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LIST OF ACRONYMS

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| APS | Annual Program Statement |
| BDU | Bahir Dar University |
| CGS | Competitive Grant Scheme |
| CORS | Continuously Operating Reference Station |
| CLGEs | Community Land Governance Entities |
| ELAP | Ethiopian Land Administration Program |
| ELTAP | Ethiopian Strengthening Land Tenure and Administration Program |
| EMA | Ethiopian Mapping Agency |
| GMP | Grants Management Plan |
| GUS | Grants under Contract |
| GoE | Government of Ethiopia |
| GTP | Growth and Transformation Plan |
| ILA/BDU | Institute of Land Administration of Bahir Dar University |
| IPAS/HU | Institute of Pastoral Studies of Haramaya University |
| LALU | Land Administration and Land Use |
| LAND | Land Administration to Nurture Development Project |
| LAUD | Land Administration and Use Department |
| LTPR | Land Tenure and Property Rights |
| LUP | Land Use Planning |
| M&E | Monitoring & Evaluation |
| MOANR | Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources |
| MSc. | Master of Science |
| MSU | Michigan State University |
| OPUS | On-line Positioning User Service |
| PRIME | Pastoralists Resiliency Improvement and Market Expansion Project |
| RTK | Real Time Kinematic |
| ROPAC | Regional Oromia Pastoral Advisory Committee |
| SNNP | Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples |

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|-------|--|
| TOR | Terms of Reference |
| TOT | Training of Trainers |
| TVET | Technical Vocational Education and Training |
| USAID | United States Agency for International Development |
| ZOPAC | Zonal Oromia Pastoral Advisory Committee |

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

LAND plays a pivotal role in the life of the people of Ethiopia and the development of its economy. More than three-quarters of the population derive their income from agriculture; social and cultural norms in rural areas are largely shaped by land use practices. Maintaining agriculture as a major source of economic growth is a pillar in Ethiopia's Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP). The Government of Ethiopia (GOE) accords high priority to the sustainable use and management of land and its proper governance in the nation's agenda for food security, poverty reduction, and accelerated economic growth to achieve the status of a middle-income country.

The purpose of the Land Administration to Nurture Development (LAND) project is to expand and extend two previously successful projects—Ethiopia Strengthening Land Tenure and Land Administration Program (ELTAP) implemented in 2005-2008 and Ethiopia Strengthening Land Administration Program (ELAP) implemented in 2008-2013—financed by The United States Agency for International Development (USAID)/Ethiopia Mission and implemented by the federal Ministry of Agriculture and six regional states with technical assistance provided by Tetra Tech. These projects helped strengthen rural land tenure security and women's land use rights, encouraged efficient land transactions, built capacity of federal and regional land administration agencies to improve service delivery, and piloted cadastral surveying and certification methodologies to recognize and document rural land use rights.

LAND's activities will be implemented to achieve four objectives:

1. Improved legal and policy frameworks at national and local levels;
2. Strengthened capacity in national, regional, and local land administration and use planning;
3. Strengthened capacity of Ethiopian universities to engage in policy analysis and research related to land tenure and train land administration and land use professionals; and
4. Strengthened community land rights in pastoral and agro-pastoral areas to facilitate market linkages and economic growth.

The LAND project will be implemented with and through the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources' Land Administration and Use Directorate (MOANR/LAUD) at the national level and the land administration bureaus of Afar, Amhara, Oromia, Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples (SNNP), Somali and Tigray National Regional States (NRS). On a minor scale, training support in rural land administration would be provided to Beneshangul-Gumuz, Gambella, Harari and Dire Dawa City Administrative Council. LAND will further deepen and broaden the policy, legal, and regulatory framework governing rural land tenure and property rights (LTPR) and expand its capacity-building support at all levels of government to ensure sustainability of past USAID investments. LAND will assist Ethiopian universities to strengthen their capacity to train land administration officials and professionals in survey and certification procedures and property rights, including women's land use rights, conflict mitigation and land use planning. This will provide a sustainable training mechanism and supply of skilled land administration officials beyond the life of LAND. In pastoral areas, LAND

will pilot activities to demarcate and certify community boundaries and strengthen community land holding governance entities in which community title to land will vest and that will represent the community before government and in dealings with investors. LAND will work closely with Pastoralists Resiliency Improvement and Market Expansion (PRIME) project, also supported by USAID, and regional governments to develop participatory land use plans. LAND will also support creation of an enabling environment in which PRIME will develop opportunities for linking communities to markets. LAND activities in pastoral areas will help improve governance at the local level by assisting communities with decision-making rights over their natural assets: land, water and other natural resources.

This is the quarterly report of the LAND project covering the progress made in its implementation during Quarter 1 of FY 2016 (October 1 to December 31, 2015).

2.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period, LAND continued to make significant progress on most of the project components.

Under Component 1 (Improved legal and policy frameworks at national and local levels)

Hawassa University submitted the draft of the SNNP land law implementation assessment which is currently being reviewed by the LAND Team. Mekelle University commenced the assessment for Tigray NRS during the reporting quarter. LAND subcontractor “The Amhara Design and Supervision Works Enterprise” submitted draft guidelines for pastoral communal land expropriation, valuation and compensation in Afar NRS. The draft is being reviewed by the LAND technical team. The draft amendments to Federal Proclamation No. 456/2005 were further reviewed in close consultation with relevant stakeholders in the Amhara, Oromia and SNNP NRS.

LAND successfully conducted a national workshop to inform stakeholders on the importance of an overarching and comprehensive national land utilization policy to guide government land use planning. The workshop was conducted from 20-21 October, 2015 at Adama town. The workshop served to provide participants with a better understanding of the need for a national land utilization policy and obtain their support to coordinate their efforts with assistance from LAND to prepare the draft policy.

Under Component 2 (Strengthened capacity in national, regional, and local land administration and use planning)

The expert local consultant contracted by LAND provided technical assistance to the Ethiopian Mapping Agency (EMA) to resolve telecommunication and power supply issues that were hampering proper functioning of the four EMA Continuously Operating Reference Station (CORS) and to make the CORS fully functional. The consultant also completed the design of CORS network to provide Real Time Kinematic (RTK) and On-line Positioning User (OPU) services. Preparation of the final proposal on densification and collaborative arrangement of stakeholders that will manage the CORS stations is also in its final stage.

LAND continued its efforts to build capacity of federal and regional land administration and land use (LALU) professionals in land use planning and GIS and remote sensing. The training delivered by LAND is designed to support the efforts of Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources (MOANR) to produce national and regional master land use plans and local level land use plans as envisioned in the Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP) for Ethiopia. During the reporting period, a total of 82 federal and regional staff were trained to then cascade training down to land administration officials at staff at the *woreda* level to help ensure the sustainability of USAID/Ethiopia’s capacity building investments.

The universities of Bahir Dar, Haramaya, Hawassa and Mekelle delivered the final versions of the training manuals commissioned by LAND that will be used to build capacity of local land administration officials to implement applicable Land Administration and Land Use (LALU) legislation to improve service delivery and strengthen land rights of rural Ethiopians. LAND then began to support

cascaded trainings to local land administration officials using the manuals.

Under Component 3 (Strengthened capacity of Ethiopian universities to engage in policy analysis and research related to land tenure and train land administration and land use professionals)

The first batch of (41) students enrolled in the Institute of Land Administration of Bahir Dar University's (ILA/BDU) M.Sc. program embarked on thesis research work in their respective regions and agencies. The second group of 41 students have also completed their first session at the ILA/BDU. The students were tasked to complete take home assignments that they will complete in parallel with performing their duties in their respective land administration bureaus. The take home assignments are to be completed and submitted to ILA/BDU before the start of the next summer session in June 2016.

The grantees selected under the LAND's competitive grant scheme made satisfactory progress towards completing field research. LAND has closely monitored performance in the field and confirmed grantees are performing research in accordance with the terms of their respective grant agreements.. It is expected the grantees will submit the first draft of the findings of their research to LAND in the coming quarter for review and comment. The reports will then be finalized, presented and disseminated through the Ethiopian Land Research and Development Network (ETHIOLANDNET) research forum to be held in the third or fourth quarter of FY 2016.

