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Partnership between the Government of Ethiopia and the Development Assistance Group

The adoption of the Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRS) as the common framework for development and achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in Ethiopia has created a conducive environment for Government leadership of harmonization and development processes in the country.

The second Ethiopian PRSP, called "A Plan for Accelerated and Sustained Development to End Poverty" (PASDEP), was released in 2005. Throughout the formulation process sectoral consultations took place between the Government and key national and international stakeholders, including development partners to ensure ownership of the plan by the Government and people of Ethiopia. The formulation process further benefited from high-level policy dialogue on the Policy Matrix on Governance within the so called Newai Group, which also was in response to the 2005 elections, which gave rise to the increased focus on linkages between governance and development assistance. More generally high-level policy dialogue on the PASDEP resumed in late 2005 with one High Level Forum that focussed on macro-economic issues and harmonization and aid effectiveness.

Throughout 2006 the Government and the Development Assistance Group (DAG) continued to work on strengthening the monitoring and evaluation system of the Ethiopian PRS. This involved, long and short-term capacity building of Government staff as well as procurement of equipment and consultancy services that were funded through the DAG Pooled Fund. Support was also channelled to CSO's initiatives that informed the PASDEP process and increased the awareness on the PASDEP and MDGs in Ethiopia.

Other initiatives supported by the DAG Pooled Fund included promotion of harmonization as part of the Government and DAG commitment to the follow up to the 2005 Paris High Level Forum on Harmonization. The Joint Government/DAG Harmonization Taskforce, chaired by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MoFED), reconvened and held several consultations on the formulation of a draft Joint Declaration on Harmonization, Alignment and Aid Effectiveness between the Government of Ethiopia and its development partners. Moreover, support to the development of an Aid Management Platform (AMP) continued to assist the Government of Ethiopia (and its development partners) in the management of resources allocated to development activities.

The resumed policy dialogue on PASDEP as well as the introduction of a new aid instrument-the Protection of Basic Services-are encouraging developments. Thus, Government and DAG are seeking to engage in a constructive partnership and open and transparent dialogue throughout implementation of the PASDEP and in order to ensure the attainment of the MDGs.

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Executive Summary

This report summarizes the work of the DAG and the activities supported under its Pooled Funds during the period from January to December 2006. In the year 2006, DAG was engaged in several activities aimed at supporting the preparation and implementation of PASDEP. Sectoral discussions were conducted between DAG Thematic Working Groups (TWGs) and sectoral ministries as part of the preparation for PASDEP. Moreover, DAG reviewed and provided detailed comments on the final PASDEP document including the policy matrix.

The DAG pooled funds, which are administered by UNDP on behalf of development partners, have funded several activities carried out by Governmental and Non-Governmental partners within the framework of support to the preparation and implementation of PASDEP. The Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Pooled Fund supported activities in the area of statistical work, including the Household Income, Consumption and Expenditure Survey (HICES) and the Welfare Monitoring Survey (WMS); research, data storage and dissemination and capacity building. It also included support to the involvement of CSOs in monitoring and evaluation of the Sustainable Development and Poverty Reduction Programme (SDPRP), Ethiopia's first PRSP as well as for Ethiopia's second PRSP-PASDEP. The major partners implementing the M&E projects included the Central Statistics Agency (CSA), MoFED, Poverty Action Network of Civil Society Organizations in Ethiopia (PANE) and HelpAge International-Ethiopia.

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The Education Pooled Fund (EPF) has been providing support to strengthen the efficiency and effectiveness of education initiatives as well as policy formulation within the second and third Education Sector Development Programme (ESDP II&III). The activities funded by the EPF included support to Mid Term Review of the Teacher Development Programme, the ESDP II Annual Review Meeting, Human Capacity Development of Regions to Start Implementing and Scaling Multi-grade Approach, Joint Review Mission, Strategic Planning for Higher Education Strategic Center and Textbook and Learning Materials Policy and Strategy. Moreover, the Fund provided financial and technical support to the conduct of different studies including the Baseline Survey of National School Health and Nutrition Status, a Study on Medium of Instruction in Ethiopian Primary Schools and a Study on Violence Against Girls.

In the area of harmonization, both the Government and development partners have committed themselves to the deepening of the harmonization process in the spirit of the Paris and Rome Declarations. As part of the partnership structure supporting the harmonization agenda, a High Level Forum (HLF) that brought together DAG members and senior officials of MoFED was held in November 2006. Although dialogue was not as frequent as envisaged throughout 2006, Government and donors agreed at the November HLF to revitalize dialogue on development cooperation and move forward on the harmonization agenda. A draft Joint Declaration on Harmonization, Alignment and Aid Effectiveness was prepared to monitor progress towards achieving the Paris Declaration, and it is hoped that the Declaration will be signed in 2007.

The DAG Secretariat, housed in UNDP, provided coordination and facilitation support to the work of DAG. It liaised regularly with the TWGs to ensure smooth communication and flow of information. Under the overall supervision of UNDP and in close collaboration with DAG members and the Government counterpart, the DAG Secretariat continued to manage the DAG Pooled Funds throughout the year.



1. Overview of the DAG Development Assistance

1.1. DAG Structure and Purpose

DAG in Ethiopia is currently made up of 25 bilateral and multilateral agencies represented in Addis Ababa and providing development assistance to Ethiopia. It is Co-chaired by UNDP and the World Bank and has an Executive Committee (ExCom), which includes the Co-chairs and three other members on a rotating basis. The ExCom represents the DAG at the meetings of the Ethiopian Partnership Group (EPG), which is a group of resident Ambassadors of donor nations.

DAG was established with the purpose of ensuring more effective delivery and utilization of development cooperation in Ethiopia. It discusses and agrees policy on key development issues and supporting actions primarily with the Government; coordinates support for Poverty Reduction Strategies (PRS); interacts with other stakeholders such as, civil society, the private sector, regional authorities and parliamentarians; feeds into discussions in the EPG as appropriate; and coordinates with and takes forward the work of the DAG Thematic Working Groups in relevant forums with the Government.

The development partners have accepted the national PRS and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) as the overarching frameworks for their development cooperation with Ethiopia and have taken steps to align their country strategies around these and the broader harmonization agenda. DAG's commitment to provide support to Ethiopia remains strong and has been reconfirmed with the finalization of Ethiopia's second generation PRS, the Plan for Accelerated and Sustainable Development to End Poverty (PASDEP), which is consistent with the MDGs.

As part of the preparations for the PASDEP, the Government undertook a review of its first PRS, the Sustainable Development and Poverty Reduction Programme (SDPRP) and organized stakeholder consultations in the regions, with the civil society and with representatives of the private sector. A final draft was discussed in the House of Representatives. Sectoral discussions were also held between the DAG TWGs and sectoral ministries as part of the preparations. Moreover, detailed comments were provided by DAG both on the draft and final PASDEP document and on the PASDEP policy matrix.

The preparations for the PASDEP were influenced by an increased focus on governance following the 2005 elections and several consultations were held on the governance policy matrix within the Newal Group⁷.

1.2. Sectoral and Thematic Programmes

The Government and development partners have agreed on several sectoral and thematic programmes that support the implementation of PASDEP. These programmes are the Education Sector Development Programme (ESDP), Health Sector Development Programme (HSDP) and Roads Sector Development Programme (RSDP). Thematic programmes include Public Sector Capacity Building Programme (PSCAP), Productive Safety Net Programme (PSNP) and the Protection of Basic Service (PBS). The latter was designed in place of Direct Budget Support (DBS) following the 2005 elections with increased emphasis on sub-national level interventions and with special transparency and accountability features.

