

This is because until February 2019 when the new CSO law was passed, they were not allowed to “operate in the areas of human rights protection, promotion of equality, conflict resolution and advancement of the efficiency of justice and law enforcement services”. Although, currently, there is a more conducive legal framework and new opportunities have arisen for civil society to work in peace-building and conflict in Ethiopia, the reality is that there is a lack of active and well-established national and regional peacebuilding organisations, including women’s organisations.

Identification of main stakeholders and corresponding institutional and/or organisational issues (mandates, potential roles, and capacities) to be covered by the action:

The final beneficiaries are the **Ethiopian population, and particularly those members of local communities, and particularly women and girls, affected by conflicts**. This Action has identified primary target groups to leave no one behind: IDP, PwD and Female-headed households.

Other key stakeholders that will be involved in the implementation of the action are:

- **National, regional and local Governments:** The Ministry of Peace is one of the main government stakeholders for this action. In addition, the National Dialogue Commission was recently created in December 2021. Other key stakeholders include the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Women and Social Affairs. Coordination and close collaboration with them at national, regional and local levels by implementing partners will be ensured.
- **Religious groups:** In a religious society like the Ethiopian one, religious groups and leaders play an important role in peace building and social cohesion. They will actively participate in the dialogues and reconciliation efforts and peace education activities promoted by the Action. In addition, it is expected that interfaith collaboration among Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant, Muslim and other groups in the target areas can contribute to bring about much-needed national understanding, reconciliation and peace.
- **Civil Society Organisations:** CSO will be the main implementers of this Action. As mentioned, there is a need to strengthen capacities of CSOs working in conflict affected areas and in the sector of peace-building. In spite of that, they are the stakeholders in better position to properly respond to the urgent and long-term needs of local communities. The CSO sector is also expected to play a key role in the national dialogue process if there is enough conducive environment for that.
- **EU Member States:** Some EU MS (Sweden, Denmark, The Netherlands, and Germany) are actively engaged in the peace-building sector. The EUD is also part of the recently created Working Group on Conflict and Development Cooperation (WGCDC), a development partner group that undertakes (a) information- and experience-sharing; (b) joint analysis and scenario development; (c) coordination of advocacy; and (d) selectively, joint planning on how to adjust development programming in Ethiopia in the face of instability and conflict.

3 DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION

3.1 Objectives and Expected Outputs

The Overall Objective (Impact) of this action is to contribute to sustainable peace and social cohesion in Ethiopia.

The Specific Objectives (Outcomes) of this action are:

1. Strengthened inclusive and gender sensitive dialogue and rebuilt social fabric at different levels, and particularly in conflict affected areas.
2. Facilitated recovery, inclusion and resilience building of conflict affected population, particularly women and girls.

The Outputs to be delivered by this action contributing to the corresponding Specific Objectives (Outcomes) are:

- 1.1.contributing to Outcome 1 (or Specific Objective 1): Conflict resolution and prevention institutions, mechanisms, and capacities are re-established and strengthened with a gender perspective.
- 1.2.contributing to Outcome 1 (or Specific Objective 1): Inclusive dialogue and people-to-people reconciliation with active participation of women and youth is promoted.