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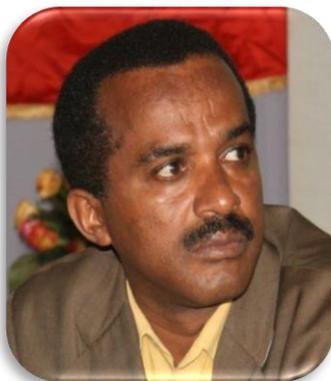
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**Happy New Year of 2004**



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Being active members of the Ethiopian Economics Association (EEA) since its establishment in 1991 and serving four years as Editor in-chief of the EEA and since September 2010 as president of EEA, I have seen significant changes in the activities of the Association. Membership has expanded from a handful to over 3100; a small office manned by a part-time staffer grew to fully functioning Secretariat; assets increased from a few hundred Birr to a large multi-purpose building; a newsletter extended into multiple regular publications including Quarterly Macro-economic Report, Annual Economic Report, Bi-annual Ethiopian Journal of Economics, and conference



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**President**

proceedings; and a simple roundtable discussion broadened into regional and international conferences and many thematic discussion fora. The most important change, which largely made all the others possible, was the establishment of the Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute (EEPRI) in 2000 as a research arm of the Association. I believe that, by any standard, we have built one of the most successful professional associations in the area of economics, I would say in Africa. I am proud to be part and parcel of this process.

I believe also that this evolution has symbiotically earned EEA the respect of the development community including policy makers, business communities, civil society organizations, donors and the public at large as an independent source of socio-economic policy analysis and knowledge in Ethiopia.

As usual this years report covers, the activities of the Association accomplished through its research arm, the Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute (EEPRI), and the EEA Secretariat. The Report deals with the performance of EEA during the fiscal year 2010/11, ongoing and planned activities for the year 2011/12 and the external audit report of the year 2009/10.

In the reporting period, EEA conducted about 18 researches on economic and social ills facing the Ethiopian Economy through its research wing, the Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute (EEPRI). Out of the 19 research projects, 9 are completed and the remaining 9 are ongoing. These researches are expected to benefit members, the Government, the private sector, international communities, NGOs, Civil Society organizations, the Academia and the general public.

The Association has also organized international, national and regional forums that brought together diverse groups of stakeholders and published the result of the discussions for wider dissemination. The Ninth International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy and the regional conferences organized at Bahir Dar and Hawassa are the notable performance in this regard. The staffs of EEA have also actively participated and provided professional opinions in various workshops which were organized by public bodies, the private sector, civil society organizations and international organizations.

In the year, EEA has opened its fourth chapter in Dire Dawa town in collaboration with the Dire Dawa University with the aim of expanding its activities to other parts of Ethiopia and reach the potential members in the town. Preparatory works to open the fifth chapter at Mekelle have already been completed.

EEA strongly believes that EEA's activities can influence policy making only if it can proactively engage policy makers. Hence, EEA has worked hard to engage the Government in EEA's activities and strengthen the collaboration with the Government in the area of economic research, trainings and consultation. In this regard, the collaboration and cordial relationship that exist between EEA and the various offices of the Federal Government and the Regional State could be cited as a good example.

Having addressed briefly the performance of EEA for the reporting period, I would like to site some of the future focus area of the Association, which needs our concerted attention. We, at the Secretariat and the Research Institute, have initiated five major focus areas of activities for the next plan period. I will briefly touch upon them.

- **Establishment of Training Institute:** though the Association has given due attention for the establishment of Training Institute and started some preliminary work, we have not yet developed a Training Program and the corresponding curricula and business plan for the establishment of the Training Institute. The establishment of Training institutes of excellence is an area where EEA is planning to make a difference. Thus, this activity will be given due attention in the next year.
- **Expand Membership Base:** Increasing membership base and increasing the participation of members in the Association is one of the forefront tasks of the Association. Although there has been encouraging trend in EEA, there is a dire need to increase the commitment and participation of members. We need to increase membership by involving the participation of economists and others in the regions and abroad. In this regard, the opening up of the EEA's chapters at five regions is an encouraging experience.
- **Strengthening EEPRI:** Strengthening the research and consulting capacity of EEA to meet the growing demands of such services is another area of focus for the next year.
- **Strengthening Membership Servicers:** The Ethiopian Economic Association has provided various services to its members that includes trainings; publication sales; Provide information to members through e-mail, website and on various ways; Provide library

services; update e-mail addresses of members and maintain contacts; etc. These and other services of members will be a continuous focus area for the Association.

At this juncture, I personally would like to thank members of the Executive Committee, the staff of EEPRI, and the staff of the Secretariat for their commitment for the realization of the objectives of the Association.

I would also like to recognize and appreciate the immense support given to us by the Ethiopian Government (at federal and regional level) and thank them for the support they extended to us in realizing EEA's goals and objectives. I believe our relation and cooperation shall grow even stronger in the future.

Our special thanks go to our partners who have shared our vision and provided us with generous financial support to materialize the activities of EEA. These include; The African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), The Norwegian Church Aid, The Royal Netherlands Embassy, The Swedish Embassy through SIDA, The Development Cooperation of Ireland (DCI) and the Ireland Embassy, the British Embassy through DFID, the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung of Germany, and the Think Tank Initiative of the International Development Research Center (IDRC) of Canada. I can assure you that with your continued support we can make a difference in Ethiopia.

Our special thanks, however, go to our members for their active participation and willingness to serve and assist in carrying out the works of EEA.

I want to close by quoting from the inaugural address of Dr. Eshetu Chole, the first president of the EEA. He expressed his vision as follows:

*"My vision is that, by the time it celebrates its twentieth anniversary, it will have expanded its membership substantially; established a reputation as a respectable repository of professional knowledge; accumulated a distinguished record of research and publications; further advanced the cause of public education in economics; earned the respect of the public and contributed in several tangible ways to the economic advancement of Ethiopia."*

That was 20 years ago. This vision remains valid for the EEA today both in achievement and in aspiration.

Hoping the next 20 years will record even greater achievements!!

Alemayehu Seyoum Taffesse (D Phil)  
President of the Ethiopian Economics Association

## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMERY

The Ethiopian Economics Association has been established as an independent professional association, with the primary aim of promoting the development of the economics profession in Ethiopia and contributing to the policy formulation and implementation process of our country through research, training, public dialogue forums and publications and dissemination activities. In line with these objectives, EEA has been actively engaged in Economic research, training, organization of International and National conferences and round table discussions on the Ethiopian economy and the dissemination of the results of these activities through its various publications over the last 20 years, and most particularly since the establishment of its research wing the Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute (EEPRI) in the second half of 2000.

As before, the Ethiopian Economics Association has registered yet again remarkable achievements in all its activities in the year 2010/11. EEA has been working on 18 research projects focusing on some economic and social ills facing the Ethiopian Economy, through its research wing, EEPRI. Out of the 18 research projects 9 have been completed and the remaining 9 are still ongoing. In addition, five project proposals have been prepared and submitted to different sponsoring organizations. Some of these research projects were core research projects defined and initiated by the Association itself while some have been research projects undertaken in collaboration with local and external collaborators. The research capacity of EEA is improving and efforts are being directed to improve the quality of its research outputs. EEA hopes that these research projects inform the policy formulation and implementation process in the country. This is clearly evidenced by the increasing demand for EEA's engagement in collaborative research projects. In addition, the research outputs are expected to benefit and inform EEA members, the private sector, the international community, Civil Society Organizations, the Academia and the general public.

In terms of the provision of short-term trainings, though EEA was not able to organize as many short-term training events as it would have wished, the activities carried out in this area with a view to improve the professional standing of EEA's members and other stakeholders are noteworthy. In this regard, the Association has organized about eight rounds of short-term trainings to its members at different locations during the year. In addition, some preliminary work has been carried out in the process of establishing the EEA Training Institute. In this regard, a committee consisting of EEPRI research staffs has been formed and the focus training areas have been identified and approved by the Executive Committee of EEA. Currently, the identification of the specific courses to be offered under the program and the development of the curriculum are under preparation. EEA's research staffs have also been extensively engaged in the teaching of courses and advising students in various university graduate programs. EEA's engagement in training activities contributes to the skill development of policy makers and the overall capacity building efforts of the country. Through these training programs the pool of future policy analysts is expanded.

The Association has also organized various forums that were able to bring together diverse groups of stakeholders and published several conference proceedings for wider dissemination. The workshops and other public dialogue forums organized in different parts of the country during the year have been able to attract huge participation of stakeholders. These discussion forums have created opportunities for various EEA stakeholders to discuss and interact with policy makers and among themselves. The staffs of EEA have also actively participated in several local and international workshops and conferences organized by the public and private sectors as well as civil society organizations and the international bilateral and multilateral development community and provided professional opinion. In addition, visitors who were seeking independent and professional information and advice on various issues of the Ethiopian Economy have been received and briefed.

In terms of expanding the reach of EEA's activities, the Association has been putting up significant efforts to open additional chapters in different parts of the country. Accordingly, the fourth chapter of EEA has been formally launched in Dire Dawa in collaboration with the Dire Dawa University and preparatory activities are completed to open the fifth chapter in Mekelle town. In addition, new members have been recruited increasing the total membership size of EEA to more than 3100. Efforts have also been made to improve membership services including the commencement of providing documentation and library services throughout the week including on Sundays and Saturdays.

EEA has been able to publish about nine different types of publications during the year. It has distributed about 6,036 copies of the different publications to Government officials, Universities, EEA Chapters, EEA members, and other stakeholders. In order to facilitate the research and other activities of the Association, several administrative actions have also been undertaken during the reporting period. The hiring of new staffs, the procurement of office furniture, the upgrading of the internet services, and the completion of the multipurpose building are some of the activities to be mentioned. During the current reporting period, significant progress has been made on the construction of the multipurpose hall. The floor work and the installation of chairs have been completed. The completion of the auditorium is expected to improve the financial sustainability of the Association in the future.

The financial management of EEA remains very sound as indicated in the external audit report. The report shows that there are no major irregularities in the financial management of the Association. To assure the sustainability of EEA's activities, EEA has worked hard to diversify its donor base and increase its own resource. In this regard, out of the total income collected in the reporting period, EEA has mobilized nearly 41% of the total income from its own activities.

## II. INTRODUCTION

The Ethiopian Economics Association (EEA) is a research, data resource, reflection and discourse organization devoted to the enhancement of critical thinking on economic issues affecting the development of the nation. It had established a research and training wing in 2000 which is called the Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute (EEPRI) as its implementing arm. EEA is non-partisan, non-governmental, non-profit independent organization serving as a platform for all scholars, researchers, policy makers, opinion leaders and individuals to interact and share ideas.

Its paramount aim is to inform policy and contribute to the advancement of the economy and cater for the professional interest of its members. Its core activities are research, training, resource mobilization, public debates and policy analysis and advice, publication and dissemination of its findings, etc. The Association also facilitates capacity building support for civil society institutions and the private sector for policy analysis. Essentially therefore, research and its uptake by policy-makers, the private sector, civil society organizations, the academia, the international development partners, etc., are issues of prime concern to EEA and EEPRI. In line with these objectives EEA/EEPRI had undertaken several activities during the reporting period, which are being explained in this progress report.

This report covers the activities of the Association accomplished from *July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011* by its research arm, the Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute (EEPRI) and the EEA Secretariat. The first part of the report covers the activities performed in the year 2010/11 (*July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011*) while the second part highlights the planned activities for the year 2011/12 (*from July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012*). The last part provides the external audited financial report of EEA. For further clarification, the Summary of performance report is annexed in Log Frame format.