The above-mentioned programmes are important mechanisms for a coordinated sectoral support and for the harmonization agenda in Ethiopia. Discussions are ongoing on how to further strengthen the linkages

⁷ There were 11 such Groups in 2006 covering Education, Gender Equality, Governance, Health, Population and Nutrition, HIV/AIDS, Private Sector Development, Trade and Financial Sectors, Public Financial Management Committee, Rural Economic Development and Food Security, Water, and Monitoring and Evaluation.

⁸ The Newal Group is composed of senior government officials, EPG and DAG members and has served as the main forum for dialogue on governance matters.

between monitoring and evaluation systems of the different sectoral and thematic programmes with PASDEP to ensure timely reporting and accountability of development assistance to Ethiopia.

As part of the support to the implementation of PASDEP, Government and development partners have launched discussions on financing of PASDEP and required support and structures to achieve the MDGs. The discussions on the implementation of PASDEP are conducted within the framework of the partnership structure, and the outcome of these discussions will guide the work of the DAG in 2007 and beyond.

1.3. Harmonization and the Partnership Structure

Ethiopia is a pilot country for the OECD DAC harmonization agenda. Both Government and a majority of international partners are keen to proceed with the deepening of the harmonization process in the spirit of the Rome Declaration (2003) and the Paris Declaration (2005). A draft Ethiopian Joint Declaration on Harmonization, Alignment and Aid Effectiveness was prepared to monitor progress towards achieving the targets of the Paris Declaration, and it is hoped that the Declaration will be signed in 2007.

The Government and the development partners' commitment to broaden collaboration and harmonization is supported by a partnership structure, which remains the principal forum for dialogue between the Government and the development partners. As part of the partnership structure, High Level Forums (HLFs), co-chaired by the State Minister of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MoFED) and DAG, are to be held on a quarterly basis to discuss policy issues and progress on harmonization as part of the consultations on the implementation of PASDEP. A Harmonization Secretariat was established within the Multilateral Cooperation Department of MoFED with technical assistance from DAG. The Secretariat supports the harmonization efforts and the partnership structure. Support has also been provided to the development of the Aid Management Platform (AMP) to assist the Government of Ethiopia (and its development partners) in the management of resources allocated to development activities. Throughout 2006 the dialogue was not as frequent as envisaged, but at the 29th November 2006 HLF the Government and the DAG agreed to have more regular dialogue on development cooperation and to revitalize the partnership structure.

2. Work of the DAG

Development partners' interest in collaboration and harmonization in support of the national development processes was evident throughout the year, with the DAG meeting regularly to discuss and agree on policy agendas. Following a challenging start to the year with limited policy dialogue with the Government, the development partners met in Paris, France with the principals from their headquarters on 13 and 14 March 2006 to reflect on recent events (primarily the aftermath of the 2005 elections) and agree on entry points for future collaboration with Government.

As an outcome of the Paris meeting, development partners reaffirmed their support to and engagement in the Government's progress towards the MDGs, but stressed that future engagements would be contingent on the commitment to good governance and improved partnership dialogue on governance. Emphasis would also be given to the development of more robust aid instruments that are less volatile to political events. The latter resulted in the development of a Protecting Basic Services programme (PBS) and the initiation of consultations on additional thematic programmes. Following the meeting in Paris, dialogue with Government slowly reemerged around the implementation of PBS and the preparations for PASDEP. An HLF was held in the last quarter of the year to discuss the way forward on PASDEP and the harmonization agenda as part of the first regular policy dialogue since the 2005 elections. On that occasion both development partners and Government reaffirmed their commitment to engage in regular policy dialogue



2.1. DAG Thematic Working Groups

Throughout 2006 the DAG Thematic Working Groups (TWGs) provided inputs to the preparations of the PASDEP document and policy matrix. In particular, the TWG on Governance was heavily engaged in providing inputs to the high-level discussions on the PASDEP Policy Matrix on Governance within the Newai Group.

During a regular meeting between the ExCom and the Chairpersons of TWGs in May followed by a retreat in June, a review the structure of TWGs was undertaken to enable them to work more efficiently. As a result the structure of the TWGs was fully aligned with PASDEP priorities and a number of groups were merged to ensure optimal use of staff time and resources (please see annex for an overview of TWGs and their work). Arising from the review, it was also agreed to recruit two administrative assistants to support the work of TWGs.

2.2. The DAG Secretariat

The DAG Secretariat, housed in UNDP under the overall guidance of the UNDP resident Representative and DAG Co-Chair, continued to support the work of the DAG ExCom and the DAG by facilitating and by following up ongoing issues as well as new initiatives launched by DAG. The Secretariat also liaised regularly with the TWGs to ensure smooth communication and flow of information. Regular interaction also took place with stakeholders outside DAG, such as Government, civil society, private sector and UN agencies to ensure smooth linkages with work of the DAG.

To further strengthen communication and information sharing, DAG agreed to recruit a Communications Officer to develop and implement a DAG Communication Strategy, as the 2005 events had demonstrated the need for open and transparent communication on the work of the DAG to the public.

Throughout the year, the DAG Secretariat also continued to manage the DAG Pooled Funds in close consultation with DAG members and Government counterparts. Preparations were made for an audit of the pooled fund activities and revision of the project document to ensure that the latter was in line with UNDP's financial rules and regulations.

2.3. DAG Engagement with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)

In late 2006, DAG fulfilled its promise to expand its engagement beyond government when it held its first regular meeting with CSOs on December 13. At that meeting, quarterly discussions were agreed to facilitate dialogue on common areas of interest.

3. DAG Pooled Funds

3.1 Support to PRSP Process (the General Pooled Fund)

Support was provided to the facilitation and coordination work of the DAG Secretariat through the general pooled fund, including support to HLF, Aid Management Platform and payment to consultancies and salary of the staff of the Secretariat. The General Pooled Fund is an un-earmarked fund, which is used for financing studies and dialogue forums linked to the PASDEP.

3.2 Activities of Monitoring and Evaluation Pooled Fund

Through the monitoring and evaluation pooled fund, support is being provided to Government and civil society partners for a range of strategic activities. The major support areas included statistical work, research, data storage and dissemination, capacity building for the CSA and MoFED and support to the involvement of civil society in monitoring and evaluation of Ethiopia's PRS (SDPRP and currently PASDEP).

3.2.1. Support to Central Statistical Agency (CSA)

Support to CSA included three major components, namely, data collection (survey works), development of data bank and Ethiopian socio-economic database as well as capacity building and training.

3.2.1.1. Data Collection (Survey Works)

CSA planned to finalize the Household Income Expenditure and Consumption Survey (HICES) in 2006. Although not finalized as planned, the data cleaning was completed in 2006, and HICES results, together with the results of the Participatory Poverty Assessment, have informed PASDEP.

3.2.1.2. CSA Capacity Building and Training

Building capacity of CSA has been identified as an important part of the support to PRS monitoring and evaluation capacity in Ethiopia. Training of eight CSA staff members is going on at the moment and it is expected that five staff members studying economics and statistics in Botswana will complete their studies by the end of July, while three staff members studying statistics and economics in South Africa will complete their studies by the end of 2007. Further requests for funding postgraduate training of seven CSA staff members in the areas of economics, demography, GIS, computer science/ICT and statistics was submitted to the DAG in late 2006. This second batch of students is expected to be enrolled by the end of 2007 or early 2008 at universities in South Africa. Support was also provided for CSA staff to attend short-term training and workshops abroad.

