ Steering Committee and REDD+ Technical Working Group and participates actively in meetings. * Carries out joint annual work programming process (with partner bureaus and other relevant entities) and preparation of PP. * Manages safeguards and reporting. * Consolidates FM and reporting (assisted by OEFCCA). * Consolidates procurement management and reporting (assisted by OEFFCA). * Consolidates M&E of work program activities (each indicator in results framework and others as government requires) * Facilitates coordination with OFLP-related initiatives (liaising with executive-level focal points and OEFCCA above, as needed) * Sub-state team engages with woreda- and kebele-level officials and other actors to coordinate OFLP interventions and related initiatives across sectors that have an impact on forests (promoting a landscape management approach). * Conducts ER verification through a third party (to be hired by ORCU guided by OEFCCA). * Carries out strategic communication through OEFCCA. | * The ORCU team includes 13 existing staff at the state level. Under the OFLP, new staff will be added as follows: 5 new staff at the state level, 3 OFLP lead facilitators, 38 woreda coordinators, and 6 safeguards coordinators at the sub-state levels. * Institutional Capacity Building (subcomponent 2.1) and Safeguards management (subcomponent 2.4) |
| **OFWE** | * Implements part of the PFM activity financed by OFLP grant in accordance with the MoU to be signed between OEFCCA and OFWE. * Participates in the REDD+ Steering Committee and REDD+ Technical Working Group. * Provides items for joint annual work program and budget approval (facilitated and coordinated by ORCU). * Reports to ORCU on M&E, FM, and program management. | * Implements PFM in targeted Woredas in its concession (Subcomponent 1.3.1) in accordance with the MoU to be signed between OEFCCA and OFWE, and also AWPB and PP Assessments of land-use-related regulations, policy, and law (Subcomponent 2.2) * Participates in the design and implementation of the Forest MIS |
| **BoA** | * Appoints OFLP focal point. * Participates in the REDD+ Steering Committee and REDD+ Technical Working Group. * Provides items for joint annual work program and budget approval (facilitated and coordinated by ORCU). * Reports to ORCU on M&E, FM, and program management, including participating in comprehensive landscape carbon accounting   Note: Signs MoU with OEFCCA. The MoU will define how the BoA DAs will be deployed to implement OFLP. | * Assessments of land use-related regulations, policy, and law (Subcomponent 2.2) * Extension support and coordination with forest extension |
| **BoWME** | * Appoints OFLP focal point. * Implements specific activities financed by the OFLP grant (i.e., marketing of cooking stoves). * Participates in the REDD+ Steering Committee and REDD+ Technical Working Group. * Provides items for joint annual work program and budget approval (facilitated and coordinated by ORCU). * Coordinates all land use-related activities spatially at the woreda level with other bureaus and enterprises. * Reports to ORCU on M&E, FM, and program management.   Note: Signs MoU with OEFCCA. The MoU will define how the BoWME implements activities financed by OFLP. | * Assessments of land use-related regulations, policy, and law (Subcomponent 2.2) * TA to NICSP implementation in Oromia, with a focus on forest areas |
| **BoRL** | * OFLP focal point appointed. * Implements specific activities financed by the OFLP grant (that is, woreda land-use planning at the sub-basin level). * Participates in the REDD+ Steering Committee and REDD+ Technical Working Group. * Provides items for joint annual work program and budget approval (facilitated and coordinated by ORCU). * Coordinates all land use-related activities spatially at the woreda level with other bureaus and enterprises. * Reports to the ORCU on M&E, FM, and program management.   Note: Signs MoU with OEFCCA. | * Lead sub-basin land-use planning support (Subcomponent 1.1) * Assessments of land use-related regulations, policy, and law (Subcomponent 2.2) |
| **Bureau of Roads** | * Appoints OFLP focal point.   Note: Signs MoU with OEFCCA. MoU will define accountabilities. | Guidelines on forest-smart roads (to be discussed) |
| **OFWE branch office** | * Reports to ORCU on M&E, FM, and program management. | n.a |
| **Zone administration office** | * Highest government administrative body providing political leadership support to OFLP through coordinating zone-level sectoral development activities. * Ensures that OFLP achievements and challenges are discussed at the zone council meetings, thus providing timely administrative and technical support to program implementation on the ground. * Acts proactively in resolving conflicts, whenever they happen during OFLP implementation, in coordination with the relevant zone sector offices. * Ensures OFLP lead facilitator and safeguards coordinator get the required support from sector offices when such support is required. * Liaises with relevant regional institutions maintaining two-way information flow for facilitating smooth implementation of the program. * Oversees and ensures appropriate use of OFLP resources by implementing sector entities. | * Forest management investments: A/R and PFM * ILUP preparation and enforcement in the zone * Energy-related activities: ICS and biogas * Safeguards |
| **ZoEFCCA** | * Leads and administers the three OFLP lead facilitators, 38 OFLP woreda coordinators, and six OFLP safeguards coordinators—all part of ORCU staff. * Together with the OFLP lead facilitators, facilitates the coordination of inter-sectoral activities. * Provides administrative and technical support to respective WoEFCCAs. | Forest extension capacity development (Subcomponent 1.2) |
| **OFWE district office** | * Coordinates its land-use-related activities spatially at the woreda level with other bureaus (led by the Woreda Land-use Planning Unit and ZoEFCCA). * Implements agreed on-ground activities in the OFLP AWPB. * Reports on implementation progress to OEFCCA/ORCU. | Implements part of PFM in high forest concession areas (Subcomponent 1.3.1) in accordance with the MoU to be signed between OEFCCA and OFWE, and also AWPB and PP |