**View of the 9th International Conference Participants**

## PART ONE

### III. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT (JULY 1, 2010 – JUNE 30, 2011)

#### 1. RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

One of the major objectives of the Ethiopian Economics Association (EEA) is to conduct research on various issues affecting the Ethiopian economy. To that effect the Association has established the Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute (EEPRI) in 2000 to undertake policy related researches on a sustainable manner. Normally two types of research activities, namely core program research activities and demand driven or commissioned research activities are undertaken by the Association. Over the last few years the Association was able to produce several research outputs which have been critical inputs to the policy making process of the country.

As before several research activities have been undertaken during the reporting period some of which are completed and others are ongoing. The completed and the ongoing research activities that have been carried out from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 are highlighted in this section.

#### 1.1. COMPLETED RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Out of the several research projects that were initiated during the previous reporting periods and during the current reporting period, the following research activities have been completed.

**1.1.1. Survey of Rural Land Administration in Ethiopia:** The study was initiated in collaboration with the World Bank. During the reporting period, 2300 households were surveyed, data edited and cleaned, and the database has been submitted to the World Bank. The study is believed to improve the knowledge one has on land registration and the implications of title certification program.

**1.1.2. Creating New Markets via Smallholder Irrigation: the case of irrigation-led smallholder commercialization in Lume district, Ethiopia.** The aim of this work was to generate knowledge and lessons about the role of small-scale irrigation in commercial agriculture. In the reporting period, data was generated by graduate student from IDS of Sussex University and has been analyzed and the report preparation has been completed. The project provides empirical knowledge on the role of small-scale irrigation in market creation and commercialization. The completed research report was presented at the conference of Association of African Agricultural Economists and published online.

- 1.1.3. Survey on the Impact of the September 2010 Devaluation:** in order to make an informed comment on the impacts of the 20% devaluation of the Birr, EEA/EEPRI undertook a mini-survey in September 2010 on some businesses and sales. The survey was prepared, information collected and analyzed, and a short report was prepared and presented in the EEA in house seminar during the reporting period.
- 1.1.4. Making Rural Service Provision Work for Women and the poor: The Case of Agriculture and Water Supply Services in Ethiopia:** The main purpose of this research project is to assess the quantity and quality of rural agricultural and water supply services in rural areas of Ethiopia. During the reporting period, it was planned to prepare two discussion papers. As per the plan one paper has been prepared and published as IFPRI Discussion Paper and the other one has been prepared and submitted to an International Journal for publication.
- 1.1.5. Marginality Reduction for Enhanced Investments for and with the Poorest (MARGIP):** This proposed program focuses on marginality in Ethiopia, thereby going far beyond typical poverty assessments, poverty analyses, and poverty reduction actions. The nature, extent and causes of marginality, how it drives to extreme poverty and what can be done to tackle these complex interactions remain poorly understood. To address these gaps, the project tried to assess the state of the research on marginality and extreme poverty, ask what has been achieved so far and how, and identify the barriers that need to be overcome to reach the marginalized poor. In the reporting period, two papers namely- a policy review paper and an empirical study paper- have been prepared and presented at the international conference on marginality, organized by Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, Germany, June 2011. The project was a joint project with the Center for Development Research (ZEF) of the University of Bonn, Germany.
- 1.1.6. 2011 Economic Report on the Ethiopian Economy:** With the view of consistently providing an independent and professional overview of the Ethiopian economy, EEA has been preparing annual report on the Ethiopian Economy since 1999/00. Accordingly, the 2011 Economic Report with a thematic topic *“The Role of the Financial Sector Development in Ethiopia: Problems and Policy Issues”* has been prepared. The report has provided good insights about the financial sector. It highlights in details the structure, development process of the financial sector including micro-finance institutions and its major contributions to the Ethiopian economy. It also discussed about missing market in the financial sector, the relationship between money and output and monetary policy. In addition, cognizing the fact that 2009/10 marks the end of the five year development plan known as Plan for Accelerated and Sustained Development to End Poverty (PASDEP) and the beginning of a new five year development plan known as Growth

and Transformation Plan (GTP), this year report has attempted to review the major macro-economic development of the last five years comparing the performing with the previous five year's development plan known as SDPRP. The report also touches upon the extent to which the GTP was informed by past performances.

**1.1.7. Recent Economic and Social Trends in Addis Ababa:** In collaboration with the World Bank-Ethiopia, EEA/EEPRI is undertaking a study on the Recent Economic and Social Trends in Addis Ababa. This project is part of the big project that the World Bank undertakes under the title, "Unleashing Addis Ababa's Growth Potential". The project was started and completed in the reporting period and the final paper was submitted to the client.

**1.1.8. Rethinking Water Storage for Climate Change Adaptation in sub-Saharan Africa:** The main purpose of this project is to generate relevant data and information on the effects of climate change at various levels in Ethiopia. This project was implemented in collaboration with the International Water Management Institute (IWMI). Other project partners include the Arba Minch University in Ethiopia and Centre for Development Research of Germany (ZEF). This project was a three years project (2009 -2011) which was conducted in Ethiopia and Ghana. As a component of the project, a socio-economic survey was conducted by EEA/EEPRI in collaboration with IWMI in Addis Ababa in three sites: Guder in West Shewa, Koga in West Gojam (Koga irrigation dam), and Fogera in South Gonder. A total of 500 farm households were surveyed in July 2010. In addition community level consultations were held in the three study sites. In the reporting period, Data collection, analysis, report writing and three other research papers were completed and the report was submitted to the client.

**1.1.9. Updating of Social and Economic Database:** In a view to provide users with a complete set of data, EEA/EEPRI has been updating and distributing a database on CD-ROM. During the reporting period, the database was updated to include data up to the year 2009/10 for most of the variables. The CD-ROM is published and is being distributed to researchers, policy makers, students and other stakeholders.

## 1.2. ON-GOING RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

**1.2.1. Revenue Potential and Gap Analysis for SNNPR:** This is a project commissioned by SNNPR Bureau of Revenue. The main purpose of the project is to conduct a study on the revenue generating potential and gap analysis of the region. In the reporting period, contract agreement was signed; data collection instruments have been developed; and the field data was collected and analyzed. The results of the study were presented several times to the different stakeholders in the Region during the

reporting period. After repeated presentation and consultation, the first draft report was submitted to the client. The project is expected to be completed in the next reporting period.

**1.2.2. *Spatial Equity in the Provision of Wash Services: Evidence from Selected***

***Area-Based Case Studies:*** The major objective of the project is to investigate the spatial equity in the provision of water and sanitation services across the country based on the evidence from selected area based case studies. The study is commissioned by Water Aid Ethiopia (WAE). In the reporting period, the data collection, editing and analysis were completed. The research report writing is under the final stage. The project will improve knowledge and documentation on the effectiveness and efficiency of social service provision in rural water supply and sanitation in Ethiopia.

**1.2.3. *Nile Basin Development Challenge: Rainwater Management in the Ethiopian highlands:***

The overall objective of this program is to improve livelihood through landscape approach to water management in the Nile Basin. The program consists of a number of projects of which EEA in collaboration with ILRI has carried out the five projects called “***Coordination and Multi-Stakeholder platform (N5)***”. The aim of this project is studying the policy and institutional frameworks for Rain Water Management and how they are implemented; and identifying and coordinating key stakeholders and their role for Rain Water. In the reporting period, a paper entitled ‘**A Review Paper of Key National Policy Changes with respect to RWMs’ produced and presented at a conference**. The project is a three years project and the activities for the year have been completed. But there are still some activities for the next two years.

**1.2.4. *Population and Development in Ethiopia: Demographic Responses to Population Pressure and Social Change:***

the main objective of this research project is to prepare a book on the title “Demographic Transition and Development in Ethiopia” and to conduct field research on determinants of youth migration in Ethiopia. The client for this project is Packard foundation. In the reporting period, a Book Manuscript was published by Springer; survey instruments prepared, data collectors trained, and youth migrant survey at Addis Ababa and in the two regions were carried out. Report writing is underway.

**1.2.5. *Ethiopian Project on Interlinking Insurance with Credit in Agriculture (EPIICA):***

By implementing an experiment in this new interlinked product it is planned to nail down the theoretical impediments to the successful provision of index insurance as well as to pioneer a product that will serve to provide insured credit to one of the world’s most vulnerable farming populations. In the reporting period, survey instruments for household, cooperative and kebele-level were prepared and translated into Amharic;

all the survey instruments were pre tested and primary data collection, and the data entry were completed. The data analysis has been started, while background papers are under preparation.

- 1.2.6. Food Poverty Situation Analysis Using the Food Basket Approach:** the main purpose of this collaborative study between PANE and EEA is to investigate the current state of household food security and food poverty and to analyze their determinants in Amhara region and Addis Ababa. In the reporting period, survey instrument for urban household survey in Addis Ababa and rural household survey in Amhara region were prepared. The Primary data collection was carried out. The research report is being prepared.
- 1.2.7. Poverty Dynamics, Health Shocks and Coping Strategies in Ethiopia:** The proposed study aims to investigate the interplay between health shocks and the financial burden of health care, poverty dynamics and the role of coping strategies. Specifically, this research project has the following objective: It will analyze the distribution and determinants and welfare implications of health shocks. This aspect of the analysis will shed light on the role of health shocks in perpetuating poverty traps. Analyzing the relationship between health and poverty, and the main conduits through which health shocks lead to impoverishment, will permit more effective public interventions.
- 1.2.8. Review of Quarterly Macroeconomic Performance:** With the objective of providing an independent and professional opinion on the macro-economic performance of the country, EEA has been publishing quarterly macro-economic reports since 2003. However, because the delays in the release of quarterly macroeconomic data by the National Bank of Ethiopia, the report could not be prepared and disseminated in time. In addition, though late, similar report is also prepared by National Bank of Ethiopia. Thus, to add value and to give timely professional opinion on the macroeconomic performance of the country, the Ethiopian Economics Association has decided to change the format of the report. As a result, the Quarterly Macroeconomic Report will try to focus on contemporary macroeconomic variables in the reporting period. The first issue of the report will focus on Devaluation and Prices Developments in from a Quarterly Perspective; and will try to produce a Monetary Condition Index (MCI) of Inflation. During the reporting period all the required data have been collected and analyzed and the report writing is in progress.
- 1.2.9. Supply-side Constraints to Leather and Leather Products exports in Ethiopia:** The objective of the study was to identify supply-side constraints to the exports of leather and leather products in Ethiopia and suggest possible ways to make use of the market access opportunities given to Ethiopia. In this exercise, a research fellow has been involved in the preparation of the report. The research has a significant policy impact in improving the export volume and quality of the country and hence the earnings.

**1.2.10. Exploring Further Possibilities of Calibrating the Macro-econometric**

**Model:** Discussions were held with MoFED to update the model so as to incorporate and use the recently revised national accounts data and make the model usable for projection and policy simulation. Accordingly, EEA planned to undertake this exercise in collaboration with MoFED. However, the project was pending due to change of staff from MoFED.

**1.3. RESEARCH PROPOSAL DEVELOPED**

Several research proposals have been prepared and submitted to different organizations on different topics in partnership with several external firms and organizations for funding. The major proposals are:

**1.3.1. Rural Electrification Baseline Survey for the EEPCO:** a proposal was developed and submitted to IFPRI. The study is proposed to cover 10 towns from Bale Zone and 10 towns from SSNPR. The proposal plans to cover 1300 Households with the survey.

**1.3.2. 'Improving access to water supply and sanitation and wastewater management in Africa's major cities: The case of Addis Ababa and Accra:** The proposal was submitted to the African Union following its call for research proposals to African institutions. The overall objective of the action/research is to reduce poverty and improve health, environment and economic conditions of the target people by achieving increased sustainable access to and use of safe water and sanitation services and efficient wastewater management. We are awaiting AU's response.

