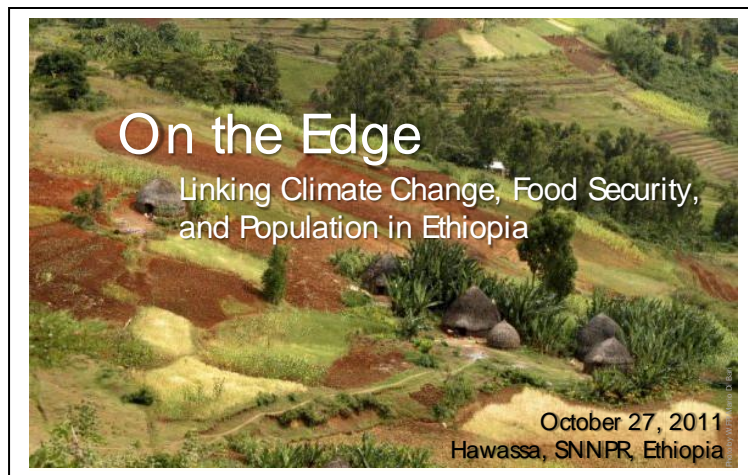


Validation Workshop on the Linkages of Population Food, Security and Climate Change Conducted

On the Edge, advocacy presentation on the relationship between climate change, food security and population to be launched soon as it was disclosed by Ato Negash Teklu, Executive Director of PHE Ethiopia Consortium. According to the Executive Director, PHE Ethiopia consortium and Future Group International (funded by Measure Evaluation PRH Project & Packard Foundation) has jointly developed advocacy tool that helps to show the relationship between climate change, food security and population. The model was developed through several round consultation, advisory and validation meetings with stakeholders at different level that ranges from field visit that was made to Lem Ethiopia



model farmers' site in Wonago Woreda, Gedio Zone and Wonago Woreda sector officials, in addition, the sector bureaus in SNNPR, universities, Federal Ministry, local and international NGOs. The tool will be used to inform policy and decision makers at different levels of government and the public at large about the need to consider the

influence of population, food security and climate change on the lives of Ethiopians and develop integrated approaches to address these challenges. The model is currently being revised based on feedback from the validation workshops and will be launched in early 2012 through dissemination workshops.

Major Events Staged in Developing the Model.

The data collection and field visit was made at Mekonisa and Deko kebeles at Wonago Woreda in August 9, 2011. During the same time consultation with 18 participants from Gedee zone and Wonago Woreda higher Officials was conducted. The regional advisory meeting was held in Hawassa, SNNPR on August 10, 2011. The advisory meeting participants were drawn from the regional sector bureaus comprised of senior experts and department heads, and leaders from university from Wondogenet Forestry College and Hawassa University. Totally about 20 officials and Academicians took part. The objective of the meeting was to collect the necessary

information and discuss with major problems related to population, food security and climatic change in the region. South region was selected as proper region to develop the model, since the region is one of the regions highly impacted by climate change and has the highest population density and the food security is serious issue in this region.

The technical group led by Ato Negash Teklu Executive Director of PHE Consortium Ethiopia has



also pay visit to federal institutions and NGOs from August 16-19, 2011. The objective of the meeting was to discuss on importance and use of developing the model. In addition, request was made to those institutions to provide with the necessary data and information for the realization of model.

After the model draft was ready by Future Group International, the first zonal validation workshop was conducted in October 25, 2011 at Dilla University. Totally about 25 participants have attended the validation meeting and important feedbacks were documented.

After the model draft was ready by Future



The Regional validation workshop was conducted in October 27, 2011 at Hawassa. 27 invited guests from Regional sector bureaus, Civil Society Organizations and from Hawassa University and Wondogenet Forestry College attended the meeting. Several important points were raised that could helped to improve the model.

The National validation workshop was conducted at Hilton Hotel in November 3, 2011. The participants of the meeting were representative of Federal Ministries, local and international NGOs, From Addis Ababa University and research institutes. Important discussion was made on the presentation and points raised were important and strongly improved the model.



3/11/2011 National Validation Workshop on session

Reflection of the validation workshops:

Each of the three validation workshops provided useful feedback to PHE Ethiopia Consortium and the Futures Group which is being used to refine the model. Some of the key points raised by the participants in the workshops are:

- The messages included in the presentation are timely given the impacts that are already being seen in Ethiopia due to climate change
- Integrating population, food security and climate change into projects and climate adaptation strategies can help Ethiopia to achieve the GTP and MDG targets.
- Efforts for integration of population, climate change and food security should start at the project level.
- The model focuses on the relationship between population, food security and climate change. However, there are also other factors that impact population growth such as economic growth and urbanization.
- Additional work is needed to refine the conclusion part of model to make it more specific. Additional consultations will be held to develop strategic recommendations.
- Participants wanted more information about the data sources and assumptions included in the model. The Futures Group is now developing a technical document that will provide this information.