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"Transforming the Paradigm in the Partnership Model for Research Translation-Derived Development Solutions"

Youth Empowerment through Livelihood Transformation in Agro-Pastoral Areas of East and West Hararghe Zones, Oromia Regional State, Ethiopia

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20-21 Sep 2022, Inter Luxury Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia











LASER PULSE HU Research Team









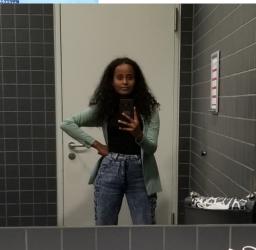














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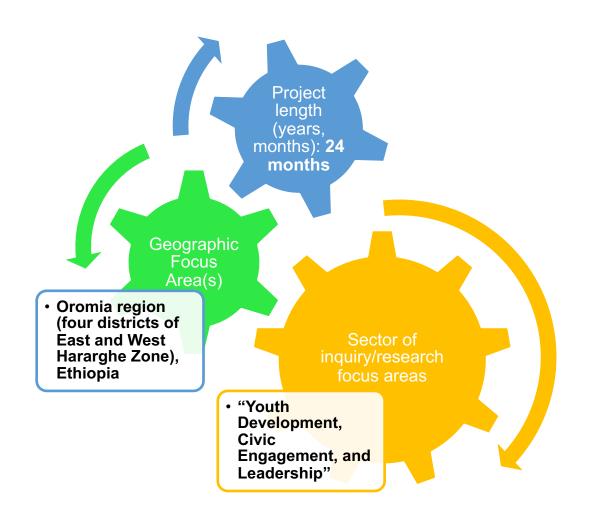


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Introduction: Overview of the **HU LASER PULSE Project**



LASER (Long-term Assistance and Services for Research) PULSE (Partners for University-Led Solutions Engine)

Youth Empowerment through Livelihood Transformation in Agro-Pastoral Areas of East and West Hararghe Zones, Oromia Regional State, Ethiopia

Project implementation area -Chinaksen & Midega Tola (East Hararghe Zone) Miesso & Gumbi Bordede (West Hararghe Zone) Oromia Region, Ethiopia

DURATION = Start year -01/09/2021 End year -31/07/2023

Donor/funding organization-Purdue University (LASER PULSE) Lead Institution- Haramaya University Ethiopia











Objectives of HU LASER PULSE Project

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LASER (Long-term Assistance and Services for Research)
PULSE (Partners for University-Led Solutions Engine)

Assess occupational aspirations of male and female youth in agro-pastoral areas of East and West Hararghe zones



Evaluate existing policy strategies, practices, and development interventions in Ethiopia and identify factors that may enhance/constrain effective participation of rural youth in the study area



Evaluate the impact of existing development interventions in improving livelihoods and empowerment of rural youth (economic independence, income, self-employment, access to and control over economic resources, and food and nutritional security)



Identify competitive advantages and potential sources of sustainable livelihood opportunities for agro-pastoral youth



Design, implement and evaluate demand-driven capacity-building interventions that may enhance rural youth's entrepreneurial skills and capabilities, livelihood, and empowerment



Transformation in Agro-Pastoral Areas of East and West Hararghe Zones, Oromia Regional State, Ethiopia