**1.3.3. Impacts of Food Price Rise on the Poor in Ethiopia:** The objective of the study was to monitor and analyze the trend, causes and impacts of the domestic food price rise at local (woreda), regional and national levels on the poorest segment of the community in Ethiopia.

**1.3.4. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Ethiopia: the Case of Turkey and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Countries** and submitted to the Norwegian Embassy. The objective was to investigate into the FDI flow from Turkey and the Gulf Arab states from different angles, and put forward policy recommendations.

**1.3.5. Revenue Potential and Gap Analysis for the Afar Regional State:** As per the request of Afar Regional State Revenue Authority, Technical and financial proposal has been prepared and submitted to the Authority. The main purpose of the project is to conduct an analysis on revenue generating potential and gap analysis of the region.

## **2. TRAINING ACTIVITIES**

### **2.1. PREPARATIONS FOR ESTABLISHING A TRAINING INSTITUTE**

Establishing Training Institute has been initiated long before the construction of the EEA Multi-purpose Building. The basic aim of establishing EEA's regular Training Institute is to produce a professional pull of economists that have state-of-the-art knowledge and skills to make a difference in economic research, policy formulation and development activities in Ethiopia.

In the reporting period, a study team was set up to carry out some preliminary work for the establishment of the Training Institute. The Study team developed technical and financial proposals and submitted to the Executive Committee of EEA. The Executive Committee of EEA held a number of meetings and decided that the EEA Training Institute will be established to provide post graduate training in Development Economics and regular short-term training. The EC of EEA also identified the focus area of the post graduate training in Development Economics that include Industrial Policy Analysis, Public Finance, Agricultural Policy Analysis, Program/Policy Evaluation, and Poverty Measurements Analysis. The EC of EEA also advised the Committee to design the program and develop curriculum for the above identified focus area of the EEA-TI. The Study team is in the process of identifying the courses for the training programs.

### **2.2. SHORT TERM TRAININGS ORGANIZED**

Providing short-term training to members and the general public including policy makers is another major objective of the Ethiopian Economics Association. This capacity building activity is highly demanded but the resources of EEA are limited to organize such trainings on regular basis both in Addis and outside Addis Ababa. Nevertheless, the following are some of the training activities organized during the current reporting period.

**2.1.1. Econometrics with Software Applications:** The Ethiopian Economics Association in collaboration with the EEA Haromaya Chapter organized the training from September 30 – October 5, 2010 for about 53 staffs of the university.

**2.1.2. Qualitative Research Methods:** Four rounds of trainings were organized at EEA Head office for about 116 members drawn from Government institutions (Federal and regional), NGOs, and Universities (that include Addis Ababa University, Debre Brehan University, Dire Dawa University, Debre Marko University, Hawassa University, Jimma University, and private colleges) during November 11-13, 18-20, 25-27/2010 and May 12-14/2011 respectively. The objective of the training is to develop the

skills and knowledge of participants in qualitative research and report writing. Most of the training participants found the training extremely useful and relevant to their work.

**2.1.3. Career Development and Job Hunting:** In the reporting period, three rounds of trainings on “Career Development and Job Hunting” were organized on April 9 and 16, and June 30, 2011 for about 87 young economists and graduate students of economics. The first two round trainings were organized at EEA head office while the third one was organized at Addis Ababa University in collaboration with the School of Economics of AAU. The training is relevant to young professionals who are at the early stages of their career path (recent graduates and prospective graduates).

**2.1.4. Internship Training:** EEA also provides internship training for both local and international university students. Accordingly internship facilities have been offered for 4 undergraduate students drawn from Haromaya University, Adama University, Gondar University and Bahir Dar University. In addition, internship facilities have been offered to four post-graduate students coming from the USA, France and Italy.

**2.1.5. EEA Staff Training:** As much as resource permits EEA also strives to offer training for its staffs from time to time. Accordingly:

- One staff attended pre-PhD training on academic writing and quantitative analysis for two months from July-August 2010.
- Eight staff of EEA attended a three days training on Qualitative Research Methods and Report Writing.
- A staff participated in short-term course on the Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP). The objective of the course was to introduce participants to the Global Trade Analysis Model database, the theory underlying the model, to give hands-on the training with the software, and expand the GTAP Network of economists. The training was conducted by Purdue University, India USA in collaboration with the UN Economic Commission for Africa at UNECA Addis Ababa center from April 10-16, 2011.

**2.1.6. Support and Participation in University Level Trainings:** Staff members of EEA participated as lecturers, theses advisors and theses examiners for various universities and colleges. The following staff members have participated in these kinds of activities during the reporting period.

- Based on the MOU signed between EEA and Bahir Dar University and Haromaya University EEA staffs participated in the teaching process. In the reporting period five courses were offered.
- EEA staff offered one course at Unity University College and another course at Center for Development Research (ZEF), Bonn University
- Three staffs of EEA offered courses for post-graduate students at the Addis Ababa, Bahir Dar, Gondar Universities and Unity University College.

- Three staffs of EEA served as Thesis Advisor for 16 M.Sc students coming from Addis Ababa University, Haromaya University (10), Unity University College (2), and Wondo-genet Forestry College (1)
- Two staffs of EEA served as members of examining board for 4 M. Sc Theses and 2 PhD dissertation defenses.

### **3. ORGANIZATION OF PUBLIC DIALOGUE FORUMS AND PAPER PRESENTATIONS**

Organizing different discussion forums including workshops and conferences, public lectures and other similar events is one of the objectives of the Ethiopian Economics Association. EEA has been successful in organizing several public forums where economic issues have been discussed extensively. The following forums have been organized during the current reporting period.

#### **3.1. ORGANIZATION OF WORKSHOPS**

##### **3.1.1. Workshop for Establishing a National Food Price Information Hub**

The Ethiopian Economics Association (EEA) in collaboration with the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) organized a half day workshop on May 17, 2011. The purpose was to establish a national food price hub that will generate information regarding food price. The workshop's objectives were to identify priority research topics related to the causes and consequence of price dynamics in Ethiopia and to agree on modalities regarding the way forward. Discussion was held by participants on the current inflation of Ethiopia after the presentations of two papers entitled: *Patterns of Price Dynamics in Ethiopia* and *Food prices May 2011*. And, IFPRI introduced a Food Security Portal initiative. The portal objective is to provide state of the art information and policy analysis tools for policy makers and researchers to better assess the effects of price volatility and food security policies.



**3.1.2. Sub-regional public dialogue workshop on Governance and Transparency in Extractive Industries and Natural Resource Management**

The sub-regional workshop was organized as per the agreement made with ANSA-Africa. The Affiliated Network for Social Accountability in Africa (ANSA-Africa) had selected the Ethiopian Economics Association (EEA) as its East African Anglophone region partner. The purpose of the partnership agreement is to network and build the ANSA-Africa network in the East Africa Anglophone region within countries and across countries; to host and collaborate with other partners in capacity development and training on social accountability themes and initiatives; and to be a sub-regional platform for knowledge sharing and learning on social accountability initiatives emanating from the region. In the reporting period, sub-regional public dialogue workshop on Governance and Transparency in Extractive Industries and Natural Resource Management was organized in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on August 25 & 26, 2010. The workshop brought together participants from the Eastern Africa sub-region including Civil Society Organizations, Government representatives from the relevant sector, Parliamentarian, Community representatives etc. At the two days sub-regional workshop, about seven presentations were made that came from Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Ethiopia on the issue of overall Governance and Transparency on Extractive Industry and Natural Resource Management. In total, about 39 participants attended the workshop of which 15 were from Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda, where oil and mining operations are currently occurring and have been engaged in making their 'voices' heard on the effects of these operations; Members of national legislatures interested in/or have started advocating at the national level for improved transparency and oversight role of national legislatures; and representatives of the oil and mining companies that are interested in/or have already made important strides to enhance transparency in their operations.

**3.1.3. The 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Ethiopian Economics Association**

The 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of EEA was held on September 18, 2010 at EEA Conference Hall. The Assembly has thoroughly discussed and endorsed External Auditors Report, the Annual Performance Report (2009/10) and the plan for the year 2010/11. GA also elected Dr. Alemayehu Seyoum as the president and Dr. Amdissa Teshome as member of Executive Committee in place of Dr. Wolday Amha and Ato Abiy Hailu who have completed their office terms. The minutes of the General Assembly have been prepared and submitted to the Charities and Societies Agency accompanied with the Activity Report, Audit Report and Bank statement of the Association.



#### **3.1.4. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Annual Conference on Amhara Regional State Economic Development:**

The Ethiopian Economics Association (EEA) has opened chapters at Amhara, South, Oromia National Regional states and Dire Dawa in collaboration with Regional Universities with the aim of engaging EEA in Economic research, training, and organization of conferences and round table discussions on the Regional socio-economic problems/issues.

In line with the above stated objectives, the Second Annual conference on the Amhara Regional State Economy Development was co-organized by EEA and its Bahir Dar chapter on August 14, 2010 at the Amhara Regional State Bureau of Finance and Economic Development Conference Hall. The conference attracted about 120 participants drawn from Regional Bureaus, Universities, NGOs, private sector representatives and EEA members in the region. During the one day conference, 9 papers were presented and discussion was held. The conference was opened by the Vice President of the Amhara National Regional State.



**Amhara Regional State Conference Participants**

**3.1.5. The 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Annual Conference on Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples Regional State Economic Development:**

The First Regional Annual Conference on the Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples Regional State Economic Development was co-organized by EEA and its Hawassa Chapter on December 3, 2010 at the Regional State Bureau of Finance and Economic Development Conference Hall. The conference attracted more than 80 participants drawn from Regional Bureaus, University, NGOs, private sector representative and EEA members in the region. During the one day conference 6 papers were presented.

**3.1.6. Preparation for the Ninth International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy**

The conference is one of the most important discussion forums that EEA has organizes annually to provide fora for the discussion of economic issues and to contribute to the economic advancement of the country. In the reporting period, though all the preparatory activities have been completed, because of delays in the procurement and installation of the auditorium chairs, the conference was postponed from June to July 2011.



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**3.1.7. Organizing in house seminar**

With the aim of initiating in house discussion among the EEPRI staffs as well as other interested scholars, EEA has started organizing in-house seminar during the reporting period. Completed and ongoing research activities have been presented and discussed both by EEA staffs and other researchers mostly from Addis Ababa University. Participants also came from different organizations. Some of the papers presented in the in-house seminar include the following:

- Does the Growth and Transformation Plan Learn From the Previous Development Plans?
- The Impact of Devaluation on Commodity Prices in Addis Ababa: The Mini Survey Result
- The Impact of Large Scale FDI in Agricultural Land and Food Production on Poverty Reduction, and Agricultural Commercialization in East Africa: The Case of Irrigated Production in Ethiopia (Gambella) and Uganda (Jinja)
- Roads Out of Subsistence Farming: Identifying Key Drivers of Structural Transformation in Rural Ethiopia
- Climate Change, Crop Yield Variability, and Food Price Volatility in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Case of Ethiopia
- The Trade Potential of Ethiopia in The Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD): Application of Gravity Model

**3.2. PARTICIPATION OF EEA STAFFS IN WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS**

The staff of EEA have participated in several local and international workshops and seminars and provided professional inputs. They also served as moderator of meetings on several occasions. In addition, attempts were made to provide policy advices on various issues of the Ethiopian Economy both for nationals and expatriates. In this context, several visitors have been received and briefings and discussions were held on the Ethiopian economy. While listing all the national workshops and seminars in which EEA staffs have participated would be extremely difficult, some of the following international workshops have been attended by EEA staffs:

**3.2.1.** A staff attended African Association of Agricultural Economics (AAAE's) conference held in September 2010 in Cape Town, and reviewed the following three research papers:

- Support for pro-Poor Agricultural Development and Rural Poverty Reduction in Eastern Cape
- Best Fit Model Selection for Spatial Differences in the Profitability Analysis of Precision Phosphate Application to Winter Cereals in Precision Agriculture,