LAND has been instrumental in the establishment of the ETHIOLANDNET) hosted by Bahir Dar University. LAND is currently supporting the Network to establish a national repository and searchable website at ILA/BDU that will enable the systematic collection, storage and management of spatial data, statistical data as well as research papers and books on a range of topics related to land administration and international best practices. , Upon the request of ILA/BDU, LAND is facilitating a competitive procurement process to procure a server to make the repository and website fully functional. It is expected the server will be installed, configured and made fully functional in the next quarter. Additionally, the ETHIOLANDNET strategic plan for 2016-2021 is being developed and will be finalized in the next quarter.

Under Component 4 (Strengthened community land rights in pastoral and agro-pastoral areas to facilitate market linkages and economic growth)

LAND organized consultation meetings in the pastoral and agro pastoral *woredas* in Borana and Guji zones of the Oromia NRS to discuss the unit of pastoral landholding registration and certification. Representatives of the pastoral communities requested these units to be the *dheedas* while participants from the local government offices favored boundaries that align with administrative boundaries of *kebeles*. .

The LAND technical team conducted a rapid assessment of the customary land administration and natural resource management rules, norms and practices in Chifra *woreda* of the Afar NRS to better understand how customary institutions manage the community's rangelands and natural resources

LAND promoted the rights of women to access and use land by engaging the Women's National Land Rights Taskforce (established with support from LAND) to hold stakeholder consultations and produce recommendations to help strengthen protections provided to women by draft amendments to Federal Proclamation [No. 456/2005. Recommendations identified the need to sensitize *kebele* level land administration committees to enable women to exercise their rights to use land and to ensure fair representation of women in each committee. The Taskforce also agreed to work on raising the awareness of members of the Women and Children's Affairs Standing Committees of the Parliament before the draft amendments to the Proclamation are presented to the Council of Ministers.

The LAND Gender Specialist gathered information from different community members of Chifra *woreda* to assess the customary organizational structure, the representation of women within the

structure, accessibility of the customary system for women and vulnerable groups and the gender-sensitivity of the customary laws. The assessment includes the perception of women, men and the community at large about women's land rights.

3.0 PROJECT ACTIVITIES

3.1 PROJECT ACTIVITIES BY COMPONENT

COMPONENT I. IMPROVE LEGAL AND POLICY FRAMEWORKS AT NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS

Activity 1.1: Review National and Regional Land Administration and Land Use Legislation and Certification Practices and Assess Customary Land Administration and Natural Resource Management Practices in Pastoral Areas

LAND engaged the universities of Bahir Dar, Hawassa, and Mekelle to collaborate with regional land administration and land use (LALU) agencies and bureaus of justice in the Amhara, SNNP, and Tigray NRSs to assess impacts of LALU legislation on tenure security. Bahir Dar University delivered the final version of its assessment during the last reporting period. Hawassa University submitted a draft assessment of implementation practices in SNNP that is currently being reviewed by the LAND team. Mekelle University commenced the assessment for Tigray NRS during this reporting period.

LAND subcontracted the Amhara Design and Supervision Works Enterprise to prepare guidelines to implement procedures to expropriate, value and compensate for takings of communal pastoral landholding in Afar NRS. The subcontractor submitted the first draft of the guidelines along with an assessment report. The guidelines are currently being reviewed by the LAND team.

Activity 1.2: Assistance to Develop and Amend Federal and Regional LALU Legislation

In FY 2015, LAUD/MOANR requested LAND to provide technical and financial assistance to amend Federal Proclamation No. 456/2005. LAND staff participated as members of the drafting committee and facilitated a national stakeholder workshop to discuss and provide feedback on the draft amendments. Bahir Dar University's assessment of implementation of LALU legislation in Amhara NRS and a policy brief on the subject was presented during the workshop to inform the work of the drafting committee. The feedback from this workshop was incorporated in the draft amendment and further regional consultations were held with relevant stakeholders in the Amhara, Oromia and SNNP NRS. LAND will facilitate stakeholder consultations in Tigray and Beneshangul-Gumuz NRS in January 2016.

Activity 1.3: Support Development of a National Land Utilization Policy

LAND successfully conducted a national workshop to inform stakeholders on the importance of an overarching and comprehensive national land utilization policy to guide government land use planning. The workshop was conducted from 20-21 October, 2015 at Adama town. Five thematic papers demonstrating the importance of national land utilization policy based on Ethiopian and international experiences were presented and discussed by the participants. A total of 50 federal and regional government officials, experts, university staff and development partners participated in the workshop.

The participants expressed their willingness to coordinate their efforts with assistance from LAND to support the initiative taken by the MOARD to produce a draft policy. To this end, participants made the following recommendations:

- The MOANR should take the lead in coordinating the policy development process by engaging both federal and regional stakeholder agencies.

- The policy should comprehensively address both urban and rural planning issues.
- A taskforce should be established to lead the policy development process. The taskforce should include members from relevant federal government agencies to advise the MOANR on development of the national land utilization policy.
- A team of Ethiopian and international consultants should be formed to assist the MOANR to develop the draft policy. Awareness raising activities should be implemented to inform federal ministries and parliamentarians about the purpose and benefits of a national land utilization policy.

LAND prepared and submitted a summary workshop report containing these recommendations to the MOANR to pave the way for establishing the national taskforce. Accordingly, the Ministry requested in writing each relevant federal government office to assign a member to the taskforce. As soon as the taskforce is established, the draft ToR for the team of consultants will be reviewed and approved.

COMPONENT 2: STRENGTHEN NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND LOCAL LALU PLANNING CAPACITY

Activity 2.1: Support the Management of CORS to Provide Information for Land Surveying and Mapping Purposes

LAND has engaged an expert Ethiopian consultant to provide the EMA with technical assistance to rehabilitate and make fully operational its CORS. The consultant assisted the EMA to resolve telecommunication and power supply issues that have hampered proper functioning of the CORS stations. The consultant also completed the design of CORS network to provide RTK and OPUS services that will be implemented in the medium and long-term. Preparation of the final proposal on densification and collaborative arrangement of stakeholders managing the CORS stations is also in its final stage. The consultant is expected to submit the draft report in the next reporting period. As soon as the draft document is submitted, it will be circulated and reviewed by EMA and LAND staff. A workshop will also be organized to obtain additional comments from the appropriate stakeholders.

Activity 2.2: Train Federal, Regional, and Woreda-Level Land Administration Officials on Best Practices Related to the Development of Land Use Plans and the Use of CORS and GIS Technologies

LAND continued its efforts to build capacity of federal and regional land administration and land use (LALU) professionals in land use planning and GIS and remote sensing. The training delivered by LAND is designed to support the efforts of Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources (MOANR) to produce national and regional master land use plans and local level land use plans as envisioned in the Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP) for Ethiopia.

LAND follows train-the-trainers (ToTs) model and encourages the training to be cascaded down to the grassroots level with regional land administration and use agencies' own budget and resources obtained from development partners working in the land sector.

During the reporting period, LAND supported the ToT trainings to the MOARD Land Administration and Use Directorate (LAUD), Somali, and Harari NRS and Dire Dawa city administration staff on master land use plan preparations, participatory land use planning, GIS and remote sensing. A total of 82 federal and regional staffs, of whom 7 were female, were trained in during the reporting period as shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Training of Trainers Conducted in Quarter 1 of FY 2016

| Region | Type of Training and Trainees | | | | | | | | | Grand total | | |
|--------------|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|---|----------|-----------|--------------|----------|-------------|
| | GIS and remote sensing | | | Local level land use planning | | | Conventional methods of land use planning | | | All Subjects | | |
| | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Grand Total |
| LAUD-MoANR | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Somali | 8 | 0 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 27 | 1 | 28 |
| Harari | 9 | 1 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 29 | 1 | 30 |
| Dire Dawa | 5 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 16 | 2 | 18 |
| Total | 23 | 3 | 26 | 27 | 2 | 29 | 25 | 2 | 27 | 75 | 7 | 82 |

LAND provided training on master land use plan preparation to 27 federal and regional professionals during the period October 26-30, 2015 at Dire Dawa town. The training focused on the concepts, approaches and principles of land use planning, interactive steps of land use planning, conventional methods of biophysical and socio-economic data collection and land suitability classification.

