

# Security and Rule of Law

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## Result area 1 - Peace Processes & political governance Security and Rule of law

### RESULTS

**PART 1 - ETHIOPIA:** After identification of four domains of policy-relevant research, four teams went to work and in October 2018 presented research proposals.

The four themes of policy research were:

1. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and industrial development: the case of the manufacturing sector (Oromia);
2. Practices and problems of youth employment in micro and small enterprises: the case of Oromia Regional State;
3. Organizational and human resource management in implementing the public service reform of local government (Oromia);
4. Women's empowerment in governance: the case of Oromia.

These policy-oriented projects were given the go-ahead (though project 4 ran into some delay and was only started in 2019).

In 30 May 2019 the teams were on track to present their work at the upcoming 2nd roundtable discussion, planned for October (2019).

**PART 2 - HORN OF AFRICA:** The Embassy supported the Peace and Security Department of the African Union Commission together with the EU, UK, Norway and Sweden via the Joint Financing Arrangement on PSD Salaries 2015-2018, the salaries of the PSD were paid to strengthen the capacity of the AU Commission on conflict prevention, mediation and early warning; the Netherlands became Lead Partner on 1st January, 2019 of the Joint Financing Arrangement for PSD and started negotiations with the AU Commission to change the modality of this JFA, from paying salaries to paying for results. In 2019 PSD developed together with International Partners a results framework for PSD, that will be implemented from 2020 onward. Before 2018 the Netherlands supported mediation efforts of the AU Department for Political Affairs. As the implementation of these mediation efforts was not performed as foreseen, the African Union returned the funds that were not used. The Embassy also supported the strengthening of the capacity of the African Peace and Security Architecture by funding the Peace and Security Division of IGAD, the regional organization for security in the horn of Africa. The Austrian Development Agency managed this project that is supported by the EU, Austria, Netherlands and Sweden. In the first year of this project, the allocation of funds was not exhausted, but the appointment of a new program manager was presented as positive stimulus for the years to come.

INDICATORS	Baseline	Target	Result	Source
ST_3.2.4.g) Number of studies on drivers of conflict or political governance perception surveys	NA	NA	4	4000001494

### Assessment of the results achieved across the entire result area 1

Assess achieved results compared to planning:	C. Results achieved as planned
Reasons for result achieved.	ETHIOPIA: In the first year of implementation research area's and -teams were identified and developed research proposals. This is according to plan, although there was a delay in research area four, all teams started their research in 2019 as planned. Horn of Africa: PSD salaries were paid for the periode 2018 and first half of 2019; the IGAD Peace and Security capacity building project has started and is slowly moving in the right direction, having the financial and administrative personell and Austrian project management in place to build the capacity for the regional security efforts.
Implications for planning.	ETHIOPIA: none; Horn of Africa: The disbursement of funds to PSD will only be resumed after a results-framework has been developed for PSD. The IGAD support will be disbursed only after a written request that the resources are needed.

## Result area 2 - Rule of Law Security and Rule of law

### RESULTS

The Embassy supports the Ethiopian NGO 'Justice for All' to implement a five year strategic plan, together with the embassies of Norway, Sweden and Denmark. The organisation works on a variety of (very relevant) outcomes, varying from human rights activism to policy dialogue with government and specific activities on eg press freedom and women's rights. A significant achievement by JFA is the bringing together of the Oromo Democratic Party (ODP) and the Oromo Liberation Front (OLF) that lead to the (partial) disarmament and demobilization of the OLF in early 2019.

One of the core competencies of the organisation is (human rights) training of police, prosecutors and prison staff. Through providing legal assistance to prisoners, facilitating pardons for prisoners, backlog clearance and training justice officials, the organisation secured access to justice for 99.574 people (in 2018). As the Embassy is part of a consortium, about 25.000 of these can be directly attributed to the Netherlands support. The general objective of the ongoing Justice Capacity Building Project implemented by VU University Amsterdam is to alleviate the prevailing technical capacity problems of the federal and regional institutions through upgrading the professionals employed in the Ethiopian federal and regional judicial system. To this end, the project provides short term trainings and legal masters' degrees to employees of judicial insititions at the federal level, as well as their Oromia Regional Government equivalents.

INDICATORS	Baseline	Target	Result	Source
ST_2.1.1 a) Number of beneficiaries (f/m) with access to justice (separate out: no. of women who	0	0	42098.68	28185
ST_2.2.1 d) Number of (formal/informal) justice institutions strengthened in terms of fairness,	NA	NA	4	4000001609

### Assessment of the results achieved across the entire result area 2

Assess achieved results compared to planning:	C. Results achieved as planned
Reasons for result achieved.	The activities are generally progressing well. The Justice Capacity Building has encountered delays ar the Oromia Regional Governmentso far has not been able to honor it's commitment to contribute allowances for it's staff.
Implications for planning.	The JFA project is moving into it's final year and is progressing well. A follow up project, preferably in a multi donor setting, will be considered. The Justice Capacity Building project is progressing well at the federal level; a task force has been appointed to find a solution for the Oromia part of the project.

\* Find more information on the projects on Openaid.nl with the activity numbers listed under 'Source'