- Factors Affecting Small Livestock Production in the Western Cape Province of South Africa.
- 3.2.2.** Two staffs participated in the Challenge Program for Water and Food research project launching conference organized by ILRI, September 29 to October 2, 2010, held in Addis Ababa.
  - 3.2.3.** One staff member participated in the Global Conference on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate change held in Hague, the Netherlands October 31 to Nov 5, 2010.
  - 3.2.4.** A staff attended the Ethiopian Dairy Sector Promotion, meeting held December 2010.
  - 3.2.5.** Two staffs attended the meeting on the Ethiopian Post Compact CAADP, a 10 Years Agricultural Policy and Investment Plan (road map) organized by the MOARD and UNDP during 8-9 December 2010 in Addis Ababa.
  - 3.2.6.** Workshop on the liberalization of financial and telecom sectors organized by MOTI and ITC, December 9 and 10, 2010, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia was attended by one staff.
  - 3.2.7.** Four staff attended a Presentation and Dissemination Workshop on the Atlas of the 2007 Population and Housing Census organized by the CSA Atlas Team in collaboration with the IFPRI - ESSP2 on December 16, 2010 at the Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI) GIS lab
  - 3.2.8.** Three staff attended a seminar on GTP at the presence of Prime Minister on August 26, 2010.
  - 3.2.9.** A staff attended a workshop on Trade Policy and Development in LDS's organized by Trade Policy Training Center in Africa (TRAPCA) on July 29-30, 2010 in Arusha, Tanzania
  - 3.2.10.** A staff attended workshop on Food and Security and the Futures of Farms: 2020 and towards 2050 organized by The Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry and Bertebos Foundation on Aug 29-31, 2010 in Falkenberg, Sweden
  - 3.2.11.** A staff attended Academic Seminar organized by African Development and China Africa Cooperation on Aug 18-19, 2010 in Beijing, China.

### **3.3. PAPER PRESENTATION AT WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS**

With the aim of influencing policy, EEA staffs are encouraged to participate and present papers in various national and international forums. During the reporting period, staff members and researchers of EEA have presented papers on the various national and international workshops, seminars and other forums. The following are some of the papers presented:

- Pattern and Determinates of Infant and Child Mortality Rates in Ethiopia: some Reflections from Regional Level Panel Data. at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Regional Conference on Amhara National Regional State Economic Development. Co-organized by EEA and Bahir Dar University. August 14, 2010 in Bahir Dar, Ethiopia.

- National level policy actors and processes on climate change and agriculture in Ethiopia at the Global Conference on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate change held in the Hague, the Netherlands from October 31 to November 5, 2010.
- A staff presented a research paper on ‘Economic Assessment of Water Storage in Sub-Sahara Africa’ at a Sustainable water Resources Development, 11<sup>th</sup> Symposium, 3-4 December 2010 Arba Minch University,
- The Economic, Trade and Investment relationship between China and Ethiopia. The paper was presented in August 18/19 in Beijing, China.
- The Economic and Social Development Implications of China-Ethiopia relations. The conference was co-organized by Chinese Embassy and the Ethiopian International Institute for Peace and Development (EIIPD) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, November 22, 2010.
- Trade Policy for Growth in Africa at the Third Trade Policy Research Forum Organized by Trade Policy Training Centre for Africa (TRAPCA), Arusha, Tanzania.
- Methodological Issues of the Revenue Generating Potential of SNNPRS at the First Annual Regional Conference on Southern National and Nationalities Regional State Economic Development Co-organized by EEA and Hawassa University. December 3, 2010. BoFED Conference Hall, Hawassa, Ethiopia.
- Financing the Growth and Transformation Plan of Ethiopia: 2010/11-2014/15: An Overview and Comments held at Netherlands Embassy September 28, 2010.
- Challenges of Enhancing Africa's Competitiveness in the World Trade: The supply-Side Constraints at the International Workshop “Exploring a New Global Partnership for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in the context of the UN LDC IV,” November 24-26, 2010
- Food Security and the Future of Farms at the International conference organized by the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry in Sweden.
- Africa's trade performance and the road ahead at the Dhaka conference that discusses issues for LDC-IV conference
- Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP) of Ethiopia at Dire Dawa University
- Present two papers during the Interdisciplinary Conference by Unity University
- Rural Poverty and marginalization in Ethiopia: Review of Development Interventions at international conference in Bonn Germany, from June 21-23, 2011.

#### **3.4. PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL COMMITTEES AND PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL ADVICES**

Staff members of EEA are often invited to be members of steering/technical committees by different organizations with the aim of providing policy and

professional advice. In this respect several members of EEA have served as members of several steering committees.

- The Director of EEPRI is a member of the Academic Board of the CPP of the AERC.
- A staff of Human Resource Division is contributing to the activities of Poverty Action Network of Ethiopia (PANE) serving as a board member and attended many meetings.
- The Director of EEPRI has been requested to serve as member of the DAAD scholarship (Germany) committee.
- A staff of Industry and Trade Division is serving as a member of technical committee in the National Technical Committee for Bilateral and Multilateral Trade Negotiations, under Ministry of Trade(MOT)

#### **4. PUBLICATIONS PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION**

##### **4.1. PUBLICATIONS PRODUCED**

In the reporting period, the Association has published the following documents in hard copies and in CDs:

- **Report on the Ethiopian Economy/2011:** the thematic focus is Financial Sector Developments in Ethiopia: Performance, challenges and Policy issues
- **Proceedings of the Eighth International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy** (3 volumes)
- **Proceedings of the Second Annual Conference on the Amhara Regional State Economic Development**
- **Economic Focus Magazine:** Vol. 11 No. 3 has been published
- **Working Papers;** During the reporting period, 4 working papers have been published and distributed. (WP NO. 2/2010 3/2010, 1/2011, and 2/2011,)
- A paper entitled “**African agriculture and changes in the small farm sector**” has been published as a chapter in the report on Food Security and the Future of farms 2020 and towards 2050.

##### **4.2. ARTICLES SUBMITTED FOR JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS AND REVIEW OF JOURNAL ARTICLES:**

**4.2.1. Articles Submitted and Published in Journals and other Scientific Publications:** During the reporting period the following articles have been produced by EEA staffs and submitted to various journals for publications some of which have already been accepted.

- “The Impact of a Food security program on household food consumption in Northwest Ethiopia: A Matching Estimator Approach”, *Food Policy* , 35(4), 286-293, 2010
- Emerta, A. (2010) “Adopting Private Pension System in Ethiopia”, the

African Symposium: An Online Journal of African Educational Research Network, Volume 10, Number 1, June 2010, ISSN TX 6-342-323

- Brixiova, Zuzana and Aragie, Emerta Asaminew, “Unlocking Productive Entrepreneurship in Ethiopia: Which Incentives Matter?” (October 15, 2010). William Davidson Institute Working Paper No. 1000. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1726058>
- Emerta, A., Getachew A., Kassahun, A., and Tewodros, M. International Migration, Remittances and Poverty Alleviation in Ethiopia, Ethiopian Journal of Development Research (EJDR), Organization for Social Science Research in East Africa (OSSREA), accepted for publication
- Brixiova, Zuzana and Aragie, Emerta Asaminew, Unlocking Productive Entrepreneurship in Ethiopia: Which Incentives Matter? Journal of Small Business Entrepreneurship (JSBE), accepted and under publication.
- “Does exchange rate volatility discourage international trade? A meta-regression analysis”, accepted for publication in the Journal of international Trade and Economic Development.
- Monograph on article “Volatility of Ethiopian Export Earnings: the Contribution of Major Export Commodities”, Lambert Academic Publishing, Germany.
- “Access to Improved Water Source and Satisfaction with Services: Evidence from Rural Ethiopia”. IFPRI Discussion Paper.
- Education as a Means of Smooth Rural-Urban Migration accepted and under publication
- International Migration, Remittances and Poverty Alleviation in Ethiopia, accepted and published in Ethiopian Journal of Development Research
- Climate Change and Economic Growth: How Much Does Rainfall Variability Cost Ethiopia, ready to be submitted for Journal publication

#### **4.2.2. Reviewing Articles for the Ethiopian Journal of Economics**

In the reporting period, seven articles were reviewed by external reviewers of which two articles were rejected while the rest five articles have been communicated to authors for further improvement. In addition, four articles submitted by different authors are under review.

### **4.3. PUBLICATIONS’ DISTRIBUTION**

The Ethiopian Economics Association has continued to distribute its publications to Government officials and institutions, donors, EEA Chapters, academia, members of the Association and the general public through different distribution channels in some cases free copies. In the reporting period, EEA has distributed about 4733 different types of publications to Donors, Government officials, Universities, EEA Chapters and members and guests (See the details in Table 1).

**Table 1: Publications' Distribution (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011)**

S/N	Beneficiaries	No of publication distributed							Total
		Economic Focus	Quarterly Macro Report	Annual Report	Proceedings	Journals & Research Report & others	Statistical Database & Macro model CD		
1	EEA Chapters (Bahir Dar & Mekelle)	713	21	18	74	92	10	928	
2	Universities (Arba Minch, Adama, Debre Brehan & Grace Theological College)	1266	64	37	134	117	0	1618	
3	Ministry of Finance and Economic Development	129	15	1	55	37	0	237	
4	Public and Office Library at Addis Ababa (Yeka K/K, Yeka Subcity Women, Children & Youth Affairs and Yeka K/K Woreda 11) and Harari	722	97	31	124	133		1107	
5	Donors & Government officials EEA members and Guests	691	44	49	55	4		843	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3521</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4733</b>	

EEA has also made available its publications with highly subsidized price to academia, members of EEA and the general public. Through this method about 1303 publications have been distributed.

## 5. EEA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

To maintain and expand EEA membership, significant effort has been made in the reporting period. In this regard, the secretariat office has tried to communicate with members through email to update its database and to invite and engage members in the different activities of the Association.

**5.1. Membership Recruitment:** A total of 247 new members have joined the Association from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. As a result, the total number of registered members of the Association as of June 30, 2011 has reached about 3166.

**5.2. Active members:** The number of active members as defined by those settling their membership fees is still very low though the trend is an increasing one. The number of active members is about 37% of the total registered members. Currently, about 77.4% of the registered members (about 2452 members) have e-mail addresses which are much higher than the level in the previous years. The details by membership type are shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Membership Status as of June 30, 2009

Membership Status	Members by Category				
	Full	Associate	Student	Institutional	Total
1. Registered Members	2130	386	610	40	3166
2. Active Members	764	131	269	7	1171
3.1 As % of the total	35.9	33.9	44.1	17.5	37.0
3.2 Those who have e-mail address	1515	309	599	29	2452
3.3 As % of the total	71.1	80.1	98.2	72.5	77.4

**5.3. Opening up Regional chapters of EEA:** In the reporting period one regional chapter opened at Dire Dawa University increasing the number of EEA chapters to four. Preparations are underway for opening the fifth chapter in Mekelle on August 27, 2011.



Dire Dawa University Signing Memorandum of Understanding



Dire Dawa Inaugural Workshop Participants

**5.4. Membership Services:** The Ethiopian Economic Association has provided various services to its members that includes trainings; online services such as online registration, publication sales etc.; updating membership data base; issue Membership ID Card; Provide information to members through e-mail, website and other various ways; Provide orientation about EEA, its constitution, governance, activities and plan, etc for new members; update e-mail addresses of members and maintain contacts. In the reporting period, 12 recommendation letters were written to members for universities and job providers; about 2484 email messages were replied and forwarded to members, institutions and staff of EEA. Membership ID was issued to 1271 members of whom 283 are issued in the reporting period. Orientation has been given to 295 new members.

