

SPIR II



STRENGTHEN PSNP INSTITUTIONS AND RESILIENCE II



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Strengthen PSNP Institutions and Resilience II (SPIR II) Program is a five-year Resilience and Food Security Activity that aims to address the pervasive food and nutrition insecurity that is exacerbated by the poverty of vulnerable PSNP households in the targeted woredas of Amhara, Tigray, and Oromia. To address this core problem, SPIR II aligns with PSNP5 to create a strong, shock responsive ecosystem of public, private, and community level actors to support PSNP households to graduate from poverty and sustain income and food security gains.

The \$206 million program is funded by USAID's - Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA) and implemented by a consortium of partners with over a combined 146 years of experience in Ethiopia, including World Vision (lead), CARE, IFPRI and ORDA Ethiopia. The consortium scales learning, investments, and technical expertise to increase resilience to shocks, improve PSNP institutions, transform gender and social norms, support the nutrition and health behaviors of households, and strengthen and diversify livelihoods to raise incomes and production.

Purpose One (P1)

Vulnerable households and individuals have sufficient quantity, quality, and diversity of food at all times.



Program participant's home garden.

SPIR II supports the food and nutrition security of households, which is crucial for achieving long-term resilience and graduation out of poverty. The program targets pregnant and lactating women, children under two, and communities, offering foundational interventions to improve health extensions, health-seeking behaviors, Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices, dietary diversity, WASH, and mental health support. Innovative approaches that have been adapted and tested include Nurturing Care Groups (NCG), Community-based Participatory Nutrition Promotion (CPNP), Group Management Plus (GPM+), and Men's Engagement Groups. SPIR II also provides Productive Safety Net Program (PSNP) commodity transfers to Public Works (PW) and Permanent Direct Support (PDS) clients.



Mothers and caregivers attending a Nurturing Care Group Session.



Ingredients for Community Participatory Nutrition Promotion feeding session.



Child eating a nutritious meal.



Caregivers and infants during Community Participatory Nutrition Promotion session.



Community member reflecting on the benefits of a SPIR II-constructed waterpoint.



Community member collects water from a water point constructed by SPIR II.





Caregiver who serves as a Nurturing Care Group volunteer, educating her neighbors on maternal and child health.



Women who participated in SPIR II's Sustainable Land Management intervention, which promoted backyard fruit tree and vegetable production.



Birra Producer Marketing Group (PMG) contributing eggs for weekly sales.

Purpose Two (P2)

Vulnerable community members' livelihoods transformed.

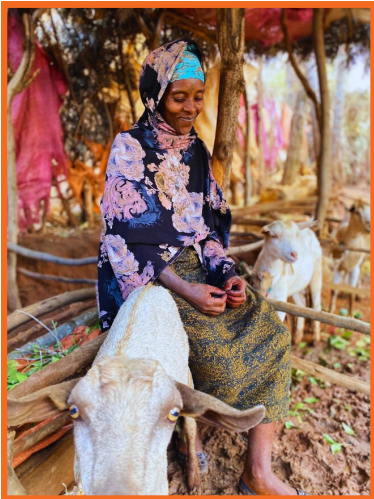


Program participants attend a Village Economic and Social Associations (VESA) group meeting.

SPIR II deepens and strengthens livelihoods by leveraging and scaling promising practices from successful livestock value chain activities, partnerships with private-sector input suppliers, micro-franchising models, and diversified on-farm and off-farm income pathways. Purpose 2 layers onto and sequences with Purpose 1 (P1) and Purpose 3 (P3). P1 and P2 work together to achieve sustained nutrition security, as healthier households support strengthened livelihood activities, which, in turn, generate the production and income necessary to maintain healthy households and promote positive nutrition behaviors. P3 and P2 combine to reduce livelihood risk, with P3 addressing climate and shock-related risks, including access to water for multiple uses, while P2 focuses on building resilience through livelihood diversification across multiple pathways, including on-farm, off-farm, non-farm, and wage employment.



Program participants showcase livestock and poultry value chain as part of their income generating activities.





SPIR II participants gather to reflect on SPIR II programming, including the contribution of the poultry value chain activities.



Nurturing Care Group session.



A micro-saleswoman who produces and sells nutritious mixed flour for improving child nutrition promoting her product to a mother in her community.



PSNP clients and SPIR II participants.



Kedija, a SPIR II project participant, with the chickens she is raising through support from SPIR II.



Fatuma, who transformed her household from food insecurity to productivity, will soon harvest her abundant potato crop.



Hassen started an income-generating activity after receiving a \$300 livelihood transfer grant from the program

Purpose Three (P3)

PSNP systems deliver accountable, effective, and shock-responsive services.



SPIR II participants practice conservation agriculture to improve yields while protecting the environment and reducing effects of climate change.

SPIR II delivers two key aspects critical to the sustained impact of PSNP5: a more productive and resilient natural resource base for livelihoods, and an enhanced safety net and services that enable households to withstand economic, climate, and health shocks while reducing livelihood risks. The program also builds the transparency, accountability, and reliability of PSNP and related services critical for strengthened social safety nets. This process improves ecosystem health, enhances social cohesion, increases human capital and drives social transformation.



Habro woreda, Bareda kebele, Gara Adayo watershed (trenches)



Habro woreda, Bareda Kebele, Gara Adayo watershed (Soil and water conservation structures, hillside terraces in degraded areas)



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Habro woreda, Oda Anani kebele, Setegn watershed Ayo area closure (protected from human and livestock disturbances and hillside terraces)



Kedir pictured working at his farmland in Welargi village.



Aliza and Destu increased their maize and sorghum harvest after being trained in water and soil conservation. In 2023, SPIR II mobilized 416,000 PSNP public workers to revitalize 5,448 hectares of communal land in Amhara and Oromia regions.



*Above: Jabiro and Bedriya pictured with their sons on their farm.
Below: they nurture an avocado tree.*



Cross Cutting

At a foundational level, SPIR II focuses on transforming the gender and social norm dynamics critical for significant change in income, production, participation, and voice, especially for women and youth.



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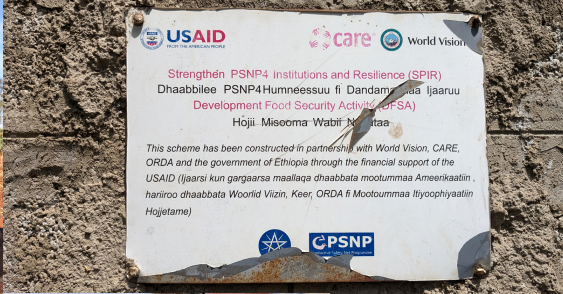
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Men gather for a men's engagement session.



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