LAND also supported a course on participatory land use planning during the period October 31-November 9, 2015 in Dire Dawa town. A total of 29 regional and federal professionals participated in this training. The training focused on principles and concepts of local level participatory land use planning, steps of participatory land use planning, participatory tools in resources mapping and socio-economic data collection, land capability classification and preparation of development plan and community action plan.

GIS and remote sensing training was also provided to 26 regional and federal professionals. The training was conducted from November 10-16, 2015 at Dire Dawa town.

Activity 2.3: Develop Inclusive and Cost-Effective Land Use Planning Methodologies in Selected Regions

LAND is developing participatory, inclusive, and cost-effective planning methodologies as part of its activities to strengthen land tenure security for pastoral communities in Oromia and Afar NRS (see Activity 4.3 below)

Activity 2.4: Deliver Regional Training to Land Administration Officials, Judges, and Women on Legal Issues and Procedures Related to Land Administration, Conflict Resolution, and Transfer of Rights

Currently, there are no comprehensive and fully developed training manuals on federal and regional LALU legislation that address the needs of land administration personnel, the judiciary, and administrative officials. In FY 2015, LAND subcontracted Bahir Dar University to prepare the training manual on federal and Amhara NRS LALU legislation. Similarly, LAND subcontracted Haramaya, Hawassa, and Mekelle universities to prepare manuals on Oromia, SNNP, and Tigray NRS LALU legislation, respectively. The universities of Bahir Dar, Haramaya, Hawassa and Mekelle delivered the final versions of the training manuals developed by each. During the reporting period, the universities of Mekelle and Bahir Dar, in collaboration with regional land administration offices, provided 80 hours of land law trainings for 70-80 ToT participants in each region based on the manuals they

produced. A similar raining will be given to 70-80 Oromia LALU staff on the regional land laws in the second quarter of 2016.

Activity 2.5: Implement Consultation Workshops to Bring Judges, Land Administration Officials, and Traditional Dispute Resolvers Together to Discuss Opportunities to Strengthen Ties Between Customary and Formal Legal Systems in Ethiopia

No update during the reporting period.

COMPONENT 3: STRENGTHEN CAPACITY OF ETHIOPIAN UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS IN RURAL LAND TENURE POLICY ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH AND TRAINING OF LALU PROFESSIONALS

Activity 3.1: Estimate the Demand for Land Administration Officials and Review Existing Undergraduate Curricula and Propose Improvements Needed to Meet the Government of Ethiopia's Demand for Land Administration Professionals

In FY 2014, LAND subcontracted Michigan State University (MSU) to assess the market demand for land administration professionals and private surveyors and to review university undergraduate and technical vocational education and training (TVET) curricula to identify thematic and skill gaps and assess capacity to satisfy market demand for land administration professionals.

LAND is supporting publication of the study and expects to distribute 300 copies to land administration and use agencies, universities & TVET colleges in the second quarter of FY 2016.

Activity 3.2: Provide Certification Courses for Land Administration Officials

Most of the officers of regional LALU agencies do not have formal training in land administration. In FY 2014, LAND subcontracted ILA/BDU to develop and deliver summer courses to upgrade skills of existing federal and regional staff to M.Sc. levels. To meet M.Sc. requirements, the program includes classroom instruction over the course of two summers, one take home assignment, and delivery of a research thesis.

During this reporting period, the first batch of 41 students embarked on thesis research work in their respective regions and agencies. The second group of 41 students completed their first session at the ILA/BDU and are back at their duty stations in their respective regions with take home assignments that should be completed and submitted before the start of the next summer session in June, 2016.

Activity 3.3: Develop a Research and Development Network to Engage in Rigorous Policy Analysis

LAND has been instrumental in the establishment of the Ethiopian Land Research and Development Network (ETHIOLANDNET) hosted by Bahir Dar University. LAND provided the ILA/BDU a three-year grant to establish and administer ETHIOLANDNET. A strategic plan for the period 2016-2021 to ensure the sustainability of the Network is under preparation and will be finalized in the next quarter. Additionally, preparation for the upcoming national land forum at ETHIOLANDNET during which research and development work on the land sector in Ethiopia has commenced. This includes identification of thematic papers and presenters, selection of participants and identification of sponsors. The plan is to hold the forum during the third or fourth quarter of FY 2016.

LAND is also supporting the Network to establish a national repository and searchable website at ILA/BDU that will enable the systematic collection, storage and management of spatial data, statistical data as well as research papers and books on a range of topics related to land administration and international best practices. Upon the request of ILA/BDU, LAND is facilitating a competitive procurement process to procure a server to make the repository and website fully functional. It is

expected the server will be installed, configured and made fully functional in the next quarter.

Activity 3.4: Establish a Competitive Research Grant Program to Advance Knowledge on Causal Linkages among Land Tenure Security, Food Security, Economic Growth, and Natural Resources Management

In June 2014, LAND issued an Annual Program Statement (APS) under its' Competitive Grant Scheme (CGS) inviting submission of concept papers on different themes that LAND developed in consultation with ETHIOLANDNET. Five research and one administrative grants were awarded in 2015 in the areas of:

- i. "Linkages of rural land tenure with sustainable development and livelihood security, poverty reduction, and natural resources management" to Forum For Social Studies (FSS);
- ii. "Dynamics of land transaction in agricultural and agro-pastoral communities" to the Institute of Development and Policy Research, Addis Ababa University (IDPRAAU);
- iii. "Rural land scarcity, fragmentation, and landlessness" to College of Development Studies, Addis Ababa University (CDSAAU);
- iv. "Sustainability of watershed development through community mobilization in the highlands and the role land tenure plays" to the Water and Land Resource Center (WLRC); and
- v. "Impacts of urbanization on natural resources and livelihoods of Rural-Urban fringes of cities in Fringes of Mega Cities of Ethiopia: Addis Ababa, Adama, Bahir Dar, Dire Dawa, Hawassa, and Mekelle rural-urban settings" to Faculty of Social Science, BDU.
- vi. "Establishing and operating the ETHIOLANDNET" to the Institute of Land Administration, BDU.

The status of implementation of the grant projects is given in Table 2 below. During the reporting quarter, LAND carried out field visits to monitor the progress being made by grantees described below:

Water and Land Resource Center (WLRC): A LAND monitoring team visited the WLRC research site in Mota Woreda in East Gojam of the Amhara NRS where the WLRC research team was collecting field data. It was confirmed that the data collection was progressing very well using survey instruments that have been validated and tested under field conditions. The WLRC research team has started analyzing the research data during the reporting quarter.



A WLRC research team member conducting focus group discussions

Faculty of Social Science, BDU: LAND technical staff including the COP, DCOP and the Grant Assistant met with the BDU team in Addis Ababa and reviewed their field work. The research team has completed its field work at the Bahir Dar, Addis Ababa and Hawassa sites. It was noted that the data, collected by experienced enumerators under close supervision of the researchers, is comprehensive. Data collection from the remaining sites, i.e., Dire Dawa and Mekelle will take place in January and February, 2016. LAND will send a technical team to one or both towns to monitor the field work.

It is expected the grantees will submit the first draft of the findings of their research to LAND in the next reporting period for review and comment. The reports will then be finalized, presented and disseminated through the ETHIOLANDNET research forum to be held in the third or fourth quarter of FY 2016.