**5.5. EEA Website Services:** The new website is partially functional in the area of online membership registration and annual fee collection and event registration. List of publication and news have been uploaded. In the reporting period, the website was visited by about 11,968 visitors. In addition, about 443 members were able to register on line for the 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference. In addition, the following publications were uploaded on the Website:

- All Journal abstracts,

- Annual report Vol. I(both Amharic and English version) (downloaded for free),
- Annual report Vol. II (downloaded for free) ,
- All quarterly reports (downloaded for free),
- All international conference proceedings with their table of contents,
- Economic Focus from Vol. I No. 1 to Vol. 7 No. 1

## **6. PUBLICIZING THE EEA OBJECTIVES, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES**

Through various meetings, workshops and media engagements, EEA has tried to actively promote its objectives, programs and activities. In the reporting period, the following promotional activities were conducted:

- 6.1.** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Annual Conference on the Amhara Regional State Economic Development that was held on August 14, 2010 and the 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Annual Conference on the SNNPR State Economic Development that was held on December 3, 2010 at Hawassa obtained wider news coverage.
- 6.2.** Interview was provided four times to radio FANA on
  - Ethiopia's WTO accession issues,
  - The issue of merging Addis Ababa City Administration Revenue Agency with Ethiopian Revenue and Customs Authority (ERCA),
  - The Ethio-China economic relationship over the last few years
  - The August 2010 devaluation of the Birr
- 6.3.** Interview was provided to Addis Zemen on the increase in the interest rate
- 6.4.** Interview was given to VOA on the devaluation of the Birr
- 6.5.** Interview was given on the devaluation of the Birr to the Reporter news paper
- 6.6.** Interview was given on price fixing to the Reporter news paper
- 6.7.** Interview was given on the usury issue to the ETV
- 6.8.** Two Staffs of EEA have provided periodic (on Saturdays' morning) live radio interviews for Sheger Radio Station (102.10 FM Radio Station) on various economic issues.
- 6.9.** Members and staff of EEA participated in the 10 Kilo Meter Ethiopian Great Run that was held in November 21, 2010. In the event about 45 EEA members and staffs participated and completed the 10 KM distance.

## **7. EEA DOCUMENTATION CENTER SERVICES**

The Ethiopian Economic Association Documentation Center has been providing different services, like Internet, reading, photocopy and book borrowing for EEA staff, members, university/College students and individual researchers (including foreigners who came to Ethiopia for different research work). In the reporting period, the following activities were performed by the center:

- The EEA Library has been relocated to a new location with larger space, comfortable new chairs, tables and book shelves with beautiful views for reading up to 30 users & with 6 brand new and high capacity computers for internet utilization (Finding the right spot for reading)
- The library and internet services have been extended to its members on Saturdays and Sundays since March 19, 2011.
- 38 reference books have been bought based on requests from EEA research divisions.
- Collect and maintain all publications (around 99 Documents Catalogued, classified and encoded to the database.)
- During the reporting period, about 1975 users have visited the library and got the services efficiently. Mostly users access different EEA Publications, EEA statistical Database, access free journals & online data base from the Internet and Other available documents. They also find information on a topic, perform comprehensive literature searches in support of research projects, search library catalogs, article databases and the Internet, and locate facts and statistics.
- New exchange research publications agreement reached with the British Library for Development Studies at the Institute of Development Studies in Brighton, UK. we have got the IDS bulletin regularly and have an access for IDS series titles free online
- Renew PERI Registration has made and allow us free Online Access
- From March 1 – 31, 2011 Palgrave Macmillan is providing free, unrestricted online access to more than 70 Journals
- EEA publications were sold to Massmann Internationale Buchhandlung GmbH; Library Supplier for 280 dollars
- Around 52 new documents catalogued, classified and encode to the database.
- EEA/EEPRI staff have a free access e-resources from JSTOR, Mary Ann Liebert, Inc., publishes and Wiley-Blackwell - former Synergy of content, AJOL.
- Massmann International Booksellers (Hamburg/Germany) has subscribed Ethiopian Journal of Economics (VOL XVIII, No1 2009) and different EEA publications.
- Updating a manual on Bibliography for the Library Material started

## **8. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES**

Putting in place the necessary administrative infrastructure is critical for the smooth functioning of any organization. In order to help the research and other activities of the Association several administrative actions have been undertaken during the reporting period. While it would be difficult to mention every administrative measure, the following should be mentioned.

- 8.1. Staff Evaluation:** Performance appraisal is an important means to improve EEA's effectiveness through optimal utilization of employees. Accordingly, EEA has carried out semiannual staff evaluation. Based on the evaluation result, salary increments have been given to the staffs. In addition, three staffs were promoted to higher positions during the reporting period.
- 8.2. Staff Recruitment:** three Junior Research fellows, one Accountant and two division heads (senior researchers) and one Driver and Affair Executor have been hired during the reporting period following a competitive process. On the other hand, one construction supervisor was hired on temporary base to design, prepare terms of reference for contractor selection and evaluation, and supervise the construction activity of the Multi-purpose hall.
- 8.3. Improving the Internet Connectivity:** One of the constraints facing EEA research staffs has been poor internet connections. Accordingly, the internet facility has been upgraded and this has improved internet connectivity significantly. The staff is now more satisfied with the internet connections. In addition additional connection points and installation work has been undertaken to expand the internet connecting nodes and accessibility. Hence, a firm was hired to do the additional internet installation work during the reporting period. Due to the expanded internet connectivity one more switch was purchased and installed.
- 8.4. Procurement of Office Furniture and Computers:** During the reporting period, several office furniture, Heavy duty photocopier, Laptops, and six computers with UPS were purchased. These office desks and computers have greatly improved the working environment and have eased the space problem. Similarly, due to the increased staff it was not possible to accommodate and maintain a proper data base. Therefore, one additional server was purchased to complement the existing server and ensure the staff of data and other important documents. In addition, one printer, one photocopy machine, and 20 GPS instruments have been purchased to facilitate the office work and field research.
- 8.5. Organizing staff rooms and store:** EEA had also organized three additional rooms to be used by external consultants and a standard store to maintain the supply stock of supplies. These have improved the working condition and procedure.
- 8.6. Re-organizing the administration:** It was planned to improve the financial management system of the organization during the plan period. Accordingly, the administration and finance section has been reorganized into Finance section and Human Resource and General Service divisions. Hence, the previous accountant has been promoted to Head of Finance. The Head of the Human Resources and General Services has also been appointed. In addition, a purchaser and a general Services Head have been assigned. Separate offices were also arranged to accommodate the changes.
- 8.7. Developing a strategic plan for EEA:** EEA has been able to develop a five years medium term plan which guides its operation between 2011 and 2015. The plan has tried to review the past performance and develop a framework that

**8.8. Progress towards financial sustainability:** EEA has constructed its own multipurpose building which is expected to contribute towards the financial sustainability of the organization. In this regard, it had been able to generate some income from renting out some of the free space it had in the building. During the current reporting period, significant progress has been made on the construction of the multipurpose hall. In this regard the floor work and installation of sitting chairs have been completed. The completion of the auditorium will greatly improve the financial sustainability of the Association. Currently, EEA is raising nearly 41.5% of its income from its eternally generated fund.

**8.9. Other administrative activities:** With the aim of further improving the working efficiency of the organization some administrative staffs have been promoted to higher levels based on their work performance. Additional CDMs, Flash disks, and an antivirus program have been procured during the plan period to improve both the research environment and the organizational capacity. Two security Guard houses were also constructed during the reporting period.

## 9. PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED

In spite of the achievements made, there have been some constraints that have affected the performance of EEA. The main factors that constrained the implementation of EEA's project were directly or indirectly associated with the following main issues:

- (i) **Financial constraints and irregular disbursement of funds:** The financial position of EEA has never been adequate to meet all its needs, although it had received generous support for its core program activities. Because of that it has not been able to engage more on quality improvement. Besides, some of the local donors have not been keeping their promise to finance part of EEA's activities on a regular basis. This has created a lot of uncertainty.
- (ii) **Inadequate physical infrastructure:** EEA had also operated under stressful conditions in terms of physical infrastructure. The frequent power interruption had been a major constraint on the operations of EEA/EEPRI activities during the reporting period.
- (iii) **Establishment of Training Institute:** though the Association has given due focus for the establishment of Training Institute and started some preliminary work, we have not yet developed a Training Program and the corresponding curricula and business plan for the establishment of Training Institute because of shortage of financial resources and other administrative constraints.
- (iv) **Expanding Membership Base:** Increasing membership base and increasing the participation of members in the association is one of the forefront tasks of the Association. Although there has been an encouraging trend in EEA, there is a dire need to increase the commitment and participation of members. For instance, although the number of active members of the Association which was about 17%

on June 30, 2006 has increased to 37% on June 30, 2011, it is still very low. Thus, we need to increase members' participation and membership by involving the participation of economists and others in the regions and abroad. However, this task has been severely constrained by the limited financial resources available for the establishment of EEA chapters outside Addis Ababa and running cost of the existing ones. But, expanding membership base and increasing the number of members of active members have brought significant challenge of meeting the quorum requirements during General Assembly meetings as per the Constitution of the Association. .

- (v) **Inadequate Human Resource:** One of the major constraints to research activities is the small size of EEA's research staff relative to the demand for analytical outputs. Few staffs have also left EEA not only to pursue their further training but also because of attractive salary
- (vi) **Insufficient Training for Members:** Though EEA wishes to organize more training with the objectives of improving the professional competence of its members and other stakeholders, the plan could not be materialized due to other priorities and due to human resource constraints. it is hoped to minimize this problem once the EEA Training Institute is established.

## PART TWO

### IV. PLANNED ACTIVITIES (JULY 1, 2011 – JUNE 30, 2012)

Capitalizing on its achievements, improving its weaknesses, and fostering new ideas, the Ethiopian Economics Association will continue to play an active role during the next planning period. It plans to continue its traditional activities in the area of research, training and organizing forums and introduce new initiatives while putting more effort to improve the quality of its social services. In addition, the Association hopes to make visible appearance in several National Regional States through its regional chapters in addition to its main center in Addis Ababa. In this spirit, the Association plans to accomplish the following major activities during the next planning period.

#### 1. ONGOING AND PLANNED RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

EEA plans to continue its engagement in core program research areas and collaborative research activities in the coming planning period. In this regard, EEA plans to expand its research activities into new areas and become involved in collaborative research activities aggressively. It will try to develop some research proposals in response to calls for proposals by different national and international organizations. It is also hoped that if fund is available for some of the proposals submitted to sponsoring organizations in the last reporting period, research activities in the proposed areas will be started in the plan period. In addition, it will strive to improve the quality of its research output and increase its dissemination ability. In this regard, the following are the main ongoing and planned research activities that will be undertaken during the plan period.

- 1.1. The 2012 Economic Report:** with the aim of providing an independent and professional overview of the Ethiopian economy, the next annual report on the Ethiopian Economy with the thematic issue **“Developments in the Transport Sector and implications for economic development”** will be prepared. The report will be published and disseminated in the next reporting period.
- 1.2. Recent Economic and Social Trends in Addis Ababa:** In collaboration with the World Bank-Ethiopia, EEA/EEPRI is undertaking a study on the Recent Economic and Social Trends in Addis Ababa. In the next reporting period, comments will be collected from the client, incorporated and the final report will be submitted.
- 1.3. Revenue Potential and Gap Analysis for SNNPRS:** This is a project commissioned by SNNPR Bureau of Revenue. The draft report has been submitted to the client. In the plan period, the final report will be prepared and submitted to the client.
- 1.4. Revenue Potential and Gap Analysis for the Afar Regional State:** As per the request of Afar Regional State Revenue Authority, Technical and financial proposal has been prepared and submitted to the Authority. The main purpose

of the project is to conduct an analysis on revenue generating potential and gap analysis of the region. In the planned period, if the proposal is accepted, the project will be started and completed.