| **WoEFCCA** | * Facilitates coordination of OFLP-related activities horizontally at the woreda level and with other relevant bureaus/institutions. * 38 selected WoEFCCAs will host the OFLP woreda coordinators. * Implements PFM and A/R activities (Subcomponent 1.3) in 49 deforestations hotspot woredas outside of OFWE concessions. * Appoints OFLP focal person for the implementation of PFM and A/R activities (Subcomponent 1.3) in 49 deforestations hotspot woredas outside of OFWE concessions. * Trains woreda level experts on the safeguard requirements of OFLP. | Implements PFM activities (Subcomponent 1.3.1) in 49 deforestation hotspot woredas outside of OFWE concessions and AR activities (Subcomponent 1.3.2). |
| **WoA** | * Coordinates its land use-related activities spatially at the woreda level with other bureaus and enterprises (led by the Woreda Land-use Planning Unit). * Provides human resource support (DAs) at kebele level. | Extension support and coordination with forest extension |
| **Woreda administration office** | * Highest government administrative body at the woreda level providing political leadership support to OFLP through coordinating woreda-level sectoral development activities. * Closely supervises and coordinates planning and implementation of OFLP activities and REDD+-relevant activities in the woreda. * Ensures that OFLP achievements and challenges are discussed at the woreda council meetings, thus providing timely administrative and technical support to program implementation on the ground. * Acts proactively in resolving conflicts, whenever they happen during OFLP implementation, in coordination with the relevant sector offices. * Ensures OFLP woreda coordinator gets the required support from sector offices when such support is required. * Liaises with relevant zone and regional institutions maintaining two-way information flow for facilitating smooth implementation of the program. * Oversees and ensures appropriate use of OFLP resources by implementing sector entities. | * Forest management investments: A/R and PFM * ILUP preparation and enforcement in the woreda * Energy-related activities: ICS and biogas * Safeguards |
| **WoWME** | * Coordinates its land use-related activities spatially at the woreda level with other bureaus and enterprises (led by the woreda land-use planning unit). | * Biogas demonstration (Subcomponent 2.2) * TA to NICSP implementation in Oromia, with a focus on forest areas |
| **WoRL** | * Coordinates its land use-related activities spatially at the woreda level with other bureaus and enterprises (led by the woreda land-use planning unit). | n.a. |
| **Woreda rural road office** | * Coordinates all land use-related activities (that is, road siting and cross-drainage) spatially at the woreda level with other bureaus and enterprises. | n.a. |
| **Kebele administration office** | * Under the oversight of the relevant sector woreda offices, coordinates the work of the DAs in agriculture, water, household energy, and forests, in implementing and monitoring OFLP activities at the lowest administrative level. | n.a. |
| **Community-level user association** | * Coordinates forest-dependent community inputs and interest into the program planning and implementation process. * Assists in identifying livelihood activities. * Participates in the implementation of livelihood and reforestation activities. * Participates in OFLP site monitoring. | n.a |
| **Private sector business** | * Participates in the REDD+ Steering Committee and REDD+ Technical Working Group. * Coordinates all land use-related activities spatially at the woreda and local levels with other bureaus and enterprises. * Carries out activities not financed by the grant but which should be coordinated under the OFLP umbrella * Participates in dialogues with the government on enhancements to regulations, policies, etc. | Development of value chains and domestic and international market opportunities that reinforce sustainable land use management (not financed by the grant) |
| **NGO/civil society organization, union, university** | * Participates in the REDD+ Steering Committee and REDD+ Technical Working Group. * Potential partners in the implementation of some of the grant activities, such as PFM and A/R, and/or TA and analytics. | n.a. |

1. The two OFLP financing instruments include(a) Grant funding (US$18 million mobilization grant) and technical assistance over a five-year period; and (b) Result Based Finance of up to US$50 million for verified emission reductions, subject to Emission Reduction Purchase Agreement (ERPA) between the Government of Ethiopia and The World Bank,to be delivered in a period of up to ten years.Other parallel financing includes Nepresso projects, International Financial Cooperation, existing and future projects such as SLMP2, Farm Africa project, PFM JICA project, Ethiowetlands project etc [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. REDD+-relevant initiatives are projects, programs, and activities in general promoted by the FDRE, donors, the NGOs, or the private sector that directly or indirectly contribute to reducing emissions from deforestation or increasing forest carbon stocks in the Oromia Regional State. Examples of these initiatives include the MoANRD SLMP, JICA and OFWE’s efforts to promote PFM and new forest-based business models (including forest coffee), and the OFWE’s planted forests. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. The cluster for agriculture and rural development in Oromia involves 11 sectors that has relevance to rural development and land use. It serves as coordination platform for the sectors towards acheving rapid rural development arcoss Oromia while increasing agricultural productivity and ensuring better management of the natural resource base. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. A comprehensive landscape carbon accountingis a methodological approach to implement an integrated approach to the entire landscape with the ultimate goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions from all agriculture, forest and land use (AFOLU) related sources and sinks and producing co-benefits such as improvements to livelihoods or agricultural productivity by coordinating efforts in sustainable agricultural production projects, agro-forestry schemes, assisted natural regeneration, improved cook stoves, and REDD+ to align objectives and maximize impacts in the jurisdiction. Therefore, one of the goals of the ISFL is to develop a methodological approach that will support results-based payments for comprehensive accounting of emission reductions from all agriculture, forest and land use (AFOLU) related sources and sinks [↑](#footnote-ref-4)