

## **Project Update: June 2017**

### ***Pre-programme assessment:***

We have done preparatory work for the data collection and implementation of the project. We conducted several field visits and held focus group discussions with directors and experts at Oromia Forest and Wildlife Enterprise (OFWE) as well as with forest user groups and forest cooperatives. This helped us identify the exact field sites and sharpen the components of our intervention.

### ***Baseline data collection:***

We have collected a baseline data from 132 forest user groups. The data include household survey from 1,220 randomly selected households as well as financial and forest inventory data from all the forest user groups.

### ***Programme implementation:***

We implemented our interventions. We trained, motivated, and enabled forest user groups to measure, track and monitor the use and management of forest resources.

### ***Stakeholder engagement:***

We involved relevant stakeholders throughout the process and the training programmes. As a programme implementing agency, the OFWE at all levels (the head office, West Arsi Zone, and Adaba-Dodola Branch offices) has been involved throughout the process. In addition, local administration officials have been involved in the training. As an institute close to policy makers, the Environment and Climate Research Center (ECRC) at the Ethiopian Development and Research Institute (EDRI) has been actively involved throughout process.