- 1.5. Population and Development in Ethiopia: Demographic Responses to Population Pressure and Social Change:** The main objective of this research project is to conduct field research on determinants of youth migration in Ethiopia. In the planning period, the collected data on youth migrant survey and household survey in two regions will be edited, analyzed and the report will be prepared and submitted to the client. A dissemination workshop will also be organized.
- 1.6. Ethiopian Project on Interlinking Insurance with Credit in Agriculture (EPIICA):** By implementing an experiment in this new interlinked product it is planned to nail down the theoretical impediments to the successful provision of index insurance as well as to pioneer a product that will serve to provide insured credit to one of the world's most vulnerable farming populations. In the next reporting period, follow up survey will be carried out, the collected data will be analyzed and at least two research papers will be prepared.
- 1.7. Food Poverty Situation Analysis Using the Food Basket Approach:** the main purpose of this collaborative study between PANE and EEA is to investigate the current state of household food security and food poverty and to analyze their determinants in Amhara region and Addis Ababa. In the plan period, the collected data from urban and rural household surveys will be entered into the computer, edited and analyzed and report writing will be carried out.
- 1.8. Marginality Reduction for Enhanced Investments for and with the Poorest (MARGIP):** This proposed program focuses on marginality in Ethiopia, thereby going far beyond typical poverty assessments, poverty analyses, and poverty reduction actions. The nature, extent and causes of marginality, how it drives to extreme poverty and what can be done to tackle these complex interactions remain poorly understood. In the reporting period, inception report will be prepared and presented in the international conference in Germany. In the next reporting period, a three to four year research project will be developed and launched in collaboration with the Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, Germany.
- 1.9. Spatial Equity in the Provision of Wash Services: Evidence from Selected Area Based Case Studies:** The major objective of the project is to investigate the spatial equity in the provision of water and sanitation services across the country based on the evidence from selected area based case studies. The study is commissioned by Water Aid Ethiopia (WAE). In the plan period, the research report writing will be completed and submitted to the client.
- 1.10. Nile Basin Development Challenge: Rainwater Management in the Ethiopian highlands:** The overall objective of this program is to improve livelihood through landscape approach to water management in the Nile Basin. The program consists of a number of projects of which EEA in collaboration with ILRI is carried

out the five projects called “*Coordination and Multi-Stakeholder platform (N5)*”. The aim of this project is studying the policy and institutional frameworks for Rain Water Management and how they are implemented; and identifying and coordinating key stakeholders and their role for Rain Water. The project is a three years project and thus the project will be continued in the next plan period.

**1.11. Poverty Dynamics, Health Shocks and Coping Strategies in Ethiopia and the activities listed there:** The proposed study aims to investigate the interplay between health shocks and the financial burden of health care, poverty dynamics and the role of coping strategies. In the planned period, follow up survey will be carried out and data analysis and report writing will be conducted.

**1.12. Estimation of the Regional Income Accounts for the Amhara Regional State:** In collaboration with the Amhara Regional State Bureau of Finance and Economic Development, EEPRI has planned to undertake an estimate of the regional income accounts for the Amhara Regional State. The project is expected to have a series of activities including trainings to the regional staff, collecting relevant data for the estimation process and estimation of the regional GDP. The project is expected to be finalized in about 12 months after the inception. To start the project, Memorandum of Understanding will be signed with the Bureau of Finance and Economic Development.

**1.13. Supply-side Constraints to Leather and Leather Products exports in Ethiopia:** The objective of the study was to identify supply-side constraints to the exports of leather and leather products in Ethiopia and suggest possible ways to make use of the market access opportunities given to Ethiopia. In the plan period, a research report will be prepared and presented in the in house seminar.

**1.14. Review of Quarterly Macroeconomic Performance:** With the objective of providing an independent and professional opinion on the macro-economic performance of the country, EEA has been publishing a quarterly macro-economic report since 2003. With the new format, the first issue of the report will be disseminated in the first quarter of the plan period and other two issues will be prepared in the plan period.

**1.15. Study on public and private investments in agriculture and natural resources:** The main aim of this project is to empirically assess the status and impact of major public and private investments in agriculture and natural resources. In the reporting period, proposal will be developed and submitted to donors; if accepted, the project data collection and report writing will be carried out in the plan period.

**1.16. Quarterly Macro-economic Reports:** In an effort to provide an independent review of the performance of the various sectors of the economy, EEPRI will undertake a series of quarterly reports over the plan period. The reports will focus on major macro-economic developments.

**1.17. Quarterly GDP Generation:** The lack of quarterly GDP has been a problem in undertaking detailed studies on the Ethiopian economy. EEA has planned to

generate a quarterly GDP data for the country. This database will be used to undertake various studies by researchers, academicians and students.

- 1.18. Re-estimating the Macro-econometric Model:** In an effort to make informed policy recommendations on the Ethiopian economy and support policy makers in the process, it is planned to update and re-estimate the Macro-economic Model of Ethiopia.

## **2. PLANNED SHORT TERM TRAINING ACTIVITIES**

- 2.1. Preparations for Establishing a Regular Training Institute:** In the plan period, as per the direction of the Executive committee of EEA, the study team will identify courses and prepare curricula for each of the identified courses. In addition, workshop will be organized to improve the curricula and sensitize the establishment of the EEA Training Institute. Efforts will also be made to get permission for the establishment of EEA TI from the Ministry of Education.
- 2.2. Training for EEA Members:** though it is difficult to meet the huge demand of members for training, it is planned to provide at least three trainings in the planned period in Addis Ababa and Regional EEA Chapters.
- 2.3. Training to other Stakeholders:** trainings will be organized in the planned period, if requests come from EEA's stakeholders.
- 2.4. Support to university Level teaching and Research:** the demand for support in the teaching and research exercises of universities is growing and expanding. While it may not be possible to accommodate all requests, EEA will continue to support university level teaching by advising post graduate students, teaching of courses and providing of teaching materials.

## **3. PLANNED PUBLIC DIALOGUE FORUMS**

- 3.1. Organizing the Ninth International conference on the Ethiopian Economy:** As before the 9<sup>th</sup> international conference will be organized in July 2011 in which several papers will be presented. This conference is also expected to attract several participants both from within Ethiopia and outside Ethiopia.
- 3.2. The 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy:** As a continuation of the previous international conferences, the 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy will be organized in June 2011 at EEA Conference Hall.
- 3.3. Organizing the inaugural workshop for the establishment of EEA Chapter in Mekelle:** - EEA aims to extend its area of engagement at Regional States and improve its visibility so as to contribute to the advancement of the Regional State Economy Development through research, capacity building training and organization of various discussion forums. As a result, EEA is under expansion stage by opening its regional chapters in collaboration with Regional Universities. So far, EEA has established four chapters at Hawassa, Bahir Dar, Haromaya and

Dire Dawa and has planned to open an additional chapter in Mekelle during the first quarter of the plan period. An inaugural workshops will be organized in Mekelle town.

**3.4. The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Regional Conference for Eastern Ethiopia:** In collaboration with the EEA Haromaya and Dire Dawa Chapters, the First annual Regional Conference will be organized either in Haromaya or in Dire Dawa. The conference will attract participants from the Haromaya University, Harari Administrative Region, Dire Dawa Administrative Region and Jigjiga University etc. In the plan period, call for paper and invitation letters will be disseminated and other preparatory activities will be carried out.

**3.5. Regional Annual Conferences:** Capitalizing on the experiences achieved during the organization of the pervious conferences organized at Bahir Dar and Hawassa, , EEA plans to organize regional annual conferences at Bahir Dar (for the third time) at Hawassa (for the second time) and Mekelle (for the first time) in collaboration with EEA Regional Chapters.

**3.6. Organizing in-house seminar:** EEA has started organizing in-house seminar during the reporting period. Completed and ongoing research activities have been presented and discussed both by EEA staffs and other researchers mostly from Addis Ababa University. Participants also came from different organizations. From the experience gained from the organization of previous in house seminars, it is planned to organize the seminars on different topics that attracted EEA staffs and invited stakeholders.

**3.7. Other Planned Conferences and Workshops:** Following the previous tradition of organizing different forums, the following conferences and workshop will be organized during the plan period.

- Public Lectures on socio-economic issues by inviting prominent persons will be organized, when possible.
- The 19<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of EEA will be organized during the plan period to discuss on past accomplishments and future plans of the Association.
- Some dissemination workshops will be organized on different research projects.

#### **4. EEA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

**4.1. Opening up of Regional Chapters:** EEA chapter will be opened at Mekelle in collaboration with the Mekelle University. In addition, to collaborate and build strong relationship with regional universities on research, long-term and short-term trainings, advisory and consultancy services, Memorandum of Understanding will be signed in the plan period. With this arrangement, EEA will provide access to its publications to the staffs and students of the universities.

**4.2. Strengthening EEA Memberships Services:** EEA has provided various types of services to its members. In the plan period, the following services will be strengthened and new services will be started:

- **Short-term Training:** to build the capacity of its members, EEA will organize different types of trainings to its members and other stakeholders
- **Library Services:** The Documentation Center of the Association has provided Internet, reading, photocopy and book borrowing services all seven days a week for members, EEA staff, policy makers, university/College students and individual researchers (including foreigners who came to Ethiopia for different research work). The services will be strengthened further with new reference materials, equipments and other facilities in the plan period.
- **Provide information and other services:** Through email and Website communications, the Association will inform members about the various activities of EEA. In addition, orientation will be given to new members about EEA, its constitution, governance structure, its activities and plans. Membership ID card will also be issued.

## **5. PRODUCTION OF PUBLICATIONS**

In its effort to disseminate the research findings, EEA uses different product lines one of which is publication. EEA publications are in great demand among the different stakeholders. EEA plans to improve its publication quality and increase the spread of its publication outlets during the plan period. In this regard, the following publications will be produced during the plan period.

- EEA will publish the Proceeding of the 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy
- The proceedings of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference on the Amhara Regional State Economic Development will be published
- Two issues of the Ethiopian Journal of Economics will be published
- The 2012 Economic Report on the Ethiopian Economy will be published
- Two issues of the Quarterly Macro-economic Report will be produced.
- Five issues of Working Papers will be produced during the year.
- Five conference papers will be produced.
- Three journal articles will be prepared.
- Several Research Reports will be also produced at the culmination of the different research projects.

## **6. DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLICATIONS**

EEA will continue to distribute its regular publications to its members, Government offices, Universities, civil society organizations, the private sector and public libraries through various channels. In addition, the current distribution and marketing system will be strengthened to reach the general public in a more effective way. In this regard EEA will try to identify and work with bookshops and libraries to expand its distribution outlets.

## **7. PUBLICIZING EEA OBJECTIVES, PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES**

There is a plan to use various media to actively promote the objectives, programs and activities of the EEA. EEA invites Medias during the organization of various discussion forums so that they may cover the various activities of the Association such as its International Conference and workshops, etc. Up-to-date information about the activities of the Association will also be uploaded from EEA website. EEA staff will provide interviews to various Medias on economic issues.

## **8. EEA DOCUMENTATION CENTER SERVICES**

During the plan period, the following activities will be carried out by the Documentation Center:

- Upgrade the Documentation service both in quality and quantity
- Preparing a manual on Bibliography of the Library Material
- Equipping the library with photocopy machines for photocopy services.
- Uploading the data base on the EEA web site.
- New Documents will be catalogued, classified and encoded to the database.
- Strengthening the relationship of the Documentation Center with different governmental and non-governmental libraries
- Prepare an index to the newsletters to increase their readability.
- Encoding all the library materials to the data base.
- Obtain books through donation
- Send EEA journals to AJOL
- Facilitate the provision of ISSN and ISBN numbers to EEA publications

## **9. ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES**

Without an active and efficient administration, the research and training activities as well as the organization of forums and production of publications will not be successful. So, improving the administration's efficiency will be an important task of the Association during the plan period. In this respect, the following activities are planned:-

**9.1. Hiring of New Employees:** During the plan period, few staff will be hired on vacant posts on competitive basis.

**9.2. Procuring Furniture and Equipment:** During the plan period, to improve the working environment and efficiency, several office furniture, laptop and desktop computers with UPS will be purchased.

