**Summary of Community Level Consultation**

**Date of consultation: November 2016- January 2017**

**Consultation Participants:**

The consultations were conducted in 1860 Kebeles. A total of 345,564 community members were participated in the consultations. Form these 30522 were female and the rest were male. Pictures and attendance lists of the consultations were linked.

**Agenda for consultation:**

1. **Climate Change and role of forests in mitigating climate change**
2. **Forest and Climate Change and;**
3. **Overview of Oromia REDD+ program**

The consultation agenda were briefed by the woreda facilitators in Oromiffaa local language. Major concerns raised by the communities related to each consultation Issues were:

**Agenda1. *Climate Change and role of forests in mitigating climate change:***

The communities has actively participated and raised the real impact of climate change that they observed in their daily activities and livelihoods. From the point’s community raised and discussed during consultation, it is possible to understand they have the awareness of climate change. And they also feel its impact. Accordingly some of their observations as evidence for climate change are;

* Increased flood
* Increased temperature (unusual sweating)
* Drought, lack of shade for their animals and themselves
* Highland areas experiencing lowland weather condition
* Decreased water level, their parents had dug and access surface water at maximum of two-five meter while no water at distance of 15meter
* Change in rainfall pattern, previously they easily known when the rain had come
* Crop growing pattern is changing, dwarfed crop, early flowering.

**Agenda 2: Forest and Climate Change:**

Regarding the significant contribution of forest in climate change and deforestation Consequence

the communities, has also actively participated and raised the following points on role of forest and deforestation consequent.

* In their culture they value tree/forest and very sensitive to forest. Even if they want to cut trees, they selected the one which completed its rotation but currently this culture is ignored due to the need for expanding farm lands to win their bread.
* They know that forest is their water, fodder, farm tools, shade, mother, hall etc. but the care given for the forest is less from time to time
* Some of them said that all including government are responsible for forests lost so we have to committed and help each other to stop deforestation
* They also raised that there has been evidence of climate change and ensured that deforestation coupled with climate change will make worse their life
* Forest maintenance requires coordination so that they affirmed that coordination of all stakeholders to save forests in their area.
* Government should have to work hard on forest related issues and have to take necessary corrective measures on deforesters

**Agenda 3. Oromia REDD+ Program:** Oromia REDD+ program objective, program description, purpose, implementation arrangement, scope, and community role briefly consulted. The communities has raised their opinion about the program and pointed out their role as the following:

* The program is very late in terms of deforestation rate , but it require great effort to save the remaining forest
* The program should have to bring change on forest protection and conservation. With this change the worse of climate change might be halted which in turn improve the community livelihood.
* Community deforests forest lands to change to other land uses like to use for farm land. So, the program will help to reduce or cease land use change from forest land to other land use this will help to reduce deforestation.
* The community also raised question of forest use right. They give emphasis that the program should device a mechanism for local community or forest dependent community non-timber forest product use right
* The consultation participants give their support on implementation of the program activities in their locality

**Output:**

* The community participated in the consultation have got common understanding on climate change and the importance of forest conservation
* For Oromia forested landscape program activities the community committed to give their broad support