Table 2: Status of LAND Grant Projects as of November 2015

| Grant No. | Grantee | DUNS No. | Title of Activity | Performance Period | Status | Budget (\$US) | Disbursed (\$US) | Balance (\$US) | % Disbur-sed (\$US) |
|-----------|---|-----------|--|--|--|---------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| LAND001 | Institute of Land Administration, Bahir Dar University (ILABDU) | 850499376 | Establishment and Administration of Ethiopian Land Research and Development Network (ETHIOLANDNET) | 01 January 2015 - 31 December 2017 (36 Months) | Quarter three performance and financial reports are submitted and their actual expenditures are reimbursed; Amendment to the grant agreement (Budget Realignment) was requested and approved on June 18, 2015 and is in effective as of July 01, 2015. | 143,878 | 24,909 | 118969 | 17% |
| LAND002 | Water and Land Resources Center (WLRI) | 559904957 | Assessing Sustainability of Watersheds Developed through Community Mobilization in Ethiopian Highlands: Does Land Tenure Play a Role? | 06 April 2015 - 31 May 2016 (12 Months) | Initial, Month 2, Month 3, Month 4, Month 5, Month 6 and Month 7 advances are released; Amendment to the grant agreement (No-Cost Extension) was requested and their completion date is extended to May 31, 2016; Onsite technical monitoring was conducted (27-30 October 2015) and their progress was favourably assessed and reported; Quarter two performance and financial reports are under preparation by the grantee and LAND has been providing technical support in the preparation the reports. | 148,957 | 111,104 | 37854 | 75% |
| LAND003 | College of Development Studies, Addis Ababa University (CDSAAU) | 850507858 | Land Scarcity, Fragmentation, and Landlessness, and Implications for Rural Household Food Security in Ethiopia: Case Studies in Selected Woredas in Amhara, Oromia, and Southern Nations, Nationalities and People's Regional States | 06 April 2015 - 30 April 2016 (12 Months) | Initial, Month 2, Month 3, Month 4, Month 5, Month 6 and Month 7 advances are released; they have submitted Quarter two performance and financial reports and their actual expenditures are being reconciled; Amendment to the grant agreement (No-Cost Extension) was requested and approved and their completion date is extended to April 30, 2016. | 70,446 | 50,563 | 19883 | 72% |
| LAND004 | Institute of Development and Policy Research, Addis Ababa University (IDPRAU) | 850507858 | The Dynamics of Land Transactions in Selected Agricultural and Agro-Pastoral Communities of Afar, Oromia and SNNP Regional States of Ethiopia | 06 April 2015 - 06 March 2016 (12 Months) | Initial, Month 2, Month 3 & Month 4 advances are released; Retroactive approval of amendment the grant budget by US\$ 7400 to increase the total grant budget (cost extension) from \$89,413 to \$96,813 was approved by USAID/COR on 19 November 2015; Quarter one performance and financial reports are submitted. | 96,813 | 51,500 | 45313 | 53% |

| Grant No. | Grantee | DUNS No. | Title of Activity | Performance Period | Status | Budget (\$US) | Disbursed (\$US) | Balance (\$US) | % Disbur-sed (\$US) |
|---------------|--|-----------|---|---|---|----------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| LAND005 | Faculty of Social Science, Bahir Dar University (FSSBDU) | 850499376 | Impacts of Urbanization on Natural Resources and Livelihoods of Rural-Urban Fringes of 'Mega Cities' of Ethiopia | 06 April 2015 - 06 March 2016 (12 Months) | Initial, Month 2, Month 3, Month 4, Month 5, Month 6 and Month 7 advances have been released; Meeting with research team was conducted and their progress was presented to COP and DCOP; Quarter two performance and financial reports are being under preparation by the grantee and LAND has been providing technical support in the preparation the reports. | 100,953 | 60,864 | 40089 | 60% |
| LAND006 | Forum for Social Studies (FSS) | 559905022 | Land and Sustainable Development: Research and Policy Dialogue on Land governance with particular emphasis on the linkages with broader development goals, especially poverty reduction' and livelihood security, and natural resource management | 06 April 2015 - 06 March 2016 (12 Months) | Initial, Month 2, Month 3, Month 4, Month 5, Month 6 and Month 7 advances are released; Amendment to the grant agreement (Budget Realignment) was requested and approved on September 09, 2015; Quarter one performance and financial reports are submitted. | 115,898 | 55,892 | 60006 | 48% |
| Total: | | | | | | 676,944 | 354,831 | 322113 | 52% |

COMPONENT 4: STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY LAND RIGHTS IN PASTORAL AREAS TO FACILITATE MARKET LINKAGES AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Activity 4.1: Component 4 Governance



Participants of the consultations on the unit of pastoral land registration and certification

At its meeting held on September 3, 2015, the regional Oromia Pastoral Advisory Committee (ROPAC) decided to conduct grassroots consultations with pastoral communities in 3-4 selected locations in Borana zone and 1-2 locations in Guji zone to discuss the appropriate unit of pastoral landholdings for registration and certification. It also recommended that a technical committee be established to facilitate the consultations by selecting the venues for the meeting, inform the pastoral communities of the agendas, organize the logistics and prepare the minutes of the discussions and recommendations made at the consultations. The consultation meetings were organized for the pastoral and agro pastoral *woredas* in Borana and Guji zones from October 16 to November 6, 2015, at which 293 people (of whom 28 were women) participated as shown in Table 3.

Table 3. Consultations with Pastoral Community Representatives and Local Government Officials in the Borana and Guji Zones on the Appropriate Landholding Unit for Registration and Certification

| Date | Participating <i>Woredas</i> | Meeting Venues | No. Attending (females) |
|------------------|------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| October 16, 2015 | Teltelle, Arero, and Yabello | Yabello | 63 (4) |
| October 19, 2015 | Dirre and Dillo | Mega | 38 (6) |
| October 21, 2015 | Moyale, Miyo, and Dhas | Moyale | 57 (8) |
| October 23, 2015 | Dugda Dawa and Malka Sodda | Bule Hora | 66 (4) |
| October 26, 2015 | Liben, Goro Dolla and Wadera | Negelle Borana | 66 (6) |
| Total | | | 293 (28) |

After extensive discussions, most of the leaders and representatives of the pastoral community, except those from Dugda Dawa and Malka Sodda *woredas*, recommended that the customary grazing unit called *dheeda* should use as the unit for certifying pastoral landholdings. On the other hand, local government officials recommended the administrative boundaries of *kebeles* as the units of land for registering and certifying pastoral land use rights. Community and government representatives from Dugda Dawa and Malka Sodda *woredas* recommended the appropriate unit for certification should comprise the area within their respective *woredas* because the communities there do not have *dheedas*.

After conducting consultations with the communities, the LAND project organized a one-day meeting with development experts and researchers who have intimate knowledge of how the Borana pastoralists use rangelands for their livestock production and livelihoods to deliberate on the appropriate pastoral landholding unit for registration and certification. After a half day discussion, they recommended the *dheeda* to be the most appropriate unit of certification.

The LAND team conducted a rapid assessment of the customary land administration and natural resource management arrangements in Chifra *woreda* of the Afar NRS. The purpose of the assessment was to compile information on the customary organizational structure and the rules and regulations employed by the communities in the *woreda* in managing natural resources including rangelands.

The assessment indicates that there are customary systems in place to guide proper use of the rangelands by the pastoral communities and to impose sanctions on those who violate the rules and regulations. The clan system is at the core of the Afar social organization, and it is responsible for monitoring access and use of rangelands. Each sub-clan has its own territory, but with less defined boundaries. Sub-clans' boundaries were apparently well defined during the imperial regime and members were land owners and users of distinct land territories. This was rescinded by the Derg regime allowing free access to rangelands by all sub-clans. While sub-clan ownership of the rangelands is still claimed by the communities, free grazing is being practiced. The existence of such a complex tenure system calls for a careful identification of the appropriate unit for pastoral landholding certification.