3.2.2. Support to the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development

The main areas of support to MoFED included finalization of PASDEP and enhancing awareness of PASDEP by the general public through weekly radio programmes in Amharic and Oromo languages.

Poverty Analysis was planned for early 2006 but this was not realized because of the delay in the finalization of the HICES results. The Poverty Analysis is expected to provide important information on the profile and the determinants of poverty in Ethiopia (at national as well as regional levels) and the progress achieved during the implementation of the SDPRP by region and place of residence (urban/rural).

The Pooled Fund continued to be used to strengthen the capacity of Development Planning and Policy Research Department (DPPRD) of MoFED in the year through supporting the employment of a research assistant to work on day-to-day activities related to implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the PASDEP.



3.2.3. Data Systems and Economy-Wide Modelling

A project that sought to develop analytical capacity to support economic policy analysis was launched in 2005 by the Ethiopian Development Research Institute (EDRI). The exercise continued to be implemented in 2006 and it involved developing a comprehensive data system that can support policy analysis at different levels and developing capacity to build and maintain economy-wide empirical models that can be used by policy analysts and researchers. The exercise is being undertaken by a team comprising of international consultants from Institute of Development Studies (UK), staff members from EDRI and other relevant Government Ministries and agencies such as MoFED and CSA.

3.2.4. Support to Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)

The promotion of transparency, broader ownership and involvement of CSOs and non-state actors in strategies and policies remained high on the DAG agenda. To further strengthen national ownership and the role of CSOs in development, the first formal meeting between the CSOs and the DAG was held in December 2006. The main purpose of the meeting was to start a process of dialogue between DAG and CSOs and map out possible agenda for future engagement between the two parties.

3.2.4.1. Support to Poverty Action Network of Civil Society Organizations in Ethiopia (PANE)

In 2006, the DAG had agreed to finance the implementation of the Strategic Plan of PANE (2006-10) for two years, in addition to the financial support provided in 2006 for strengthening the institutional capacity of the Network. PANE also conducted woreda level consultation on the draft PASDEP through financial support provided by the DAG. PASDEP consultations were successfully undertaken in 22 woredas and 11 regional states. The result of the pilot Citizen Report Card (CRC) survey initiated in 2005 was also launched in 2006. The CRC provided important information on people's perception of service delivery and the findings were used as inputs during the formulation of the PASDEP. Based on lessons from the pilot CRC survey, PANE plans to undertake the second CRC in 2007.

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3.2.4.2. Support to HelpAge International

During the SDPRP cycle, HelpAge International has implemented a pilot community based PRS monitoring system with the objective of improving the quality of life of older people and their communities through enhanced governance and downward accountability at the woreda level in the context of PRS.

In 2006, HelpAge presented a request to the DAG to test the initiative in four additional woredas (Habru, Lome, Bako Gazer and Arsi Negelle) and two more regional states (Amhara and Southern Peoples, Nations and Nationalities Regions) over a time span of 2006-10. The implementation of the project started in those woredas.

3.2.4.3 Review of Donor Engagement with Civil Society in Ethiopia

Following the recommendations of the Review of Donor Engagement with Civil Society in Ethiopia, which was launched in 2005, DAG worked on the preparation of the DAG Civil Society Support Programme (CSSP). The purpose of the programme was to increase the capacity of civil society organizations to contribute to poverty reduction in Ethiopia through a more coordinated and harmonized engagement at all levels.

It was expected that the Government would be part of the Steering Committee overseeing the proposed programme and that components of the programme would be implemented through the Government, especially those related to enabling environment and policy dialogue. The need to clarify the roles of the Government in the management of the CSSP delayed the finalization of the CSSP.

4. The Education Pooled Fund

The objective of the Education Pooled Fund (EPF) is to respond quickly and flexibly to the needs for capacity development, research and implementation under the Government's second Education Sector Development Programme (ESDP). The purpose of the Fund is to strengthen efficiency and effectiveness of education initiatives as well as policy formulation within ESDP. Some of the activities supported by the Fund in 2006 included the following:

- o Support was provided to Mid Term Review (MTR) of Teacher Development Programme (TDP). Through this support, the progress of programme implementation against the outcome and purpose statements and verifiable indicators and the efficiency of the programme against the financial, material and human inputs were assessed and lessons learnt and best practices in the implementation of the TDP were identified.
- o Financial support was provided for the participation of representatives from Benishangul Gumuz and South Ethiopian Nations, Nationalities and Peoples' State (SNNPS) Education Bureaus on the 2006 Biennale of Education Conference in Africa.
- o Support was provided to the conduct of ESDP II Annual Review Meeting (ARM). The ARM is an annual discussion forum on progress and challenges related to the implementation of the ESDP III. The ARM 2006 was conducted with specific objectives of popularizing PASDEP as the national policy framework for development and showing the links between PASDEP and ESDP III, reviewing the EFY 1997 performance and the implementation of ARM 2005 and JRM 2005 recommendations. The meeting also discussed the roles of the stakeholders in the implementation of ESDP III to achieve PASDEP objectives and to strengthen Government-development partners- civil society partnership and commitment to dialogue and joint reviews and assessments of the Education Sector Development Programme.
- o Financial support was provided to the Ministry of Education (MoE) and Institute for Curriculum Development and Research (ICDR) to enhance the capacity of the regions to adopt multi-grade teaching as a viable strategy to increase primary school enrolment in sparsely populated areas and thereby achieve the ESDP III targets. Through this support, a guideline to enable the Regions and Districts (Woredas) to introduce multi grade teaching where feasible, and to ensure the quality of education provided in the multi grade schools was developed.
- o A Baseline Survey of National School Health and Nutritional Status was on progress. The study was initiated by Save the Children USA and is expected to be finalized by the end of August 2007.
- o Financial support was provided to Save the Children Denmark for the study on violence against girls in primary schools, secondary schools and teachers training institutions/colleges, including the identification of the kinds of violence, the why, how, when, and by whom aspects of the violence as well as the major actions being taken to change the situation. The study will be finalized in 2007.
- o A Strategic Plan for the Higher Education Strategic Centre (HESC) was developed. The Strategic Plan outlines Ethiopia's higher education context and policy premises, the objectives and methodology of the strategic planning process as well as the role, values, missions, vision and mandates of the HESC.

¹ It is called Older Persons' Poverty Monitoring Project



- o Preparation of a strategic framework for capacity development for Education in Ethiopia was designed and preparation of a 5-year sequenced prioritized and budgeted operational plan.
- o School Textbooks and Supplementary Materials Policy and Strategy.
- o A Study on Medium of Instruction in Ethiopian Primary Schools was completed. The purpose of this study was to explore existing language learning models in Ethiopia and make evidence-based recommendations for language education policy and practice in Ethiopia.
- o Fifteen participants from regional and national levels attended the Accountability, Governance and Quality of Decentralization in Africa course organized by the World Bank, the British Council and Educational Quality Improvement Project (EQUIP) under USAID.
- o A Joint Review Meeting (JRM) was held to review progress, challenges and future perspectives in the implementation of the ESDP. The JRM 2006 was a three-week mission where the MoE and other education stakeholders came together to assess the progress made in the education sector in the previous year and to consider options for improving access to quality education for children and adults in Ethiopia. The JRM focused on three themes, namely, Education Financing at the School level, Quality and Relevance of Primary School Curriculum and Female leadership at school, woreda and regional levels.
- o Five staff members of the MoE and the Regional Bureaus of Education participated on the "Forum on Flexible Education: Reaching Nomadic Populations" conference held in Nairobi from 20-23 June 2006. The Forum brought together those who work in government departments, international development agencies, NGOs, UN agencies and Community Based Organizations (CBOs) that work to increase and improve access to education for nomadic population.
- o Support was provided to the national Symposium on Better Education in Ethiopia, which took place from September 5-7, 2006. The Symposium was organized by the Ministry of Education.
- o The development of condensed Programme Implementation Manual (PIM) for ESDP III was progressing. It is expected that the task will be completed in mid-2007.