Youth Empowerment through Livelihood

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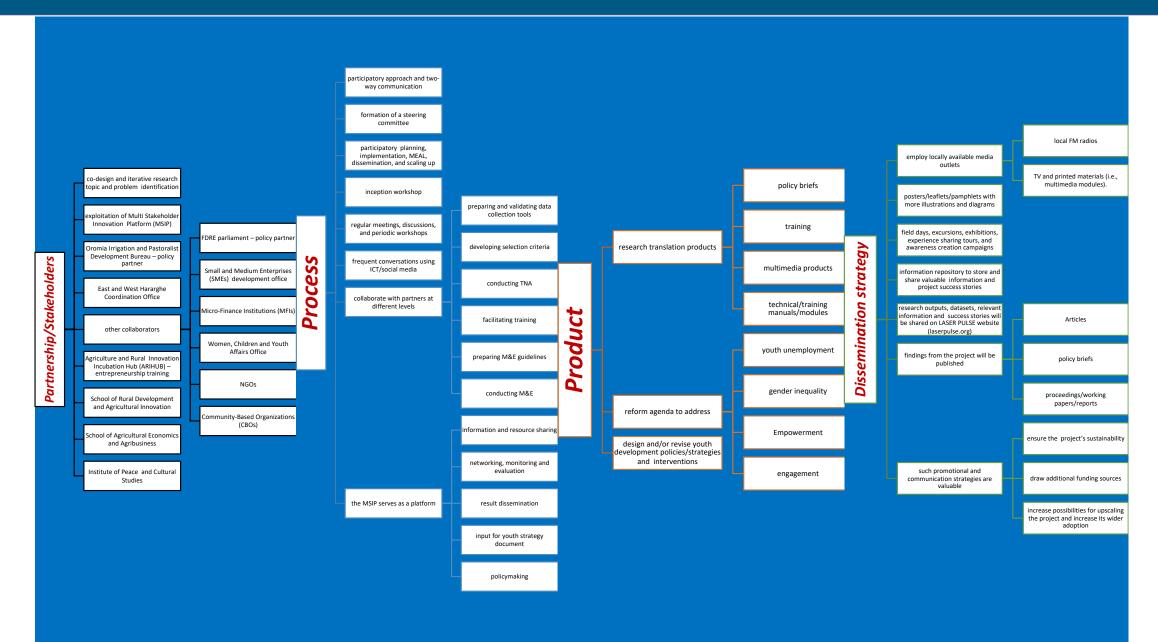
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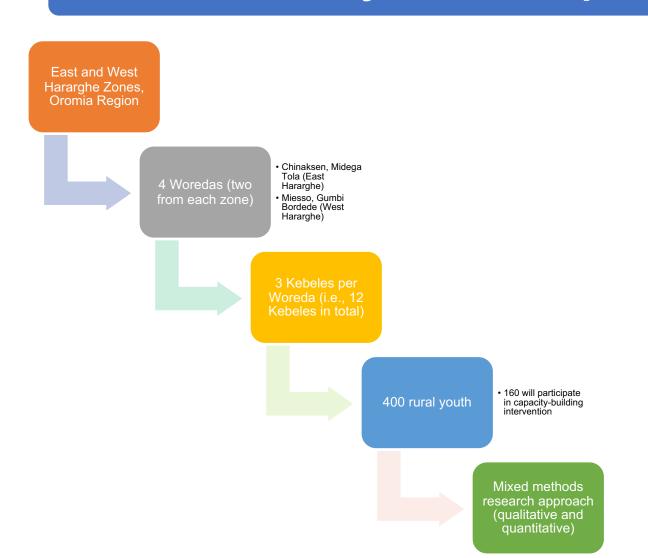








Study Area, Sampling and Methods







Study Area, Sampling ...

key informants' interview (40)

qualitative data analysis (thematic and content analysis)

descriptive, inferential, econometric model (quantitative data)



baseline and endline survey (400)

focus group discussion (12)

life history interviews (20)





Key ERT Activities, Outputs and Achievements



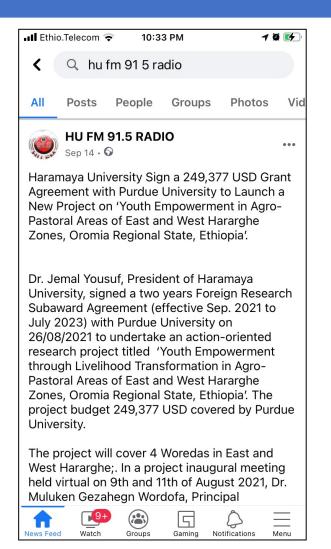


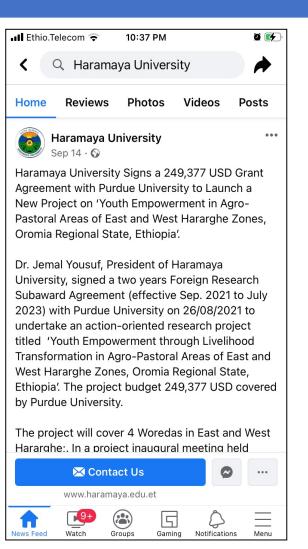




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LASER PULSE Proposal Registration (HUGMS)