One possible unit of certification would be grazing land at a sub-clan level, which is managed and administered by the clan leadership. This unit of land has a well-organized customary governance system in place, with the sub-clan leader, *Khedo Abba*, at the top. The *Khedo Abba* works with elders' councils, customary legal experts, and the *Fihima Abba* who is the law enforcer in coordinating livestock movements, regulating rangeland use, and imposing penalties on violators. The problem with the sub-clan land for certification is that the boundaries are less clearly known and any effort to demarcate may lead to inter-group conflict. As such, this option is recommended by only a few key informants. The *kebele* boundaries in Chifra have been drawn to coincide with the ownership and use of 4-5 sub-clans and offer a larger and more viable grazing territory for pastoral landholding certification. The 4 to 5 sub-clan leaders can form the community land governance entity (CLGE).

Activity 4.2: Surveying and Demarcation of Grazing Units

Based on the rapid assessment of customary rangeland management and governance carried out in Chifra *Woreda* of the Afar NRS by LAND team, the action plan for surveying, demarcation and registration as well as preparation of community land use plan for Afar rangeland management units has been revised. Similar revision will be made for Borana and Guji rangeland management units once a decision on the unit for certification is taken by Oromia officials.

Final Action Plans for demarcating and certifying pastoral land rights in Oromia and Afar NRS will be submitted to USAID in the next reporting period.

Activity 4.3: Participatory Community Land Use Planning

LAND has drafted procedures for preparing participatory land use plans (PLUPs) that take into account a complete grazing unit (dry and wet season grazing used by pastoralists). The PRIME project has already prepared participatory resource maps in Guji and Borana zones in Oromia NRS and Zone 3 of Afar NRS that includes the Amibara *woreda*. LAND and PRIME will use these maps as well as the general river sub-basin land use maps produced for both NRS as a base for preparing PLUPs. LAND will conduct a gap analysis of the data available in these maps compared with what is required for land use planning and collect data in the field to fill the gaps. For the second LAND pilot area in Chifra *woreda*, LAND has requested that the PRIME project prepare participatory rangelands resource maps. LAND and PRIME will proceed with preparing participatory rangeland use planning in the Afar NRS in Quarter 4 of FY 2016. Agreement with the Oromia NRS government on the grazing unit level pastoral land registration and certification will need to be effected and the authority of the customary land governance institutions clarified before such planning can take place in Oromia.

Activity 4.4: Develop an Information Management System for Pastoralist Rangeland Management Systems in Ethiopia

The LAND project will work with PRIME and Haramaya University (HU) to develop the architecture for the Ethiopia Pastoralist Information Management System (EPIMS). HU, together with the LAND and PRIME projects, will work to standardize the collection, management, and dissemination of information about pastoralist groups in Ethiopia. LAND reviewed the initial proposal provided by HU for the information management system and identified potential issues with sustainability. LAND will look to explore possibilities of building the information management system with improved links to International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) and other international institutions providing ready access to existing literature on Ethiopia's pastoral systems.

3.2 MAINSTREAMING GENDER IN FORMULATING AND AMENDING RURAL LAND LAWS

The Women's National Land Rights Taskforce, which aims to ensure the integration of women's land right issues in the design and implementation of land policy and legislation in Ethiopia, held its meeting on November 4, 2015 and discussed the draft amendments to Federal Proclamation No. 456/2005.



Gender taskforce members

The taskforce recommended consultations on the proclamation be extended to all regions of the country to fully address gender issues. It underlined the need to make kebele level land administration committees gender sensitive by ensuring fair representation of women in each committee. The taskforce also agreed to work on raising the awareness of members of the Women and Children's Affairs Standing Committees of the Parliament before the draft legislation is presented to the Council of Ministers.

Members of the taskforce include experts from the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, LAND, and Land Investment for Transformation (LIFT) and Innovative Land Administration in Ethiopia (REILA) projects.

LAND Gender Specialist was also one of the four technical team members that went to Chifra district of the Afar NRS to assess the customary land administration and natural resource management system. The gender specialist assessed the customary organizational structure, the representation of women within the structure, accessibility of the customary system for women and vulnerable groups and the gender-sensitivity of the customary laws. The assessment includes the perception of women, men and the community at large about women's land rights.

The gender specialist gathered information from different community members of Chifra woreda through using two data gathering instruments: in-depth interviews and focus group discussions. Both instruments were carefully used to generate information that is representative of diverse groups in the woreda. In other words, considerations were made to involve diverse people in terms age, status in the community as well as exposure and level of education.

3.3 MONITORING AND EVALUATION (M&E)

Progress has been made particularly in conducting stakeholder consultations with communities in both Afar and Oromia national regional states during the reporting period. The consultations will serve as a basis for effectively carrying out subsequent activities that are critical for the achievement of the project's objectives. Capacity building activities progressed well in the reporting quarter. Federal and regional government LALU staff took part in several trainings supported by LAND. Similarly, research

projects that are being carried out by selected research institutions are progressing well.

The tools for assessing the effectiveness of institutional capacity building have been developed. The actual assessment will start in the next quarter.

| | Performance Indicator list | Unit | 2014/2015 | | | Cumulative 2014/2015 | | |
|----|--|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------|----------------------|--------|----------|
| | | | Target | Actual Oct –Dec 2015 | Variance | Target | Actual | Variance |
| 1 | O.1: Number of pastoral communities with demarcated and certified land rights [1] | Communities | 10 | 0 | 100% | 10 | 0 | 100% |
| 2 | O.2: Number of pre-existing land and natural resource-based conflicts resolved in favor of the protection of the most vulnerable populations and local communities involved in areas receiving USG assistance for land conflict mitigation | Conflicts resolved | 15% above BL | 0 | 100% | 15% above BL | 0 | 100% |
| 3 | O.3: Number of private enterprises, producers organizations, water user associations, women's groups, trade and business associations and community-based organizations (CBOs) that applied new technologies or management practices as a result of USG assistance | New Technologies | 10 | 0 | 100% | 10 | 0 | 100% |
| 4 | O.4: Number of mutually beneficial collaborative contracts concluded between pastoral communities and private sector investors | Contracts | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| 5 | 1.1: Number of policies, regulations, and administrative procedures in each of the following stages of development (analyzed, drafted, & presented, passed, or being implemented) as a result of USG assistance. (CDCS and FTF) | Policies | 8 | 0 | 100% | 8 | 3 | 63% |
| 6 | 1.2: Percent reduction of disputes occurring as a result of changes to the legal and regulatory framework | Disputes | 10% below BL | 0 | 100% | 10% below BL | 0 | 100% |
| 7 | 1.3: Number of consultative and participatory processes conducted | Consultative process | 60 | 4 | 94% | 60 | 20 | 67% |
| 8 | 2.1: Person-hours of training completed by government officials, traditional authorities, or individuals related to land tenure and property rights | Person-hours | 121,400 | 15496 | 88% | 121,400 | 38344 | 69% |
| | | Male-hours | | 14008 | | | 32856 | |
| | | Female-hours | | 1488 | | | 5488 | |
| 9 | 2.2: Number of land administration professionals receiving university certification | Persons (M,F) | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| 10 | 2.3: Number of people attending USG-assisted facilitated events that are geared toward strengthening understanding and awareness of property rights and resource management | Individuals | 300 | 221 | 17% | 300 | 866 | 0% |
| | | Male | | 199 | | | 766 | |
| | | Female | | 22 | | | 100 | |
| 11 | 2.4: Number of judges with reported stronger capacity | Persons | 50 | 0 | 100% | 50 | 0 | 100% |
| 12 | 2.5: Number of training curricula materials successfully developed | Curricula | 6 | 0 | 100% | 6 | 0 | 100% |
| 13 | 2.6: Number of land administration personnel with reported stronger capacity | Persons | 100 | 0 | 100% | 100 | 0 | 100% |
| 14 | 3.1: Number of new, USG-funded awards to institutions in support of development research | Awards | 20 | 0 | 70% | 20 | 6 | 70% |
| 15 | 3.2: Number of institutions/organizations making significant improvements based on recommendations made via USG- | Institutions | | 0 | 100% | 1 | | 100% |