**9.3. Other Administrative Activities:** The EEA administration will continue to strive to create a better and improved working environment for its staffs and members. Hence, additional equipments and furniture will be purchased in addition to handling the routine administrative activities.

**PART THREE**

**AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

















## ANNEX 1: SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE FROM JULY 1, 2010 – JUNE 30, 2011

<i>S/N</i>	<i>Planned Activities</i>	<i>Plan for the Period</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Potential impacts or Implications (significance)</i>
<b>1</b>	<b>Research Activity</b>			
1.1	Creating New Markets via Smallholder Irrigation: The case of irrigation-led smallholder commercialization in Lume district, Ethiopia.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalizing data analysis and report writing</li> <li>Disseminate the research report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The data analysis and report writing completed</li> <li>The research report presented at the conference of Association of African Agricultural Economists and published online.</li> </ul>	Policy makers will be able to draw some lessons from the results in their effort to improve the lives of stallholders.
1.2	A Mini-survey on the Impact of the Recent Devaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare the survey outline, survey methodology, undertake the survey and prepare the report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A short report was prepared and presented</li> </ul>	The staff of EEA/EEPRI has obtained well digested information on the impact of the recent devaluation of Birr.
1.3	Making Rural Service Provision work for Women and the poor: the Case of Agriculture and Water Supply Service Services in Ethiopia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare proposal</li> <li>Prepare two Discussion Paper and submit to an International Journal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One article has been prepare and submitted to International Journal.</li> </ul>	The projects will inform policy makers, donors and other stakeholders concerning the provision of rural services.
1.4	Marginality Reduction for Enhanced Investments for and with the Poorest (MARGIP):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare and agree on the technical and financial proposal with Center for Development Research (ZEF).</li> <li>Acquire the various databases</li> <li>Map ecological marginal areas and poverty</li> <li>Produce a policy paper on poverty</li> <li>Present paper on an international conference</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Technical and financial proposal prepared and agreed</li> <li>Hired one expert on contract bases</li> <li>Data acquired from CSA</li> <li>Prepared two papers namely, A review paper and an empirical paper</li> <li>Presented the two papers at the international conference on marginality, organized center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, Germany, June 2011.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will enable to characterize the poorest of the poor</li> <li>Enable to suggest policy measures to address those at the margin.</li> <li>Provide useful input for planning a 3-4 year research in collaboration with center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, Germany.</li> </ul>
1.5	Study of Rural Land Administration in Ethiopia. The study is initiated in collaboration with the World Bank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalization of the field survey and data collection.</li> <li>Data editing</li> <li>Data cleaning and database delivery to the World Bank</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interrupted survey resumed and completed (100%)</li> <li>Edited and cleaned database of 2300 farm households submitted to the Bank (100%)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved knowledge and lesson on the performance and effectiveness of rural land administration institutions in Ethiopia</li> <li>Lessons on the effects/impacts of land registration and title certification program</li> </ul>

<i>S/N</i>	<i>Planned Activities</i>	<i>Plan for the Period</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Potential impacts or Implications (significance)</i>
1.6	Nile Basin Development Challenge: Rainwater Management in the Ethiopian Highlands.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introducing and promoting the rain water management (RWM) concepts in various forums that EEA organizes</li> <li>• Participating in and contribute to key Nile Basin Development Challenge (NBDC) meetings and workshops</li> <li>• Conducting project launching workshop</li> <li>• Signing of project contract agreement with ILRI</li> <li>• Conduct data analysis and prepare report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project completed, paper produced and presented.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This project helps to generate empirical knowledge about how to improve livelihood through landscape approach to water management in the Ethiopian Nile basin area.</li> <li>• Specifically project 5 will help to streamline the policy and institutional frameworks for Rain Water Management and how they are implemented; and the role of various stakeholders and their coordination in achieving the overall project goals.</li> </ul>
1.7	2011 Economic Report on the Ethiopian Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collect Data</li> <li>• Finalize writing the report and make available for publication</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The final report prepared and submitted for publication.</li> <li>• The report published and start dissemination in July 2011</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy makers and government officials could get well-digested and analyzed information that help them to revisit their policies</li> <li>• Academia, researchers and students has taken the report as a reference for further study and analysis.</li> <li>• Increased EEA's role and recognition as economic research and policy advice organization.</li> <li>• Improved the EEA staffs in research capacity in the various field.</li> <li>• Improved EEA's image</li> </ul>
1.8	Recent Economic and Social Trends in Addis Ababa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop the TOR, collect data and conduct the analysis and prepare the report.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The final report prepared and submitted to the client</li> </ul>	The recent economic and social trends in Addis Ababa can be traced
1.9	Rethinking Water Storage for Climate Change Adaptation in sub-Saharan Africa:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducting field survey and data collection</li> <li>• Undertaking data editing, compilation and analysis</li> <li>• Report writing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The final report prepared and submitted to the client</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It has policy and strategy implications on the role of water storage systems in climate adoption interventions</li> </ul>

<b>S/N</b>	<b>Planned Activities</b>	<b>Plan for the Period</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Potential impacts or Implications (significance)</b>
1.10	Spatial Equity in the Provision of Wash Services: Evidence from Selected Area Based Case Studies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• preparation of data collection instruments</li> <li>• plan for stakeholders consultation</li> <li>• Conducting field surveys in selected districts in the country</li> <li>• Report writing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data from field collected, edited and analyzed</li> <li>• Final paper submitted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge and documentation on the effectiveness and efficiency of social service provision in rural water supply and sanitation in Ethiopia</li> </ul>
1.11	Exploring Further Possibilities of Calibrating the Macro-econometric Model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Held discussions with MoFED for updating and use of the model</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project was pending due to change of staff in MoFED.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enable policy makers base their policy making on scientific tools</li> </ul>
1.12	Revenue Potential and Gap Analysis for SNNP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refine the TOR, prepare the outline, and conduct the data collection process on woreda level</li> <li>• Data entry and editing</li> <li>• Data analysis and report writing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first draft report is submitted and presented to the client for about three times.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SNNP Bureau of Finance and Economic Development will be informed on the revenue collection potential of the region</li> <li>• EEA/EEPRI staff gained experience</li> </ul>
1.13	Population and Development in Ethiopia: Demographic Responses to Population Pressure and Social Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate and arrange publication of Academic text Book to Publisher (Springer)</li> <li>• Prepare survey Instruments for youth migrant survey in Addis Ababa and rural household surveys in two regions</li> <li>• Conduct youth migrant survey and household survey</li> <li>• Data processing and analysis</li> <li>• Report writing</li> <li>• Prepare Annual Progress Report to the funding Organization (Packard Foundation)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book Published (by Springer )</li> <li>• Household data from two regions was collected, Processed and analyzed</li> <li>• Report writing is ongoing</li> <li>• Submitted progress report to Funding Organization (Packard Foundation)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It has policy and strategy implications on the population pressures.</li> <li>• It improves EEA's relationship with the client and increased EEA's role and recognition as economic research and policy advice organization.</li> </ul>
1.14	Ethiopian Project on Interlinking Insurance with Credit in Agriculture (EPIICA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare survey instruments for household, cooperative and kebele-level surveys</li> <li>• Translate all instruments into Amharic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• primary data from households, kebele councils and cooperative leaders was Collected and data entered to computer Started data analysis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project will provide index insurance that will serve to provide insured credit to one of the world's most vulnerable farming populations</li> </ul>

<i>S/N</i>	<i>Planned Activities</i>	<i>Plan for the Period</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Potential impacts or Implications (significance)</i>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-test all the survey instruments</li> <li>• Conduct field surveys</li> <li>• Prepare background paper (based on desk-review)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Background Paper is under preparation</li> </ul>	
1.15	Food Poverty Situation Analysis Using the Food Basket Approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare survey instrument for household survey</li> <li>• Prepare sampling procedure</li> <li>• Conduct field survey</li> <li>• Data analysis and report writing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• completed the other research works</li> <li>• Research report is being prepared</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The projects will inform policy makers, donors and other stakeholders concerning the Food Poverty Situation of the country.</li> <li>• It improves relationship with pane and other stakeholders.</li> </ul>
1.16	Poverty Dynamics, Health Shocks and Coping Strategies in Ethiopia and the activities listed there.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organize pilot survey in one district</li> <li>• Obtain administrative clearance from Ministry of Health</li> <li>• Organize the baseline survey</li> <li>• Data entry and editing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey instrument developed and tested</li> <li>• Obtained administrative clearance from MOH</li> <li>• Conducted baseline surveys</li> <li>• data cleaning and data entry underway</li> </ul>	Draw useful implications on impact of CBHI for its scaling up
1.17	Supply-side Constraints to Leather and Leather Products exports in Ethiopia:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review literature</li> <li>• Carry out Analysis and report writing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report writing is underway</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The projects will inform policy makers, and other stakeholders concerning supply-side constraints to the exports of leather and leather products.</li> </ul>
1.18	Quarterly Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalize quarter IV of 2008/09 and quarter I of 2009/10</li> <li>• Prepare and publish reports for quarter II and III of 2009/10</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarter IV of 2008/09 and quarter I of 2009/10 were finalized</li> <li>• Write-ups on progress for the first of the two quarters 2009/10.</li> </ul>	Students, researchers and policy makers were informed on the quarterly performance of the Ethiopian economy
1.19	Updating of Social and Economic Database	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update the database for the year 2009/10, publish and distribute the CD-ROM.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updating the database was completed and published and disseminated the CD</li> </ul>	Students, researchers and policy makers were allowed and assisted to undertake their works smoothly
1.20	Prepare research proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepared proposal for the research project and submit to funder.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five project proposals have been prepared and submitted to funding organization</li> </ul>	
<b>2</b>	<b>TRAINING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<b>2.1</b>	Preparations for Establishing a Training Institute	Set study team and begin the training assessment need in the country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repeated discussions held at management and Executive Committee of EEA level on how to speed up the process</li> </ul>	EEA will be an important player in contributing to the pool of highly trained economists in the country.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The management set up a study team to carry out some preliminary study for the establishment of the Training Institute.</li> <li>• The Study team developed technical and financial proposals and submitted to the Executive Committee of EEA.</li> <li>• The EC of EEA reviewed the proposal and gave directions and focus area of the training to the study team</li> </ul>	
2.2	Organize training program to Members and stakeholders	Organize six training programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organized eight training program that include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Haromaya University on Econometrics and its Software Application for about 53 staffs of the university.</li> <li>○ Four round training programs at EEA Hall on Qualitative Research Methods and Report Writing for 116 participants.</li> <li>○ Three round training programs at EEA hall and Addis Ababa University on Career Development and Job Hunting for 87 young economists and graduate students of economics.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improves competence of new graduates in Economic research and analysis.</li> <li>• The capacity of university staffs in the teaching and research activities enhanced.</li> <li>• The quality and relevance of Thesis of Graduates improved.</li> <li>• Improves competence of new graduates in Economic research and analysis.</li> <li>• The capacity of university staffs in the teaching and research activities enhanced.</li> <li>• The quality and relevance of Thesis of Graduates improved.</li> <li>• Improved quality of research publications</li> <li>• EEA's integrity and recognition as a strong Think Tank enhanced.</li> <li>• Collaborations with universities and institutions strengthened</li> </ul>
2.3	Support and Participation in University Level Trainings	Offer training courses to universities, serve as advisors, examiner and offer internship services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided 7 courses to post-graduate students at 4 universities,</li> <li>• Offered internship services for 9 students who came from 5 foreign Universities and 4 local universities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EEA staff capacity improved</li> <li>• EEA's image improved</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advised thesis for 20 M.Sc students from four public and private universities</li> <li>• Served as a member of examining board for 4 M.Sc Theses and 2 PhD dissertation defenses</li> </ul>	
<b>2.4</b>	EEA Staff Training	Depending the virility of training, facilitate staff training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nine staffs attended training on Qualitative Research Method and Report writing methods organized by EEA</li> <li>• One attended external training on Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP) modeling and the other local training</li> </ul>	
<b>3</b>	<b>ORGANIZING WORKSHOPS</b>			
<b>3.1</b>	Sub-regional public dialogue workshop on Governance and Transparency in Extractive Industries and Natural Resource Management	Undertake preparatory work to organize it in August 2010 in collaboration with ANSA-Africa and partner institutions in the Eastern Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All preparatory work successfully carried out (invite of stockholders, select paper presenters from the sub-region, arranging transportation and accommodation etc.)</li> <li>• The workshop organized on August 25 &amp; 26, 2010;</li> <li>• Papers presented;</li> <li>• Attended by about 39 participants of which 15 were form Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved the regional network of EEA.</li> <li>• Visibility of EEA improved</li> <li>• Relationship with government and other stockholders improved</li> <li>• Stockholders recognized EEA's contributions as a key development</li> </ul>
<b>3.2</b>	The 2nd Regional Annual Conference on Amhara Regional State Economic Development	Undertake preparatory work to organize it in August 2010 in collaboration with EEA Bahir Dar Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All preparatory work successfully carried out</li> <li>• The conference was organized on August 14, 2010;</li> <li>• 9 papers presented;</li> <li>• Attended by about 120 participants drawn from Regional Bureaus,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved the understandings of the socio-economic issues of the Regions</li> <li>• Contributed to the growth of the culture of dialogue in the regions</li> <li>• Improved Relationship with government and regional offices and other stockholders</li> <li>• Capacity of EEA members, academia and</li> </ul>