5. Management of the DAG Pooled Fund

5.1. Financial Status

The DAG Pooled Fund for support to the PRSP process has been managed by UNDP using the Direct Execution modality. In the year 2006 the total contributions received amounted to USD 2,378,157. As can be seen from Table 1 below (Summary of Donor Contributions), future contributions expected in the year 2007 and 2008 amount to USD 3,199,655 and 533,323 respectively. These contributions will be utilized for activities of Gender Pooled Fund, PASDEP Implementation process and Education Pooled Fund.

The total expenditure from the Pooled Fund for the year 2006 amounted to USD 1,805,794 (see Table 3 for summary of Expenditure by Activity). In order to meet the objectives of the Pooled Fund for 2007 and 2008 and to support the ongoing and emerging areas of work, the balance in addition to the expected future contribution amount to USD 5,939,488.

5.2. Summary of Donor Contributions

Table 1
Figure in USD

Output	Donor	Estimated Future Contributions				Total
		2006	2007	2008		
12462 Gender	Italy		67,568			
	UNFPA		50,000			
	CIDA		94,340			
	Netherlands		135,135			
	SIDA		364,964			
	Ireland		67,568			
	Sub total - General		\$0	\$779,575	\$0	\$0
36147 M&E	DFID		434,783.00			
	Netherlands		416,677.00	333,323.00		
	EU		236,967.00			
	Finland	1,593,250				
	Sub total - M&E	\$1,593,250	\$1,088,427	\$333,323	\$0	\$3,015,000
41179 ESDP	DFID	519,640	551,102			
	Netherlands	200,000	200,000	200,000		
	Ireland	63,271				
	UNESCO	1,996				
	Sweden		580,552			
	Sub total - ESDP	\$784,907	\$1,331,654	\$200,000	\$0	\$2,316,561
Grand Total contributions (USD)		2,378,157	3,199,656	533,323	-	6,111,136

5.3. Summary of Contributions and Expenditures by Component

Table 2

	Balance from 2005	Additional Contributions in 2006	Expenditures in 2006	Available
SDPRP general	856,660		349,889	506,771
Gender	7,367	-		7,367
M&E	3,540,044	1,593,250	774,039	4,359,255
ESDP	613,321	784,907	590,215	808,013
Post Election	349,733		91,651	258,082
Total	5,367,125	2,378,157	1,805,794	5,939,488

5.4. Summary of 2006 Expenditures by Activity

Table 3

Overall SDPRP Implementation (Proj. # 12462)	
Description	Expenditure (USD)
Activity 1- Institutional Strengthening	
International Consultant	29,715
Aid Management Platform	07,106
Sub-total	136,821
Activity 2- Harmonization	
Support to HLF	9,965
Travel & DSA (Paris HLF Forum)	13,253
Sub-total	23,219
Activity6- DAG Secretariat Coordination	
DAG Website	3,378
DAG Meeting Coordination	12,409
National Staff Salary	18,563
International Staff Salary	131,579
Miscellaneous	7,211
Sub-total	173,139
Service Fee	16,710
Grand Total	349,889
SDPRP M&E (Proj. # 36147)	
Description	Expenditure (USD)
Activity 1. Institutional Strengthening	
International Consultant (PASDEP)	63,855
Local Consultants	6,336
Travel & DSA	4,986
National Staff Salary	9,049
Miscellaneous	368
Sub-total	84,595
Service Fee	4,793
Grand Total	89,388
SDPRP M&E EC Trust Fund (Proj. # 36147)	
Description	Expenditure (USD)
Activity2. Statistical Work (Central Statistical Authority)	
CSA Staff Long Term Training	239,087
Support to CSO	159,721
Support to MoFED	247,883
Travel & DSA	4,447
Miscellaneous	910
Sub-total	652,048
Service Fee	32,602
Grand Total	684,651

SDPRP Education Pooled Fund (Proj.# 41179)	
Description	Expenditure (USD)
Annual Review Meeting	29,828
Forum on Flexible Education-Reaching Nomadic Population	7,860
Course on Accountability, Governance & Decentralize Education in Africa	16,812
Strategy for Capacity Development	81,766
Biannual Education	9,520
Higher Education Strategic Center	13,993
Workshop on Education Sector Response to HIV and AIDS	22,630
Joint Review Mission	31,940
International Literacy Day	7,350
Medium of Instruction	45,911
Implementation & Scaling up Multigrade approach	29,701
Nutrition Survey	100,460
PASDEP & ESDP Linkage	26,009
Teachers Development Programme	36,056
Textbook & Learning Materials Policy & Strategy	5,578
Violence against girls	109,265
Financial Management training	576
Girls Education	(16,965)
Miscellaneous	3817
Sub-total	562,109
Service Fee	28,105
Grand Total Output 4	590,215

Governance Post Election Activities (Proj. # 46393)	
Description	Expenditure (USD)
International Consultants	77,829
Travel	9,457
Sub-total	87,286
Service Fee	4,364
Grand Total Output 4	91,651



ANNEX A: Summary of Major TWG Activities in 2006 and Planned Activities for 2007

(a) Education

As part of the overall harmonization agenda, the Education Pooled Fund was established to support the ESDP and the targets set out in the PRSP and MDGs. The Education Pooled Fund supports initiatives promoting education policy development requested by both the Government and CSOs. Strategic activities in support of the ESDP are discussed at the ESDP ARM and an Aide Memoire, which summarizes the most important conclusions and recommendations of the ARM is developed following the meeting. The Aide Memoire guides activities of the Government and donors the following year. The main Government counterpart for the TWG is the Ministry of Education.

(i) Key activities and results for 2006

- o ARM was held in May 2006 on key themes related to education, such as ICT in education, capacity building in a decentralized context, medium of instruction, teacher development in Ethiopia, textbooks and reading materials, post-primary education and financing of ESDP III. As part of the preparations for the ARM, a special study on Links between ESDP III and Sectoral Strategies in PASDEP was commissioned.
- o A Joint Review Mission was conducted in October 2006 on key themes of school financing, primary school curriculum and women in leadership positions in the education sector.
- o Several studies were conducted during the year. The major ones include studies on the Capacity Development and Education Strategy, Textbook and Learning Materials Policy and Strategy and Medium of Instruction
- o Joint Donor Education TWG/MoE Task Forces provided support to the MoE in developing a ten-year plan; and, commissioned a joint resource mapping exercise on education/health and HIV/AIDS.
- o Mapping of School Health and Nutrition interventions and study on health status of school aged children started.