| | Performance Indicator list | Unit | 2014/2015 | | | Cumulative 2014/2015 | | |
|----|---|--------------------|-----------|----------------------|----------|----------------------|--------|----------|
| | | | Target | Actual Oct –Dec 2015 | Variance | Target | Actual | Variance |
| 1 | O.1: Number of pastoral communities with demarcated and certified land rights [1] | Communities | 10 | 0 | 100% | 10 | 0 | 100% |
| | supported assessment | | 1 | | | | 0 | |
| 16 | 4.1: Number of pastoral/agro-pastoral communities with land use plans focused on water resources developed through participatory processes | Communities | 10 | 0 | 100% | 10 | 0 | 100% |
| 17 | 4.2: Number of projects/activities conducted by communities that contribute to their land use plans | Project activities | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| 18 | 4.3: Number of rural hectares mapped and adjudicated (FTF and CDCS) | Hectares | 50000 | 0 | 100% | 50000 | 0 | 100% |
| 19 | 4.4: Number of stakeholders participating in consultations to generate participatory land use plans | Individuals | 1200 | 0 | 100% | 1200 | 0 | 100% |
| 20 | 4.5: Number of public-private dialogue mechanisms utilized as a result of USG assistance | Dialog Mechanisms | 3 | 0 | 100% | 3 | 0 | 100% |
| 21 | 4.6: Number of pastoral communities with stronger capacity to engage with private sector investors | Communities | 5 | 0 | 100% | 5 | 0 | 100% |
| 22 | 4.7: Number of community landholding governance entities (CLGE) that are operational | CLGE | 10 | 0 | 100% | 10 | 0 | 100% |
| 23 | 4.8: Number of site profiles completed | Site profiles | 20 | 0 | 100% | 20 | 6 | 70% |
| 24 | 4.9: Number of studies (e.g., land tenure challenges) and assessments (e.g., customary land and natural resource management law assessments) successfully completed | Studies | 4 | 0 | 100% | 4 | 3 | 25% |
| 25 | 4.10: Number of individuals participating on LAND-sponsored study tours | Individuals | 12 | 0 | 100% | 12 | 0 | 100% |
| 26 | 4.11: Number of food security private enterprises (for-profit), producer organizations, water user associations, women's groups, trade and business associations, and community-based organizations (CBOs) receiving USG assistance | Associations | 30 | 0 | 100% | 30 | 0 | 100% |
| 28 | G.1: Proportion of female participants in USG-assisted programs designed to increase access to productive economic resources (asset, credit, income, or employment) | % of women | 15% | 0 | 100 % | 0 | 0 | 100% |
| 29 | G.2: Number of laws, policies, or procedures drafted, proposed, or adopted to promote gender equality at the regional, national, or local levels | Laws | 2 | 0 | 0% | 2 | 2 | 0% |
| 30 | G.3: Proportion of women attending degree and certification programs in land tenure and property rights | % of women | 10% | 13% | 0% | 10% | 22 % | 0% |

LAND ACTIVITIES IN THE NEXT QUARTER (JANUARY 1, 2015-MARCH 31, 2015): A LOOK AHEAD

COMPONENT 1

The taskforce providing technical assistance to the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources in drafting the national land utilization policy will be constituted. The Terms of Reference for the consultants will be drafted and approved. The consultants will also be engaged.

The drafting of the Oromia Pastoral Lands Administration and Management Regulation will be finalized.

The next quarter will also see the completion of Afar customary land tenure assessment. Following the assessment, a committee that drafts the Afar Community Empowerment Regulation will be organized and trained in techniques of drafting and the drafting will also be launched.

LAND will organize a five-day training on Afar Constitution and public administration and land administration laws. This training aims to enable land administration and administrative officials of *Woredas* in Afar National Regional State particularly those working on land related issues to make informed decisions when working with land.

COMPONENT 2

The consultant working on preparation of the proposal on densification and cooperative arrangement of stakeholders in managing the CORS stations through network will finalize the document. A workshop to review the draft document will be conducted, and the consultant will submit the final document incorporating comments to be raised at the workshop.

The drafted methodologies for surveying and demarcating the communal lands as well as for preparing community land use plans will be validated. *Woreda* and zonal level stakeholder consultations and formation and training of the surveying crew will be conducted in the pilot areas of Afar and Oromia regions.

COMPONENT 3

LAND will closely follow up the progress of the M. Sc. Program particularly with respect to the performance of the graduate students in Land Administration at ILA/BDU, who are hopefully engaged in thesis research activities along with their other official duties.

A LAND team will conduct site visits in at least three locations where grantees are collecting data.

A one-day workshop will be organized for research grantees at LAND to facilitate experience sharing among themselves and LAND review and evaluation committee (REC). The grantees will be invited to present the progress and challenges of their research work. LAND will also take this opportunity to formally announce the planned national research conference that will be hosted by ETHIOLANDNET in Bahir Dar. LAND will initiate and support the ETHIOLANDNET Secretariat to organize the national research conference in conjunction with the 2016 BDU graduation programs.

LAND will receive technical reports; review them; and release funds accordingly. LAND - Grant Program Closeout process will be reviewed by LAND REC. Grant Program Closure Letter will be prepared and sent to the grantees, and LAND will hold a meeting with the grantees in the last week of the quarter to discuss the progress of the research projects grant closure issues.

COMPONENT 4

A rapid assessment of the customary land administration and natural resource management in Amibara Woreda of the Afar NRS will be conducted. A workshop will be conducted to arrive at a consensus on methodology to be used in all activities to be implemented in Amibara and Chifra *Woredas* with LAUD, PRIME, GIZ and Afar Environmental Protection and Land Administration and Use Agency (EPLAUA) experts. Afar regional and woreda Pastoral Advisory Committees (PACs) will also be formed and orientation/training on their roles and functions will be given. Moreover, quarterly meetings with both Afar and Oromia Pastoral Advisory Committees will be conducted. Final Action Plans for the certification of pastoral land rights in Oromia and Afar NRS will be submitted to USAID.

ANNEX I: SUCCESS STORY



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SNAPSHOT

LAND and Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources organize a national land utilization policy workshop

The Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources (MoANR), with the support of LAND, organized a national workshop that aimed to discuss the state of land utilization policy in Ethiopia and the way forward. Some 50 experts invited from 33 organizations participated in the workshop conducted on October 20-21, 2015 at Adama town.

Five peer-reviewed papers were presented at the workshop. The papers provided analysis on topics including landscape transformation in selected fast developing corridors in Ethiopia and consequent changes observed on natural resources; review of current Ethiopian policies and laws on land use; international experience on preparing and implementing national and regional land utilization policies and their impacts on socioeconomic development; the importance of a sound and robust land utilization policy; and past performance of land use planning in Ethiopia.

In his introductory remarks, Ato Tigistu Gebremeskel, Director of Rural Land Administration and Use Directorate at MoANR said, “It is high time for the country, which is rapidly growing, to revisit its utilization of land. Effective and efficient use of land is at the heart of sustainable development and failure



Ato Tigistu Gebremeskel, Director of Rural Land Administration and Use Directorate, MoANR

to look at its dynamics and act accordingly can engender a significant environmental crisis.”

“In the absence of a holistic framework that governs land use by all sectors, the success attained in land use planning at the community level cannot be sustained. It is not only about using available land to meet our immediate needs, but it is also about making the right decision on the best use of the limited resource which has far-reaching effects for future generations.”

Dr. Zemen Haddis, Senior Agricultural Policy Advisor, USAID/Ethiopia Mission, said that since the start of the first USAID-supported project on land in 2005, USAID has made sure that all the components including those related to policies or laws are participatory and supported by research. “We want every stakeholder to get involved in land projects’ activities, share their views and own them,” said Dr. Zemen.

Highlighting key activities and achievements of the LAND project and its two predecessor projects, Dr. Solomon Bekure, LAND Chief of Party, called upon participants to contribute actively to the development of a land utilization policy framework that would address multifaceted socio-economic challenges.

At the conclusion of the workshop, representatives of different sectors of both regional and federal governments agreed on the need to formulate an overarching national land utilization policy. The workshop also discussed the modality in drafting the policy document and recommended that a government-led taskforce in charge of drafting the policy document be set up. The key stakeholders to be involved in the policy development process were also identified. LAND continues to closely work with the MoANR that would lead and coordinate the national land utilization policy development process.