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			Universities, NGOs, private sector representative and EEA members in the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• researchers improved in the regions</li> <li>• Improved knowledge on socio-economic situation of the Regional States.</li> </ul>
3.3	The 1 <sup>st</sup> Regional Annual Conference on Southern Nation and Nationalities People Regional State Economic Development	Undertake preparatory work to organize it in August 2010 in collaboration with EEA Hawassa Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All preparatory work successfully carried out</li> <li>• The conference was conducted on December 3, 2010;</li> <li>• 9 papers presented;</li> <li>• Attended by about 80 participants drawn from Regional Bureaus, Universities, NGOs, private sector representative and EEA members in the region</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visibility of EEA improved</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
3.4	The 17 <sup>th</sup> General Assembly (GA) of the Ethiopian Economics Association	Planned to organize it in September 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The GA held on September 18, 2010</li> <li>• The GA discussed and endorsed External Auditors Report, the Annual Performance Report (2009/10) and the plan for the year 2010/11.</li> <li>• The GA elected Dr. Alemayehu Seyoum as a president and Dr. Amdissa Teshome as member of Executive Committee in place of Dr. Wolday Amha and Ato Abiy Hailu who have completed their office terms, respectively.</li> <li>• The minutes of the General Assembly has been prepared and submitted to the Charities and Societies Agency accompanied with the Activity Report, Audit Report and Bank statement of the Association.</li> </ul>	Increases members participation in the activities of the Association

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3.5	The Ninth International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organize it in June 2011 and undertake preparatory activities</li> <li>• Identify and follow session organizers and individual researchers</li> <li>• Honor prominent National economists</li> <li>• Finalize paper selection for the conference</li> <li>• Undertake all preparatory activities (logistics, program, invitation, Accommodation, transport, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ninth International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy postponed due to the delay in the procurement and installation of the auditorium chairs of the conference hall and hence it was organized from July 21 – 23, 2011.</li> <li>• The Ethiopian Strategic Support Program II (ESSP II) of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) co-organized this conference.</li> <li>• At the conference about 90 papers were presented</li> <li>• The participants were drawn from Federal and Regional Government Offices, Universities and Colleges across the country, Civil Society Organizations, International organizations, local and international Research institutes and EEA members.</li> <li>• Papers presenters are both Ethiopian and non-Ethiopian researchers who are doing research on the Ethiopian Economy.</li> <li>• During the opening ceremony the Association honoured four prominent economists for their efforts they have made in their academic carrier teaching economics and preparing teaching materials for their fellow students.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The conference improves relationship between the Association and government and other stockholders;</li> <li>• Improves the capacity of EEA members, academia and researchers; and improves the knowledge of participants on the socio-economic situation of the country.</li> <li>• EEA’s integrity and recognition as a strong Think Tank enhanced.</li> <li>• It also improves the visibility of EEA</li> </ul>

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3.6	Participation in Workshops and Seminars	Participate on selected local and international conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participated in several local and international workshops and seminars</li> <li>• Provided policy advices on various issues of the Ethiopian Economy both for nationals and expatriates.</li> <li>• Several visitors have been received and briefings and discussions were held on the Ethiopian economy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have an opportunity to provide professional inputs policy advices on various issues of the Ethiopian Economy</li> <li>• strengthen and broadened the networks of EEA</li> <li>• Improved the analytical capacity of EEA staff</li> <li>• EEA accepted as a credible organization for policy advice and source of information.</li> </ul>
3.7	Paper Presentation at Workshops and Seminars	EEA encourage its staff to present papers at various conferences and workshop organized by others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• About sixteen paper presented in major local and international workshop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EEA's influence or role in the policy making increases</li> <li>• Improved the image of EEA</li> </ul>
3.8	Participation in National Committees and Providing Professional Advices	EEA encourage its staff to provide professional advice to others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Director of EEPRI is a member of the Academic Board of the CPP of the AERC.</li> <li>• A staff of Human Resource Division is contributing to the activities of Poverty Action Network of Ethiopia (PANE) serving as a board member</li> <li>• The Director of EEPRI has served as member of the DAAD scholarship (Germany) committee.</li> </ul>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Publications Produced</b>	Published various publications	Nine different type of publications were published (1 Economic Focus Magazine 1 Economic Report for 2011, 4 Working Paper, 3 volume of 8th International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy proceedings, 1 Book chapter contribution and 1 proceeding for the Second Annual Conference on Amhara Regional State Economic Development)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy makers and officials could get well-digested and analyzed information</li> <li>• Academia, researchers and students could take EEA publication as reference for further study and analysis.</li> <li>• Improved the knowledge on the Ethiopian Economy.</li> <li>• Improved the visibility of EEA</li> <li>• EEA publication distributed widely.</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	<b>Publications Distribution</b>	Continuous activities	4,733 different types of publications freely distributed to various stakeholders and 1303 publication on sale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased EEA's influence or role in the economic policy making of the country</li> </ul>

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<b>6</b>	<b>EEA Membership</b>			
<b>6.1</b>	Opening up Regional chapters of EEA	Open two chapter	One regional chapter was opened at Dire Dawa University while Preparatory activities are underway to open EEA Chapter at Mekelle in August 2011. This will increase the number of EEA chapters to five.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved members' participation and communication</li> <li>• Improved EEA's publications distribution channel</li> <li>• Increases membership base</li> <li>• Build up the capacity of members</li> <li>• Improved communication with members</li> <li>• Increased EEA's image and visibility</li> </ul>
<b>6.2</b>	Increasing Membership	Recruit more members	247 new members registered	
<b>6.3</b>	Updated Membership Data Base and email addresses	Updating members data base	The active members have shown an increasing trend.	
<b>6.4</b>	Provide membership services and information	Continuous activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership ID issued to whom 283 members</li> <li>• 2484 email messages were replied members</li> <li>• Provided 12 recommendation and referral letters</li> <li>• Provided orientation to 295 new members and visitors</li> <li>• Provided library services to members seven days in a week</li> </ul>	
<b>6.5</b>	EEA Website Services	Provide efficient on line services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new website partially functional in the area of online membership registration and annual fee collection and event registration.</li> <li>• List of publication and news have been uploaded.</li> <li>• The website visited by about 11,968 visitors.</li> <li>• Publications uploaded on the Website for free access (All Journal abstracts, Annual report Vol. I (both Amharic and English version), Annual report Vol. II, all quarterly reports, table of contents of the</li> </ul>	

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			international conference proceedings, Economic Focus from Vol. I No. 1 to Vol. 7 No. 1	
<b>7</b>	<b>Documentation Centre Services</b>			
7.1	Provide efficient and up to date services to members and visitors	<p>Improve the library services to EEA members and other visitors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 32 reference books have been bought based on the divisions' request.</li> <li>• Collect and maintain all publication (around 99 Documents Catalogued, classified and encode to the database.)</li> <li>• New exchange research publications agreement reached with the British Library for Development Studies at the Institute of Development Studies in Brighton, UK. we have got the IDS bulletin regularly and have an access for IDS series titles free online</li> <li>• Renew PERI Registration has made and allow us free Online Access</li> <li>• From March 1st to 31st Palgrave Macmillan is providing free, unrestricted online access to more than 70 Journals</li> <li>• EEA publications was sold to Massmann Internationale Buchhandlung GmbH; Library Supplier for 280 dollars</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The library moved to a new comfortable location to accommodate 30 users at a time and procured 6 computers for internet users</li> <li>• The library and internet services extended to Saturday and Sunday</li> <li>• About 1957 users visited the documentation center.</li> <li>• library pocket provided to new members of EEA</li> <li>• New exchange research publications agreement reached with the British Library for Development Studies at the Institute of Development Studies in Brighton, UK. The library has got the IDS bulletin regularly and have an access for IDS series titles free online</li> <li>• EEA/EEPRI staff have a free access e-resources from JSTOR, Renew PERI website Registration, Palgrave Macmillan is providing free and unrestricted online access to more than 70 Journals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

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7.2	Upgrade the services	Continuous activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New 38 books purchased in the Econometrics &amp; microeconomics subject area</li> <li>• 151 new different Documents Catalogued, classified and encode to the database Six different</li> </ul>	•
8	<b>Publicizing the EEA Objectives, Programs and Activities</b>	Various activities and continues. The staff of EEA also provided interview for Medias on various socio-economic issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Annual conference on the Amhara Regional State Economic Development and the 1st Regional Annual Conference on the SNNPRS State Economic Development obtained good new coverage.</li> <li>• Ten interviews have been provided to different media on different economic issues</li> <li>• The 9th international conferences and workshop have got wide media coverage</li> </ul>	•
9	<b>Administrative Activities</b>	Conduct administrative services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Semiannual staff evaluation conducted and based on it salary increments have been given to the staff.</li> <li>• Three staffs were promoted to higher positions.</li> <li>• Three Junior Researcher, one Accountant and one division heads and Affair Executor have been hired</li> <li>• office furniture, Heavy duty photocopier, Laptops, and six computers with UPS were purchased</li> <li>• multipurpose conference hall has been furnished</li> </ul>	•

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the administration and finance section has been re-organized into Finance section and Human Resource and General Service divisions</li> <li>• Organized three additional rooms to be used by external consultants and a standard store to maintain the stock of supplies.</li> <li>• The administration and finance section has been reorganized into Finance section and Human Resource and General Service divisions. Hence, the pervious accountant has been promoted to Head of Finance. The Head of the Human Resources and General Services has also been appointed. In addition, a purchaser and a general Services Head have been assigned. Separate offices were also arranged to accommodate the changes.</li> </ul>	