(ii) Highlights of planned activities for 2007

The Education TWG has envisaged conducting a number of studies for 2007 and beyond. The major ones include:

- o Teacher Development Programme impact studies
- o Current status of new public universities
- o Information Communication Technology (ICT) master plan for the education sector
- o Alternative basic education
- o Quality of education in primary and secondary schools
- o Analysis of Ethiopian education policy and review of ESDP III
- o Health and nutrition status of primary school children

The ARM took place in March and confirmed the focus of the TWG in 2007. A joint review is planned for October 2007.

(b) Gender Equality

The TWG on Gender supports the mainstreaming of gender in the PASDEP and ensuring that the policy matrix is gender sensitive with clear outcome indicators on gender. It works closely with the Ministry of Women's Affairs (MoWA) and regional Women's Affairs Bureaus (WABs) and a number of CSOs, and holds regular joint meetings. The DAG financed the National Action Plan (NAP) for Gender Equity, which was endorsed in 2006.

(i) Key activities and results for 2006

- o The TWG met some organizations engaged in the fight against Harmful Traditional Practices (HTPs) and conducted field mission in order to assess the needs of the sector and to identify intervention opportunities
- o Provided comments on the PASDEP document and participated in the sectoral consultations with the Government
- o A meeting was held with a number of NGOs in November 2006 with positive exchange of experiences with a view to strengthening the linkages/cooperation with the civil society
- o Reviewed the TOR of Joint Group on Gender Equality (JGGE)-a dialogue forum between the national gender structures and the Gender TWG
- o TOR for a senior advisor to the MoWA was developed and comments were received from MoWA. The advisor post is currently being considered for funding.

(ii) Highlights of planned activities for 2007

- o Establish the Gender Pooled Fund (GPF)
- o Commission economic growth and gender study and undertake macro studies on gender as input to the discussions on growth and the PASDEP
- o Commission assessment and conduct consultations for developing a National Gender Based Violence Strategy
- o Commission gender analysis of national policy and strategy issues
- o Support and strengthen partnerships with MoWA, regional BoWAs and CSOs

(c) Governance

There has been an increased focus on governance issues in recent years, particularly in the aftermath of the May 2005 elections. The Governance TWG was established in May 2005 to coordinate the work within this area. Issues related to human rights, civil society, democratic institutions, access to information, democratic decentralization and the justice sector are discussed by the Group. The TWG has played a key role in the preparation and consultations on the PASDEP Governance matrix and continued to follow up on the dialogue with Government on Governance. The TWG works closely with a number of democratic institutions and CSO groups.

(i) Key activities and results in 2006

- o Monitored post election court process and prepared briefing notes for the DAG and the EPG
- o Participated in dialogue and support to Human Rights Commission and other human rights groups and advocates. Monitored, recorded and followed up human rights breaches with the relevant institutions.
- o Contributed to the planning and design of a Civil Society Support Programme (CSSP); Prepared a DAG Issues/Policy Paper on Civil Society
- o Coordinated of joint donor pooled fund for the House of Peoples' Representatives and House of Federation Capacity Building
- o Delivered support to the National Electoral Board for an institutional review and strategy development
- o Supported and guided USAID/PACT studies on i) International Standards and Practices for Media Regulation (focusing on Canada, India, Germany, UK and US) and ii) Review of the Ethiopian Draft Press Law and Freedom of Information Act in response to requests from the House of Peoples' Representatives
- o Updated the justice donor mapping
- o Organized forums for discussion on justice reform related matters with different justice sector officials

(ii) Highlights of planned activities for 2007

- o Monitor implementation of PASDEP governance matrix and review progress through the Newai Group mechanism
- o Refine human rights monitoring methodology and follow-up any human rights breaches and Engage in dialogue with and support Human Rights Commission and other human rights groups and advocates
- o Organize/facilitate periodic consultations with civil society; Explore alternative channels and opportunities for re-engaging GoE in policy dialogue with civil society including NGO legislation
- o Contribute to the design and implementation of the Multi-Donor Civil Society Support Program
- o Design, agree and implement Democratic Institutions Fund (DIF); monitor trends in the development (or reversal) of democratic processes generally and the effectiveness of democratic institutions
- o As necessary, provide additional support to preparation of local elections
- o Facilitate an improved working relationship between donors, state and non-state media actors and provide technical assistance to media stakeholders as they consider the draft press law and Freedom of Information Act as well as in developing a self-regulatory body and code of conduct
- o Strengthen policy dialogue with Government on participatory local governance, decentralization and inter-governmental relations

(d) Health, Population and Nutrition

The guiding framework for the TWG on Health, Population and Nutrition (HPN) is the Health Sector Development Program (HSDP) and the National Population Policy. It works closely with the Ministry of Health (MoH) and the National Population Office. Reviewing PASDEP health indicators, building the human resource capacity of MoH and putting population issues high on government agenda are some of the major areas of engagement for the TWG.



(i) Key activities and results in 2006

- o Successfully contributed to Health Sector Annual Review Meeting (ARM) held to review progress against HSDP III
- o Harmonization process with MoH proceeding but progress on resource mapping and review of Health Pooled Fund slower than expected
- o Provided technical assistance to the MoH for improving the Health Management Information Systems and the Health Commodities Supply System, which was launched at ARM 2007
- o Successfully conducted the first themed Joint Budget and Aid Review (JBAR), which focused on the health sector (Oct 2006) with the participation of Government, donors and CSOs
- o Assisted the MoH in development of a \$76.5 million proposal to Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI), for Health System Strengthening.
- o Assisted MoH in the development of Global Fund for Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFTAM) Round 6 proposals

(ii) Highlights of planned activities for 2007

- o Review PASDEP health indicators and give comments
- o Take forward the harmonization agenda under MOH leadership, conduct review of Health Pooled Fund; begin resource mapping exercise
- o Ensure MOH/HPN Joint Consultative Meetings take place every 2 months with increased focus on addressing challenges of human resources for health and health infrastructure expansion
- o Assist MOH to develop Round 7 proposals to GFATM
- o Start a newsletter on a regular basis to be posted on the DAG website

(e) Public Financial Management Committee (PFMC)

The PFMC is a Government-Donor joint committee, which focuses on issues related to analysis of the Government's budget (allocation and execution, and issues arising from the financial architecture supporting decentralization); analysis of the Macro Economic Fiscal Framework; and review of findings of the Fiduciary Assessment and related reforms in public finance management such as EMCP. The expected outcomes are enhanced predictability of aid flows, and increased transparency of the Government finance flows and public finance management systems.

(i) Key activities and results in 2006

- o Contributed to DAG comments on PASDEP and participated in GoE consultation on PASDEP and its policy matrix
- o Held 2 Joint Budget and Aid Reviews (JBARs) including one that linked in with the HPN donor group within the framework of PBS
- o Commissioned a Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA) assessment

(ii) Highlights of planned activities for 2007

- o Provide commentary on PASDEP, including the policy matrix, and the PASDEP financing projections (in a medium term framework)
- o Support the DAG in discussions with Government on the overall donor financing of PASDEP
- o Hold three JBARs, which will include themed JBARs linking with the Rural Economic Development and Food Security (RED& FS), Education and Water TWGs, and with the HPN TWG on financing issue within the framework of PBS

(f) Rural Economic Development and Food Security

The Rural Economic Development and Food Security (RED & FS) TWG was established in 2004 particularly to address the critical area of rural growth. Its main objective is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of donor support to agriculture and rural development through improved cooperation of the donor community with Government on its RED&FS agenda, both at policy dialogue and implementation levels. The Government's Rural Development Policy and Strategy document is the guiding framework for the TWG. Its main Government counterparts are the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Ministry of Trade and Industry and the Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Commission (DPPC).

