

# **SNNP Region Training report on Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture for Zonal, Woreda & Kebele level experts**

## **1. Introduction**

Agriculture is the major source of food, employment and income for the majority of Ethiopians. Families living in rural areas derive means of their daily lives from direct involvement in agricultural activities. Understanding this, the government of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia has developed a comprehensive Rural Development Policy and Strategy and implemented it through successive development plans for the past 15 years. Food and nutrition security have always been a challenge and are among the development targets of the five-year Second Growth and Transformation Plan, GTP-II. Hence, agricultural development does not only focus on increasing production but also creating access and means of improving food and nutrition security. The food that we eat needs to be in adequate quantities, safe and nutritionally diverse. In addition, there is also the apparent need to improve access to clean and safe water and health services together with women empowerment interventions.

Agriculture and nutrition are highly interrelated. Agricultural production provides the means to get food and the essential nutrients that people need. While on the other hand, as agriculture is highly labor intensive, agriculture requires well-nourished, healthy, and physically fit people. In order to improve nutritional outcomes, the agricultural strategy in Ethiopia takes on a nutrition-sensitive approach. The strategy guides planning and implementation of crop and livestock production, processing, marketing and consumption in order to address the prevailing malnutrition problem of the country.

Development agents (DAs) are at the fore front in implementing agricultural programs and supporting farmers to improve agricultural production and livelihood. Over the past five years, more than eight nutrition related DA training manuals have been prepared by various projects and development partners. None of these manuals have been endorsed and are used across the sector other than project areas due to lack of proper engagement of the MoA.

### **2. Rationale for the training**

- The rationale for the training is to equip the implementing agencies of the program (zonal, woreda & kebele level experts with nutrition sensitive agriculture knowledge & skills.

### **3. Broad and specific Objectives of the training**

#### **3.1. Broad objective**

- At the end of this training, the trainee will be able to apply Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture the concepts, components and approaches

### **4. Training place and duration**

Venue & time of the training is Abebe Zeleke hotel wolayta Sodo & 29-31/12/2020



5. Training participants composition

No	Participant	Male	Female	Total
1	Zone experts	4	0	4
2	Woreda experts	36	6	42
3	Kebele officers	14	0	14
4	Kebele HEW	0	7	7
	Total	54	13	67

6. Titles covered

- Basics of Human Nutrition
- Agriculture Nutrition Linkage
- **Crops and Animal source food and nutrition**
- Gender & Nutrition
- Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture Intervention approaches for improved nutrition
- **Agriculture Social behavior change communication (SBCC)**
- Multi Sectoral Coordination for Nutrition

7. After the training completion

The trainees have developed the action plan on the training output which will be implemented on their respective areas.