



STRENGTHENING AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICES

People in Need (PIN) believes that effective agricultural extension services, benefiting both poorer and better-off farmers, are crucial for improving food and nutrition security in rural Ethiopia. Since 2011, PIN has supported Woreda Agricultural Offices (WAO) in SNNP Region in **strengthening the quality of services provided by Agricultural Extension Workers and community-level Farmer Training Centres (FTCs)**. PIN's material, technical and management support has enabled extension workers to offer a wider range of services, train more farmers, double the type of demonstrated crops and increase FTCs' financial sustainability.

Through intensive cooperation with existing actors and structures, PIN has demonstrably improved the food security of local farmers, focusing on the most vulnerable. Solid **evidence of the main benefits** is available: according to commissioned evaluation, farmers have started applying better agricultural practices and 94% of them grow a greater variety of crops.

As of March 2015, 167,241 people have benefited from PIN support financed by the Czech Development Agency and Czech citizens. Since PIN's main emphasis is on **supporting the implementation of promising Government strategies**, all its work is done with the agreement of, and in close cooperation with, the relevant authorities.

PIN Ethiopia's Program Strategy for 2015-2020 is designed to take full advantage of the expertise generated so far and further scale up those types of assistance which have achieved the best results to date. In doing so, **PIN welcomes cooperation** with like-minded agencies, institutions and donors.



STRENGTHENING THE EXISTING SYSTEM



PIN works closely with the Government authorities and experts to address the main gaps in the existing agricultural extension system and to maximize the benefits it offers local farmers.

PRO-POOR SERVICE DELIVERY



PIN ensures agricultural extension services are suitable for and can be accessed by vulnerable households of target communities, through participatory program design and monitoring techniques.

PIN's FOCUS

ENHANCING KNOW-HOW TRANSFER



In order to ensure that the increased know-how of extension workers translates into better agricultural practices of farmers, PIN improves the methodologies of their trainings and outreach advisory support.

LINKING NUTRITION AND AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION



PIN works on increasing the dietary diversity and reducing the lean season duration while integrating key WASH and health activities to address the underlying causes of undernutrition.

The Czech NGO **People in Need (PIN)** provides humanitarian and development assistance in over 20 countries. With a global annual turnover of 40 million USD and over 1,000 employees, its livelihoods, nutrition, WASH, education and other programs have assisted millions of vulnerable people worldwide. PIN's work is funded by the private donors, European Commission, the Czech Development Agency and UN. PIN is a member of Alliance2015, a European NGO network.

Since 2004, **PIN Ethiopia** has worked in cooperation with relevant stakeholders on improving food security and natural resources management; enhancing the quality and access to education; enabling rural families to access safe water and sanitation; and strengthening social protection. The total financial value of its assistance has been over 20 million USD so far, funded primarily by the Czech Development Agency, the European Commission and private donors.

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