(i) Key activities and results in 2006

- o Provided detailed comments and feedback on the draft PASDEP
- o Started to organize 'mini workshops' around themes such as micro finance, land tenure and watershed management
- o Set up sub-working groups around the following themes: Livestock/Pastoralism, Natural resources management, Agricultural Marketing, Irrigation, Food security
- o Organized a retreat in February to review progress of the Group's work over the past two years and to consult on how to improve donor collaboration and operational efficiency

(ii) Highlights of planned activities for 2007

- o Define pertinent issues that the Group would like to discuss with Government based on contributions of the various sub-groups and the consolidated comments on the PASDEP
- o Revitalize policy consultations with Government both at the high level and at an operational technical level

- o through organizing a retreat, common field visit of 3-4 days and mini-workshops
- o Analyze the next JBAR on Agriculture and Rural Development Public Expenditure Report being prepared by the World Bank for possible inputs into the dialogue with Government.
- o Agree on an overall framework for support to the sector RED&FS on the basis of 3-4 strategic lines of intervention; agree on areas of support under each strategic cluster that should receive priority

(g) Water

The DAG Water Thematic Working Group was established in 2002. Thematic areas that the TWG focuses include: 1) Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) including Universal Access Plan (UAP), 2) Hydropower (Hydro), 3) Irrigation and 4) Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM). The WASH sector programme (UAP) has two vehicles (i) WASH CBPF for capacity development and (ii) WASH Investment JFA with one or two financial mechanisms to deliver donors funding to WASH investments. The TWG has a wide range of activities where donor positions are consolidated and communicated to the GOE, these include joint sector review and review of policy and strategy documents. For WASH sub-group government counterparts are MOWR, MOH and MOE. For Water Resources sub-group the discussion on government counterparts are still ongoing.

(i) Key activities and results in 2006

- o Adopted a practice to show new project/program preparatory activities for fellow development partners' comments; increased harmonization through sharing of project documents of planned activities and coordination of project interventions
- o First-ever Multi Stakeholder Forum (MSF) in Ethiopia was successfully conducted in October 2006 with representation of Government, UN, CSOs and donors. The MSF proved to be an important vehicle towards Sectoral approach leading into a Joint Annual Sector Review (JASR) led by the GoE
- o An Aide Memoire was signed by Ministries (Water, Health and Education), development partner representative (Italian Cooperation), NGOs (CRDA) and private sector. The Aide Memoire includes the key nine undertakings for the WASH sub group to reach during EFY 1999.
- o Organized a Joint Annual Technical Review to demonstrate true efforts towards harmonization, following successful MSF by UNICEF, DFID and Finland. This meeting marked a change in development paradigm in Ethiopian WASH sub sector by being the first full-fledged Joint Annual Technical Review and by changing majority of donor funding to move in channel 1 b.
- o DFID Ethiopia initiated a Public Financial Management Training Course in December to increase donor understanding on financial constraints and opportunities in Ethiopian context, which was attended by several water sector development partners.
- o Provided support to the development of PASDEP by participating actively in the consultation process and providing substantive comments.
- o In EFY 1999 a strong push from GOE and development partners was given to establish a sectoral programme. In-line multistakeholder process is now at advanced stage to create a Capacity Building Pooled Fund for Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene, a three-ministry sub-sector (MOWR, MOH and MOE). UNICEF is selected as Management Agent and it is envisaged that CBPF WASH shall be signed at second Multi Stakeholder Forum (MSF2) tentatively planned for November 2007 and planned to become operational in January 2008. CBPF WASH shall have operating capital of app. 2-3 meur/a.

(ii) Highlights of planned activities for 2007

- o provide consolidated comments to GOE and DAG on policy issues as required;
- o establish and subscribe funds to WASH Capacity Building Pooled Fund (WASH CBPF), with annual expenditure estimated upto 2-3 meur.
- o support to GOE to institutionalise sector programme structures, such as annual policy review (Multi Stakeholder Forum in November) and Joint Annual Technical Review in May, and support to institutionalise WASH structures to guarantee coherence between water, health and education in WASH sub-sector.
- o strong support to M&E development to ensure timely reporting and accountability of development assistance to Ethiopia;

(h) Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

The M&E TWG works with the main Government counterparts of the DPPRD and CSA under MoFED to provide support to the monitoring and evaluation of the PASDEP, based on the policy matrix of outcomes and indicators. The TWG advises the DAG on M&E issues, activates a structured dialogue with MoFED (DPPRD and CSA), and report to the DAG and the authorities on the conclusions and recommendations from the dialogue. The TWG supports and monitors the establishment and running of a robust and effective M&E system.

(i) Key results and activities in 2006

- o An assessment of the PASDEP ('PASDEP in Brief'— a review of the PASDEP matrix from the human development dimension) was presented at the December 2006 TWG meeting. Discussions centered on a draft Performance Measurement Framework for PASDEP and selection of key core indicators in the social (Education, Health, Water and HIV/AIDS sectors)
- o TWG briefings in 2006 included: a) update on the PASDEP process b) the DAG new structure c) the planned May 2007 population census d) the PBS intervention and status and f) M&E Strategy Note (World Bank draft)



- o Worked on TORs for 2 Technical Assistants (Poverty Monitoring and Analysis Advisor and Coordination and Communications Officer) and updated on planning for the 2007 census
- o A draft work plan was prepared which was refined and approved in subsequent meetings. The approved plan was based on the thematic areas of: 1) Performance indicators 2) Monitoring Performance 3) Evaluation and 4) Feedback

(ii) Highlights of planned activities for 2007

- o Obtain and review key indicators identified and selected by other DAG TWGs in order to incorporate them into the TWG's review document, which will then become the overall key indicators document for PASDEP as a whole
- o Develop an overall PASDEP Performance Measurement Framework (PMF), which will be used as a guiding framework for M&E of PASDEP
- o Engage with the DPPRD and CSA to revitalize and realign the GoE M&E Action Plan in the context of PASDEP
- o Organize a workshop on M&E of PASDEP, developing M&E plan for PBS/EBS (Enhanced Basic Services-a second phase of PBS).
- o Develop a guide to the M&E Systems in Ethiopia and follow up and support to the 2007 PASDEP APR processes

i). Private Sector Development (PSD) and Trade

The Private Sector Development and Trade TWG of DAG has the main objective of supporting the private sector and trade in Ethiopia so that they would become competitive in the international market. The main government counterparts are the Ministry of Trade and Industry and the Export Promotion Agency while the Ethiopia and Addis Ababa Chambers of Commerce and Sectoral Associations are main private counterparts. The TWG is also engaged in consultations with Government authorities to enable the private sector in Ethiopia get increased attention and involvement in the country's development programs.

