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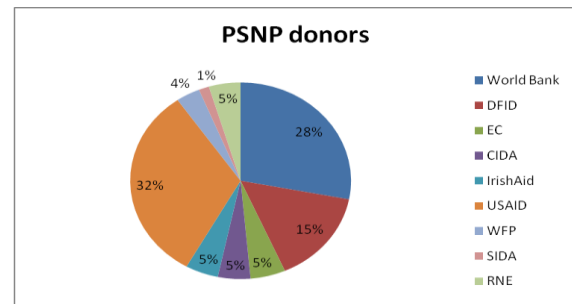
**ETHIOPIA**

## Title II Multi-Year Assistance to the Productive Safety Net Program (MYAP/PSNP)

In 2005, the Government of Ethiopia (GoE) launched the Productive Safety Net Program (PSNP), the biggest social safety net program in Africa, financed by nine donors. In 2010, the PSNP, the flagship component of the GoE's Food Security Program (FSP), was scaled-up its level of intervention of the PSNP.

The PSNP focuses primarily on chronically food insecure households in 318 food insecure *woredas* (districts) which have a food gap of three months or more, even during normal years. Within these districts, the PSNP has a target caseload of 7.75 million people. The objectives of the program are:

- To smooth food consumption gap and prevent asset depletion for food insecure households in chronically food insecure *woredas*
- To stimulate markets, improve access to services and natural resources
- Rehabilitate and enhance the natural environment through labor-based public works



In case of shocks in these districts, the PSNP will also cover transitory food insecure populations through PSNP contingency budgets and the Risk Financing component of the program. PSNP activities include the selection of the appropriate method of transfer (food or cash) and the delivery of the transfer to chronically food insecure populations in a predictable and timely manner. Districts that are not included in the PSNP receive support for food shortages through the emergency relief system.

There is significant evidence that the program is having an impact. The PSNP is smoothing consumption and protecting assets; for instance, a growing number of PSNP clients fared better during the 2008 drought and high food prices than their non-PSNP counterparts. PSNP has also created significant community assets which have had a positive impact beyond the PSNP household level. The number of PSNP public works projects exceeded 34,000 individual projects per annum. The bulk of these investments were concentrated in soil and water conservation (SWC) and rural feeder roads, with selected projects in natural resource management and social services.

USAID's Title II resources provide support to the PSNP through four NGO Partners, namely, Catholic Relief Services, Food for the Hungry, Relief Society of Tigray (REST- local NGO), and Save the Children US. These partners provide support to 1.76 million chronically food insecure beneficiaries and distribute 123,000MT of food (cereal, pulse, and oil) for 3-6 months and also support the implementation of the public works in 39 *woredas*/districts. The Title II contribution to the PSNP from 2012-2016 is worth more than US\$550 million.