Dr. Zemen Haddis, Senior Agricultural Policy Advisor, USAID/Ethiopia Mission



Dr. Solomon Bekure, LAND Chief of Party

ANNEX II: PROJECT BRIEF UPDATE

The United States Agency for International Development's (USAID's) Land Administration to Nurture Development (LAND) project in Ethiopia is a five-year intervention designed to build upon the success of its two previous land tenure and property rights (LTPR) interventions. Project activities are implemented with and through the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources Land Administration and Use Department (MoANR/LAUD) at the national level and the regional land administration bureaus of Amhara, Oromia, SNNP and Tigray in the country's highlands and the predominantly pastoral regions of Afar and Somali.

Component 1: LAND has successfully conducted the national workshop on the importance of an overarching and comprehensive national land utilization policy to guide orderly development of land. The workshop was conducted from 20-21 October, 2015 at Adama town. Five thematic papers substantiating the importance of national land utilization policy based on country and international experiences were presented and discussed by the participants. A total of 50 federal and regional government officials, experts, university staffs and development partners participated in the workshop.

Component 2: LAND has been building the capacity of federal and regional land administration and land use (LALU) professionals in land use planning, GIS and remote sensing to support the preparations of national and regional master land use plans and local level land use plans as envisioned in the Growth and Transformation Plan of the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources. LAND follows train-the-trainers model and encourages the ToTs to be cascaded down to grassroots level with regional land administration and use agencies' own budget and resources obtained from development partners working in land sector. As per the FY2015 plan, LAND has supported the ToT trainings to Land Administration and Use Directorate at the MoANR, Somali national regional state, Harari national regional state and Dire Dawa city administration staffs on master land use plan preparations, participatory land use planning, GIS and remote sensing. A total of 82 federal and regional staffs have so far been trained.

Component 3: In June 2014, LAND issued an Annual Program Statement (APS) under its' Competitive Grant Scheme (CGS) inviting submission of concept papers on different themes that LAND developed in consultation with ETHIOLANDNET. Five research grants were awarded in 2015 in the areas of:

- Linkages of rural land tenure with sustainable development and livelihood security, poverty reduction, and natural resources management;
- Dynamics of land transaction in agricultural and agro-pastoral communities;
- Rural land scarcity, fragmentation, and landlessness;
- Sustainability of watershed development through community mobilization in the highlands and the role land tenure plays; and
- Impacts of urbanization on natural resources and livelihoods of Rural-Urban fringes of cities in Ethiopia

The grantees are the Water and Land Resources Institute; College of Development Studies, Addis Ababa University; Institute of Development and Policy Research Addis Ababa University; Faculty of Social Science, Bahir Dar University; and Forum for Social Studies.

The progress of the research being conducted is regularly monitored using quarterly financial and technical reports as well as on-site visits.

It is expected the grantees will submit the first draft of their research papers to LAND in Quarter 3 for review and comment. The reports will then be finalized, presented, and disseminated through the ETHIOLANDNET research forum.

Component 4: The LAND team conducted a rapid Assessment of the Customary Land Administration and Natural Resource Management in Chifra woreda of the Afar National Regional State. The purpose of the assessment was to compile information on the customary organizational structure and the rules and regulations employed by the communities in the woreda in managing natural resources including rangelands.

The assessment indicates that there are customary systems in place to guide proper use of the rangelands by the pastoral communities and sanctions on those who violates the system. The clan system is at the core of the Afar social organization and it is responsible for monitoring access and use of the rangelands.

One possible unit of certification would also be grazing land at sub-clan level, which is managed and administered by the clan leadership. This unit of land has a well-organized customary governance system in place, with the sub-clan leader, *Khedo Abba*, at the top. The other option is using the *kebele* boundary as a basis for communal grazing land certification after bringing together 4-5 sub-clans in each *kebele*. If the latter is to be chosen the 4-5 clan leaders will form the community land governance entity (CLGE).

ANNEX III: MEDIA

ANNEX IV: TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

| Time frame | Type/purpose of Workshop | Participants | Region | Venue | NO. Participants | | |
|---------------------|---|---|----------|--------------------------|------------------|------|-------|
| | | | | | Female | Male | Total |
| Oct 14-26, 2015 | Consultation meetings with members of the pastoral community & government officials | Community leaders and members of technical committees in Oromia | Oromia | Yabello, Mega and Moyale | 28 | 265 | 293 |
| October 20-21, 2015 | Workshop on land utilization policy | Federal ministries, regional bureaus of various sectors and academicians | National | Adama, Executive Hotel | 6 | 44 | 50 |
| Nov 6, 2015 | Consultation meeting organized by the technical committee | Oromia community leaders and members of technical committees | Oromia | Adola | 9 | 62 | 71 |
| Nov 19, 2015 | Workshop on the draft land administration proclamation | SNNPR legal experts, MONAR, SNNP supreme courts, Investment Bureau, NREPA, ILA-BDU. | SNNP | Hawassa, Lewi Resort | 9 | 56 | 65 |
| Nov 6-7, 2015 | Discussion on draft Oromia land administration proclamation | MOANR, OPAD, OISPTRI, OBRLEP, OBOA, OIC, OJSLP, OULDMA, MOA | Oromia | Bishoftu, Pyramid Resort | 1 | 18 | 19 |

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ANNEX VI: FIELD TRIPS

From October 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015

| No. | Date | Place | Name | Purpose |
|-----|----------------------------|---|---------------------|---|
| 1. | October 8 - 9, 2015 | Afar , Chifra Woreda | Dr. Solomon Bekure | To discuss the project's objective with Afar Regional State Elders and Woreda Officials |
| 2. | | | Dr. Dejene Negassa | |
| 3. | October 14 - 26, 2015 | Yabello, Mega and Moyale | Dr. Dejene Negassa | To attend and facilitate consultation meetings organized by the technical committees in pastoral areas of Oromia Region |
| 4. | | | Ato Abebe Multau | |
| 5. | October 20 - 21, 2015 | Executive Hotel, Adama | Dr. Solomon Bekure | To organize the national workshop on the importance of land utilization policy in Ethiopia |
| 6. | | | Dr. Aregay Waktola | |
| 7. | | | Ato Abebe Mulatu | |
| 8. | | | Ato Alehegne Dagneu | |
| 9. | | | Ato Getachew Dibaba | |
| 10. | October 25 - 27, 2015 | Bete Daniel Hotel, Bahir Dar | Ato Abebe Mulatu | To participate in the Federal Land Administration & Use Proclamation discussion |
| 11. | October 28 - 31, 2015 | Mota, East Gojam Zone | Ato Alehegne Dagneu | To monitor research activities |
| 12. | | | Ato Tegegn Argaw | |
| 13. | October 29 - Nov., 2, 2015 | Dire Dawa | Ato Abebe Tumaye | To facilitate payment for GIS training |
| 14. | November 6 - 7, 2015 | Bishoftu, Pyramid Resort & Spa | Ato Abebe Mulatu | To work on the draft Oromia Land Administration Proclamation with officials and experts |
| 15. | November 15 - 16, 2015 | Tigray National Regional State EPLAUA Bureau | Dr. Solomon Bekure | To participate in land certification ceremony |
| 16. | November 12 - 19, 2015 | Afar Regional State (Semera, Chifa & Woldyia) | W/ro Selam G/tSION | To conduct an assessment on pastoral land certification in Afar |
| 17. | Nov., 12 - Dec., 13, 2015 | Afar Regional State (Semera, Chifa) | Ato Abebe Mulatu | To conduct an assessment on pastoral land certification in Afar |
| 18. | | | Dr. Dejene Negassa | |
| 19. | | | Ato Alehegne Dagneu | |
| 20. | November 13 - 17, 2015 | Dire Dawa Agricultural Bureau | Ato Abebe Tumaye | To facilitate payment for land use planning training |
| 21. | December 13 - 15, 2015 | Amhara Regional State, Bahir Dar | Ato Abebe Tumaye | To settle of land law training advance |