(i) Key results and activities in 2006

- o Submission of PSD& Trade TWG review on the private sector development and trade related portion in the PASDEP, for consolidation into comments of the DAG PASDEP Review Task Force that was submitted to Government.
- o Donor Retreat held with the objective of discussing the coordination of current donor programmes and mapping of future programming. The purpose of the meeting was also to prioritize a strategy for dialogue with Government, private sector and other TWGs
- o Areas of interventions were prioritized. The Group agreed on 5 priority areas for policy dialogue, Value Chain, one of the priority areas was detailed out in sub sectors

(ii) Highlights of planned activities for 2007

- o Submit comments of the TWG on the final version of the PASDEP matrix to the DAG Secretariat
- o Recruit a consultant to develop the donor strategy on private sector development.

j) HIV/AIDS

The HIV/AIDS Donors Forum was established in July 2003 in response to the formation of the National Partnership Forum for the Fight Against HIV/AIDS in Ethiopia (NPFFAE). In 2005 the Forum assumed also the function of HIV/AIDS Technical Working Group of the DAG. The major responsibilities of the TWG include coordinating donor assistance to the national response to HIV/AIDS, providing a joint donor response to multi-stakeholder processes, including PASDEP and MDGs as well as acting as a forum for the dissemination of information and dialogue among donors on HIV/AIDS. The main government counterparts are the HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Office (HAPCO) and the Ministry of Health.

(i) Key activities and results in 2006

- o contributed to the final technical revision of the HIV Proposal for the GF R6 (June 2006) and made substantial technical support to the preparation of the HIV Proposal for the GF R7 (February - June 2007).
- o actively participated (as part of the Expert Core Group) in the activities of the Health Impact Evaluation (GF5YE) going on in the country.
- o made technical contribution in the different processes of definition and revision of the PASDEP document and matrix. HIV TWG members participated in the first phase of identification of the Ethiopian Multi-Sectoral AIDS Programme (EMSAP) II in June 2006.
- o actively participated in the definition of the ToR for "Health, Education and HIV/AIDS Resource Mapping" and in the planning and definition of the National AIDS Spending Assessment (NASA) exercise.

(ii) Highlights of planned activities for 2007

- o contribute to the "National Multi-Sectoral Plan of Action for Universal Access to HIV/AIDS Prevention, Treatment, Care and Support 2007-2010."
- o assist HAPCO in the GF grant management (from proposal to implementation) and contribute to the GF promoted Health Impact Evaluation.
- o finalize the HIV-Governance Pooled Fund and increase the number of partners.
- o improve the use of the DAG website and the function of the HIV TWG page as information sharing tool. Institutionalize the "update messages" on a regular basis for consistent information sharing.

Main areas of work	Support activities	Results achieved	Future Work	DAG Partners
Enhanced donor coordination and support to harmonization and enhanced policy dialogue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Coordination and facilitation of DAG Activities; o Coordination and monitoring the work of TWGs; o Localization of the Paris Declaration for Alignment and Aid Effectiveness (Declaration on Harmonization, Alignment and Aid Effectiveness); o Operationalizing the DAG partnership structures through enhanced policy dialogue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Mechanism for policy dialogue (High level forum) held in December 2006; o TA recruited to support Harmonization Task Force Secretariat; o DAG comments on PASDEP prepared and submitted to Government; o Information management and dissemination enhanced; o Formal CSO/DAG meeting held in December 2006 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o HLF every quarter based on mutually agreed agenda between the DAG and Government; o Quarterly meetings between CSOs and the DAG based on mutually agreed agenda; o Continued support to the DAG Secretariat o Implementation/revision of the Harmonization Action Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Government o Civil Society Organizations
Support to broad-based formulation, monitoring and evaluation of the PASDEP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Development of data and information management system; o Capacity strengthening of CSA and MoFED; o Support to poverty analysis; o Enhancing public awareness on PASDEP o Provide technical and financial support for the formulation of PASDEP o Support to the development of economy-wide model for Ethiopia o Provide support to the engagement of civil society organizations (CSOs) and other non-state actors in the PASDEP implementation, monitoring and evaluation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Statistical work for PASDEP monitoring and evaluation developed and data management and dissemination facilities strengthened (HICES completed); o PASDEP formulated; o Woreda consultations on the draft PASDEP undertaken; o CSO perspectives on the draft PASDEP produced; o Community based poverty monitoring system launched in four regions and six woreda. o Development of Economy-Wide Model for Ethiopia on progress o Long-term MDGs perspective incorporated in the PASDEP o Civil Society Support Programme design completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Undertake woreda and zonal level welfare survey (CWIO); o Complete the Poverty Analysis o Disseminate PPA, HICES and the final report of Poverty Analysis o Undertake poverty mapping study o Continued support to manpower capacity development of CSA and MoFED o Continued support to the implementation of PANE Strategic Plan o Continued support to Older People's Poverty Monitoring Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o CSA, o MoFED (DPPRD) o PANE o HelpAge International o EDRI

<p>Enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of education development initiatives as well as policy formulation of ESDP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Facilitate studies and research; o Organization of workshops; Study tours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Mid Term Review (MTR) of Teacher Development Programme completed; o ESDP II 2006 Annual Review Meeting (ARM) undertaken; o Human Capacity Development of Regions to Start Implementing and Scaling up Multi grade Approach strengthened; o Baseline Survey of National School Health and Nutritional Status started; o Strategic Planning for Higher Education Strategic Center produced; o A Strategic Framework for Capacity Development for Education in Ethiopia developed; o Textbook and Learning Materials Policy and Strategy drafted; o A study on Medium of Instruction in Ethiopian Primary Schools completed; o Education Sector Development Programme Joint Review Meeting undertaken; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o As per the recommendation of ARM 2007 and subsequent ARMs: o Undertake studies and research o Organize workshops o Facilitate short-term training and study tours o Finalize the Study on Violence Against Girls, which was started in 2006; o Finalize ESDP Programme Implementation Manual (started in 2006) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Ministry of Education; o NGOs (Save the Children USA, Save the Children Denmark; etc.) o Other organizations (British Council)
<p>Ensuring Gender Equality</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Support to the design of the Gender Pooled Fund o Follow up the finalization of National Action Plan (NAP) for Gender Equality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o National Action Plan on Gender Equality finalized o Gender Pooled Fund established 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Operationalization of the Gender Pooled Fund 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Ministry of Women Affairs o CSOs o Women Affairs Department of Ministries o Others

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05 January	DAG meeting with the Chairpersons of the TWGs	Clarifications on the guidance note for review of draft PASDEP and issues that the TWGs might have on the process and/or content indicated in the guidance note.	
18 January	DAG meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PASDEP review process 2. Post-election updates 3. Update on Joint Social and Economic Analysis Work 4. DAG structure 5. AOB <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. DAG Retreat ii. ExCom/TWG meeting iii. Other updates 	
14 - 21 February			Joint Review and Implementation Support Mission of PBS
07 February			Ethio-info launched by Central Statistical Agency (CSA)
8 February	DAG meeting with Mr. Richard Manning, Chair of the OECD Development Assistance Committee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Briefing on the work of the OECD Development Assistance Committee 2. Status of the Harmonization Agenda in Ethiopia and the way forward 3. AOB <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Update on Joint Analysis of the Political and Economic Context (JAPEC) for Development Assistance in Ethiopia ii. Update on the Protection of Basic Services (PBS) mission iii. Drought in Somali region iv. Membership of the 'Neway Group' 	
14 February	Special DAG meeting	Joint Political, Economic and Social Analysis	
20 February	Special DAG Working Lunch with the ADG	Brief the ADG on the Joint Economic, Political and Social Analysis	Preparations for the Paris meeting
20 February 2008	DAG meeting	Discussion on the final recommendations of the Review of Donor Engagement with Civil Society in Ethiopia	The DAG agreed to establish the Civil Society Support Programme (CSSP)
01 March	Special DAG meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of the draft issues paper to be presented at the Paris meeting. 2. A review/refinement of the agenda for the Paris meeting which would be held on 13-14 March 2008 	
07-08 March	DAG meeting with Government	Sectoral Consultations on the PASDEP Document between the Government and the DAG	
13-14 March	DAG meeting in Paris	Joint Analysis of Economic and Social Analysis	The participants included HQ staff of DAG Agencies. The