 Registered proposal (05 Oct 2021)



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Project Registration Number (HU)	EFP_2021_05_06
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Key Activities Completed and Milestones Achieved

IRB ethical clearance

Enumerator and facilitator training

Qulaitative data collection (FGD, KII, LHI)

Qunatitative data collection (Survey)

Field report, policy briefs, posters, working papers, leaflets, presentations

Desk review report into articles

Ref. No. IHRERC /061/2022 April 05/2022 To: Chief Executive Director, College of Health and Medical Sciences (COHMS), Haramaya University, Harar Campus, Ethiopia. From: Institutional Health Research Ethics-Review Committee (IHRERC), College of Health and Medical Sciences, Harar Campus, Ethiopia. Chair-person of the IHRERC Subject: Ethical Approval of a Research Project Proposal by Dr. Muluken Gezahegn Wordofa (PhD) and others from Haramaya University It is known that various research proposals are passing through the IHRERC for ethical review. To this effect Dr Muluken Gzahegn Wordofa (PhD), as Principal Investigator (PI) and as Co- Investigators Dr. Getachew Shambel Endris (PhD), Dr. Chanyalew Seyoum Aweke (PhD), Dr. Million Sileshi (PhD), Dr. Dereje Kifle (PhD), Ms Eden Andualem, Dr. Jemal Yousus Hassen (PhD), Prof. Jeylan Woliye (Phd), Mrs. Kadija Kadiro, Dr. Abdulmuen Mohammed Ibrahim (PhD), and Mrs. Kidesena Sebsibe, have submitted a research project proposal entitled "Youth Empowerment through Livelihood Transformation in Agro-Pastoral Areas of East and West Hararghe Zones, Oromia Regional State, Ethiopia" through your office to the IHRERC for ethical review and approval (as per a letter written from the Director for Research Groups and Partnerships of Haramaya University, Ref. No. D/R/G/P/03/03/22, dated 03/03/2022;) to your esteemed office and directed to the IHRERC office on the same date). The IHRERC has scrutinized the proposal for ethical issues and made the investigators to correct and incorporate essential elements. The investigators, therefore, have incorporated all elements as enquired by the committee. The IHRERC has, thus, approved for implementation the 194 pages proposal unanimously through full consensus of the nine existing members on its regular meeting convened on April 05/2022. The IHRERC congratulates the investigators for the concerted efforts they made to fulfill the recommendations of the Committee. Finally the IHRERC requests your Office, to inform officially the investigators to commence their data collection process by contacting for permission of the concerned authorities in the respected study area/ setting; and strictly following the governmental instructions and standards promulgated for COVID-19 control and prevention. However, since the IHRERC is bestowed to make follow-up of the research process, the investigators are informed with a copy of this letter to report any changes in the research procedure and submit an activity progress report to the IHRERC every three months. A copy of the final report is also expected. At the back of this letter please find the approval format of the IHRERC. One signed and stamped copy of the approved proposal document is also attached. With Regards CC: > Dr Muluken Gzahegn Wordofa (PhD), Dr. Getachew Shambel Endris (PhD), Dr. Chanyalew Seyoum Aweke (PhD), Dr. Million Sileshi (PhD), Dr. Dereje Kifle (PhD), Ms Eden Andualem, Dr. Jemal Yousus Hassen (PhD), Prof. Jeylan Woliye (Phd), Mrs. Kadija Kadiro, Dr. Abdulmuen Mohammed Ibrahim (PhD), and Mrs. Kidesena Sebsibe (including one copy of the approved proposal)

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YOUTH EMPOWERMENT THROUGH LIVELIHOOD TRANSFORMATION IN AGRO-PASTORAL AREAS OF EAST AND WEST HARARGHE ZONES, OROMIA REGIONAL STATE, ETHIOPIA

Youth Empowerment through Livelihood Transformation in Agro-Pastoral Areas of East and West Hararghe Zones, Oromia Regional State, Ethiopia



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Desk/Systematic Review

Aim of the systematic review

- □ Produce reports on existing policy strategies, practices and development interventions, their strengths and weaknesses;
- Assess factors affecting youth participation in existing development interventions;
- ☐ Identify pathways for youth to benefit from the interventions (Research Output 1).
- Contents of the desk/systematic review template

mbedded Research Translation

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Youth problems are complex. Strategies to address youth issues should consider these vast complexities and the context in which the agro-pastoral/pastoral youth operate as well as the

internal dynamics between and

among the various youth groups.