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| 22. | December 16 - 19, 2015 | Tigray Regional State , Mekelle | Ato Abebe Mulatu W/ro Selam G/tsion Ato Abebe Tumaye | To participate in the Federal Land Administration & Use Proclamation discussion |
| 23. | December 21 - 24, 2015 | Adama, Rift Valley Hotel | Dr. Solomon Bekure | To take part in land administration workshop |
| 24. | December 22 -24, 2015 | Adama, Rift Valley Hotel | Ato Alehegne Dagnew | To take part in land administration workshop |
| | | | W/ro Hiwot Melesse | |
| | | | Ato Abebe Tumaye | |
| 25. | Dec. 29, 2015 to Jan. 1,2016 | Benigshagul Gumz Regional State | Dr. Aregay Waktola | To assess college courses in land administration and land use |
| | | | Ato Alehegne Dagnew | |

ANNEX VII: VISITORS

| No. | Date | Name & Designation | Contact Address (Phone, Fax, e-mail, P.O. Box) | Purpose |
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| 1 | 10-Oct-15 | Ato Sisay Awgchew, NRM/Climate Change Adaptation Coordinator, Pastoralist Resilience Improvement through Marker Expansion (PRIME), CARE | Tel: 011-618-3294 Mobile: 0920-883015 e-mail: sisayaz@gmail.com sisayawgichew@care.org | To take part in a USAID and other partners meeting |
| 2 | | Ms. Fiana Flintoan, Consultant | Mobile: 0921-777402 e-mail: fionafintan@yahoo.co.uk skype: leutzebuerger24 www.landcoalition | To take part in a USAID and other partners meeting |
| 3 | | Ms. Mercedes Stickler, Senior Land Governance and Evaluation Advisor, USAID | Tel: +1-202-712-5811 e-mail: mstickler@usaid.gov USAID, Washington DC | |
| 4 | | Dr. Zemen Haddis, Senior Agricultural Policy Advisor Land, Climate & Water Team Leader Economic Growth and Transformation Office (EG&T), USAID/Ethiopia | Direct 011-1-30-6403 Off. 011-1-30-6002 Ex. 6403 Mobile: 091-125-3783 Fax: 011-124-2438 e-mail: zhaddis@usaid.gov | |
| 5 | | Mr. Anthony Piaskowy, Communication and Learning Specialist, Land Tenure and Resource Management Office, USAID | Tel: 202-712-5113 e-mail: apiaskowy@usaid.gov USAID, Washington DC | |
| 6 | | Mr. Ulrich Bormann, Advisor to Quality Management and Multi-Level Approach, Sustainable Land management Programme | Tel: 011-662-9982 Fax: 011-662-9975 Mobile: 0923-212908 e-mail: ulrich-bormann@giz.de | |
| 7 | | Ms. Heather Huntington, CBIE Specialist, Cloudburst | heather.huntington@cloudburstgroup.com | |
| 8 | 12-Oct-15 | Mr. Ulrich Bormann, Advisor to Quality Management and Multi-Level Approach, Sustainable Land management Programme. | Tel: 011-662-9982 Fax: 011-662-9975 Mobile: 0923-212908 e-mail: ulrich-bormann@giz.de | To discuss coordination of activities among LAND, GIZ & International Land coalition activities in Afar National Regional State |
| 9 | | Ms. Fiana Flintoan, Consultant | Mobile: 0921-777402 e-mail: fionafintan@yahoo.co.uk skype: leutzebuerger24 | |
| 10 | 15-Oct-15 | Ms. Lisaku, Chemonics | Mobile: 0924-540638 | To get information about the LAND Project and land administration issues in Ethiopia |
| 11 | | Ms. Renee Lord, Manager , Business Development East Africa | Tel: 202-955-7477 Skype: renee.m.lord e-mail: relord@chemonics.com | |

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| 12 | | Mr. Joanne Moore, Consultant Chemonics | Tel: +1-202-368-8213 | |
| 13 | 15-Oct-15 | Ms. Heather Huntington, CBIE Specialist, Cloudburst | heather.huntington@cloudburstgroup.com | To discuss the Afar LAND Baseline Survey |
| 14 | 22-Oct-15 | Ms. Kelem Solomon, Consultant | Mobile: 0911-241192 | To get information on LAND and AGP |
| 15 | | Mr. Jen Peterson, Associate Director, Agriculture & Economic Growth | Tel: 802-495-0596 Cell: 970-531-9201 Skype: jenpeterson e-mail: jen.peterson@tetrtech.com tetrtech.com/intdev | |
| 15 | 22-Oct-15 | Ms. Patrick Norrell, Sector Director, Agriculture & Economic Growth | Direct 802-495-0614 Cell: 202-355-5574 Skype: patricknorrell e-mail: patrick.norrel@tetrtech.com www. Tetrtech.com/intdev | To get information on LAND and AGP |
| 16 | 26-Oct-15 | Dr. Zemen Haddis, Senior Agricultural Policy Advisor, Land, Climate & Water Team Leader Economic Growth and Transformation Office (EG&T), USAID/Ethiopia | Direct 011-1-30-6403 Off. 011-1-30-6002 Ex. 6403 Mobile: 091-125-3783 Fax: 011-124-2438 e-mail: zhaddis@usaid.gov | To discuss with LAND Team about project implementation |
| 17 | 3-Nov-15 | Ms. Kelem Solomon, Consultant | Mobile: 0911-241192 | To get information on LAND and AGP |
| 18 | | Mr. Jen Peterson, Associate Director, Agriculture & Economic Growth | Tel: 802-495-0596 Cell: 970-531-9201 Skype: jenpeterson e-mail: jen.peterson@tetrtech.com tetrtech.com/intdev | |
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| 20 | 3-Nov-15 | Dr. Daniel Ayalew, FSS Bahir Dar University | Mobile: 0912-007330 e-mail: dan952003@yahoo.com | To provide progress report on the grant research work |
| 21 | | Dr. Kerebih Asrese, FSS Bahir Dar University | Mobile: 0918-782010 e-mail: kerebih2000@yahoo.com | |
| 22 | 11-Nov-15 | Dr. Boku Tache, Researcher | Mobile: 0921-319460 bokutachedida@yahoo.com | To discuss the customary social organizations in Borana |
| 23 | 13-Nov-15 | Ato Mengistu Fessema, Expert, Land Administration and Use Directorate, MoNAR | 0911-126990 e-mail: mengistu19@yahoo.com | To discuss about the proceedings on land valuation, expropriation and |

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| | | | | compensation workshop |
| 24 | 16-Nov-15 | Ato Tigistu Gebremeskel, Director, Land Administration and Use Directorate, MoNAR | Mobile: 0911-121718 e-mail: tigistug@yahoo.com | To discuss about LAND Project |
| 25 | 1-Dec-15 | Ato Yadessa Dinssa, Senior Expert, Land Administration & Environmental Protection Oromia Regional State | Mobile: 0911-422545 e-mail: yadessa2012@gmail | To discuss about public consultations held in Borana & Gujji Zones of Oromia National Regional State |
| 26 | 2-Dec-15 | Ato Honelighn Endalew, MoA, | Mobile: 0912-133521 | To discuss PIA Strategy Development with Communication Specialist Ato Getachew Dibaba |
| 27 | 8-Dec-15 | Dr. Amdissa Teshome, Independent Consultant | Mobile: 0911-177069 e-mail: ateshome2015@gmail.com | To discuss about Land Project |
| 28 | 8-Dec-15 | Dr. Zemen Haddis, Senior Agricultural Policy Advisor Land, Climate & Water Team Leader Economic Growth and Transformation Office (EG&T), USAID/Ethiopia | Direct 011-1-30-6403 Off. 011-1-30-6002 Ex. 6403 Mobile: 091-125-3783 Fax: 011-124-2438 e-mail: zhaddis@usaid.gov | To participate in a monthly meeting |

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