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22 March	DAG meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Follow-up to Paris meeting: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Government briefing ii. Reactivation of Harmonization Agenda iii. Meeting with H.E. Ato Neway iv. Way forward on PASDEP v. Governance strategy and support for the DAG TWG on Governance 2. Replenishment of the DAG Pooled Fund 3. AOB (Update on the Avian Flu; Update on the drought situation; Debriefing on the IMF's Board meeting on Ethiopia's 2005 Act. for consultations) 	aim of the meeting was to design a strategy of engagement with the Government of Ethiopia in the aftermath of the May 2005 election
30 March	DAG meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The way forward on the draft Joint Declaration on Harmonization, Alignment and Aid Effectiveness 2. The Harmonization Action Plan 	
06 April	DAG and UNCT luncheon meeting with Archbishop Njongonkulu Ndungane of Cape Town	<p>The African Monitor initiative.</p> <p>The major aim of the visit by the Archbishop was to promote the African Monitor initiative, which monitors and promotes effective implementation of development commitments to Africa</p>	
12 April	Joint Government-DAG meeting on PSCAP	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentation on the outcome of the PSCAP mission 2. Discussion on the way forward 	
26 April	DAG Luncheon Meeting with Ms. Louise Arbour, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights		
02 May	Meeting between DAG ExCom and Chairpersons of the TWGs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentation by the TWGs on the key areas of focus planned for 2006 2. Issues that the TWGs would like to be addressed by the DAG 3. Format for reporting and consultation with the DAG 4. AOB (DAG website) 	
02-16 May			PBS Mission
04 May	Meeting between the DAG	Preparatory meeting for the high level meeting between the Frims	

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	Minister and the Heads of Bilateral Organization and the Ambassadors		
08 May	Government-Donor DAG/Government Dialogue	<p>Major issue was Democratic Governance The meeting was the first Donor/Government Dialogue meeting. Participants included the PM, the Ambassadors of the countries represented in the DAG, the DAG Heads of Agencies and the Head of the EC Delegation.</p>	
18 May	DAG meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentation by Ms. Sue Lutz, Consultant, on Mainstreaming Risk Management and Reducing Vulnerability in Ethiopia. 2. Briefing on National Population Census 3. Governance <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Briefing on the outcome of the meeting with H.E. Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of Ethiopia on 8 May 2008 and next steps ii. Corruption 4. DAG Support to Civil Society <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Endorsement of financial requests from PANE and Help Age International ii. The way forward on the "Review of Donor Engagement with Civil Society" in Ethiopia 5. DAG architecture <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Report on and discussion of the results of the ExCom/TWGs meeting ii. ExCom candidacies and discussion on ExCom/Chair transition 6. DAG Communications Strategy 7. AOB/Information sharing <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. PASDEP/High Level Forum ii. OECD DAC invitation to conference in June on fragile states. 	
02 June	DAG Retreat	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reporting on the status of 6 June 2008 DAG Retreat work plan; 2. DAG structure and functioning. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Review of the TWGs TORs; ii. Guiding principles for the establishment of TWGs; iii. Coordination among TWGs; iv. TA requirements and other forms of support; v. Linkages to programmatic groups (PSCAP, PBS, PSNP, etc); and vi. Linkages with respective line ministries. 3. The way forward. 	

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08 June	DAG meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. TA requirements and other forms of support; v. Linkages to programmatic groups (PSCAP, PBS, PSNP, etc); and vi. Linkages with respective line ministries. 3. The way forward. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Follow up to the DAG retreat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Finalization of thematic focus and number of TWGs, ii. Entry points (interlocutors) for TWGs within GoE, iii. Status of program related groups (PSCAP, PBS, PSNP) and linkages with the TWGs and the DAG, iv. Role of Champions: selection, periodicity of meetings, reporting to the DAG, relations with TWGs 2. Review of Donor Engagement with Civil Society in Ethiopia. 3. Next steps in terms of the PASDEP. 4. AOB (harmonization, election of ExCom member) 	
17-24 July			PBS Mission
22 August	Special DAG meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Briefing on the Floods Situation in South Omo and other flooded areas (including potential risk areas) and the initial request for assistance from the Government 2. Briefing on the impact of Acute Watery Diarrhea and the initial request for assistance from the Government 3. Preparation of flash appeals in response to both emergencies 4. AOB 	
31 August	DAG Luncheon meeting with UNDP Associate Administrator, Ad Mollert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Outcome of his meeting with the senior Government officials 2. UNDP's role in the aftermath of the May 2005 election 	
19 September	DAG meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update on humanitarian situation by OCHA 2. Preparations for consultations on civil society with the Prime Minister on 30 September, including the ADG meeting on 20 September 2005 3. Macroeconomic issues 4. Update on PBS 5. Preparations for a High Level Forum (HLF) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. PASDEP ii. Harmonization 6. AOB (country performance review and donor harmonization) 	
06 October	DAG meeting with Speaker of the Federal Parliament, H. E Ambassador Tesfome Toga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of Parliament's first year of performance 2. Support to Parliament project document. A technical team composed of DFID, USAID, UNDP, CIDA and GTZ have worked with Parliament in refining the "Support to Parliament Project Document for the Five-year Capacity Building Programme for the House of Peoples Representatives (HoPR) and Regional Councils" 	
20-27 October			PBS Mission

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10 November	DAG meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentations (Briefing by the Human Rights Commission; WFP Updates on the Food Situation) 2. Governance matters (Support to Parliament; Newall Group Process) 3. Preparations for the HLF (Macroeconomic issues; Harmonization/Aid Predictability; PASDEP) 4. Update on PBS-including development around macroeconomic issues 5. Election of ExCom 6. AOB (Partnership with CSOs; Update on CSSP; Update on Champions; Proposal for a Retreat) 	
12 November			
24 November	Launching of the pilot Citizens Report Card Survey result		The CRC was conducted in 2005 by Poverty Action Network of Civil Society in Ethiopia (PANE) through financial and technical support from the DAG.
29 November	High Level Forum	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Macro Economic Issues 2. Developments in the Banking and External Sectors 2005/06 and Projections for 2006/07 3. Harmonization and Aid Predictability 	
04 December	DAG Retreat	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Progress report on the June 2 Retreat 2. Macro-economic issues 3. The overall context for development cooperation 4. Harmonization, aid-predictability, scaling up and aid instruments. 	
13 December	Meeting between Civil Society Organizations and the Development Assistance Group	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The DAG: objectives, activities and operational structure 2. The PASDEP: status, who should do what and possible forms of cooperation between the CSOs and the DAG 3. Governance issues: roles of CSOs and the DAG 4. Humanitarian engagements 5. Way forward 	The meeting was the first formal meeting between CSOs and the DAG
15 December	DAG/UNCT Working Lunch	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Governance and Human Rights Within the Framework of UNDAF in Ethiopia 2. The Role of the Judiciary, Parliament and CSOs in Advancing the Human Rights Based Approach in Ethiopia 	

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