### Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

**Community-based Integrated Natural Resources Management Project** 



## Country Context



Area 1.13 million km<sup>2</sup>

Population Agriculture sector

67 42%

Annual per capita income

## Programme Financing

Total project cost \$27.31 million

**IFAD** contribution \$13.12 million **Government financing** \$ 2.7 million

**Beneficiary contribution:** \$5.2 million

### Coverage

#### Targeted all rural households in the Lake Tana watershed engaged in agriculture (450,000 rural households)

**Farmers with** landholdings averaging 1 hectare or less

The near landless

The landless

Women and youth (particularly, unemployed)



Provide evidence for the thematic evaluation of IFAD's support to smallholder farmers' adaptation to climate change

Objectives



Identify factors responsible for the performance - both successful and unsuccessful – of the project



Gather evidence on the extent to which NRM projects with a strong focus on community participation influence beneficiaries' socioeconomic situation

#### **Programme Components**

**CBINReMp** was implemented through 4 components:

Community-based integrated watershed management

Institutional, legal and policy analysis and reform

Efficient and effective project coordination and management

Climate change initiatives

#### **CBINReMP** Impact Evaluation

Quasi-experimental approach and +combined econometric and qualitative techniques

Standardized survey covering 1,665 households

768 in control

treatment

Qualitative survey covering 416 respondents in 24 micro-watersheds in the Amhara region (360 men, 56 women)



Geo-spatial analysis to assess changes related to selected biophysical indicators

# Key Findings



#### Areas of Strength



Areas for Improvement



Statistically significant increase in incomes and dietary diversity of households that participated in higher number of project activities. However, for the rest of the beneficiaries, the results were similar to those of non-beneficiaries

The limited impact on incomes is also related to the nature of NRM projects, which have longer gestation periods, and the project's low investment per beneficiary household

Climate change adaptation practices and technologies for on-farm production improvement were successful, but should have been implemented in all 650 sub-watersheds



### Recommendations



Adopt a master plan for integrated participatory watershed management to enable involvement of all stakeholder groups in management planning and implementation.



Watershed management projects should prioritize the inclusion of women, youth and vulnerable groups in NRM interventions, where benefits can disproportionately accrue to those who own land or have more access to natural resources.

For projects focusing principally on NRM, align the length of the project's duration with the time frame of the watershed management plan in order to fully see the effects on beneficiaries' incomes.



For components and activities added to a project under implementation in order to address a cross-cutting theme, ensure they are fully integrated into all relevant project components to avoid fragmentation.