[Youth]













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Occupational Aspirations, Opportunity Structures and Barriers for Youth Livelihood Transformation in Gumbi Bordede Woreda of Oromia Regional State, Ethiopia

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Introduction

- n many developing countries including Ethiopia, a key challenge facing youth is the mismatch between occupational aspirations and available employment opportunities in the job market
- Youth face tremendous challenges to acquire the required knowledge, training, life skills and experiences to compete for the job opportunities; various forms of discrimination on the basis of gender, socio-economic status and societal
- pportunities are available for youth to engage in and transform their livelihoods: international, regional and
- However, understanding what shapes youth aspirations, challenges and opportunities as well as what context-specific ntions need to be designed to enhance youth participation in economic activities, empowerment and transition
- The purpose of the review was to identify socio-demographic, economic and ecological characterizations of the Woreda ivelihood activities and employment; opportunity structures (i.e., enabling environments); and barriers to agro-pastors youth participation in programs, projects and interventions aimed at livelihood transformation.

Methods

- . Objective & Research Questions: This desk review was conducted with the aim of uncovering youth occupational aspirations, unique needs and challenges, youth participation in development interventions, programs and projects as well as identifying barriers and opportunity structures for youth livelihood ormation in the agro-pastoral areas of Gumbi Bordede Woreda.
- Key Methods: desk review of published and unpublished documents to identify and list out all the relevant stakeholders, youth-focused interventions, institutions, impact pathways and processes involved to
- Inclusion and exclusion criteria: time period; studies that exclusively state improvements in youth livelihood and nutritional outcomes, employment and empowerment, gender, and barriers; studies that evaluate the impact/effect of development interventions, policies, programs/projects; availability/accessibility of publications; and study design considerations, including credible evaluation protocol, justification and analysis.
- Data analysis involved thematic and content analysis, categorizations and critical interpretations.

Although the youth are regarded as a force of change in many countries, economic sectors and contexts, they grapple with tremendous challenges to acquire the required knowledge, training, life skills and experiences to compete for job opportunities as well as realize

their dreams and aspirations.

Key Findings

- Aspirations are found to be influenced by a range of demographic, socio-economic. institutional and cultural constructs, including parental background and socioeconomic status, age, gender, social norms and expectations, infrastructure and
- · Accessibility of the study area and cattle marketing towns near the main road, indigenous beef cattle fattening knowledge and management, cultural medication of cattle, and availability of model cattle fatteners to be the important opportunities for youth to engage in on cattle fattening business
- The study found a number of opportunities for youth livelihood transformation in the study area: 11 tourist attraction sites; available livelihood activities include pastoralism, agro-pastoralism, beekeeping, charcoal production and petty trading; 56 schools, 6 animal health posts, 5 human health clinics; 11 pastoral training centers, and various water resources; and customary institutions.
- There identified challenges include: a) food insecurity due to low crop and livestock productivity, b) livestock diseases, lack of feed and water, invasive species (weeds desert locust), limited capacity and quality of animal health services and conflict, c) drought, deforestation, and soil erosion, d) lack of finance, poor road, electricity and baking services, e) poorly equipped schools and shortage of teaching materials, f) limited human health service provision, and g) socio-cultural constraints.

Recommendations/Implications for Policy & Practice

- Youth development and livelihood transformation interventions should take into account differences among male and female youth occupational aspirations
- strengthening formal and informal education, training and behaviour change communicative interventions should be prioritized
- Provision of business skills and entrepreneurship training, start-up capital, market information and integration, and basic services and infrastructural development is
- The local government, customary institutions and NGOs operating in the study area should concentrate on addressing all forms of discrimination and its impact on male and female youth aspirations, employability, empowerment and overall
- Encourage the participation of male and female youth through a carefully designed targeting and selection criteria, exclusively targeting vulnerable segments of the population, and coordinating programs/projects using a multi-stakeholders' innovation and engagement platforms

Key Facts & Figures





Embedded Research Translation (ERT) Model

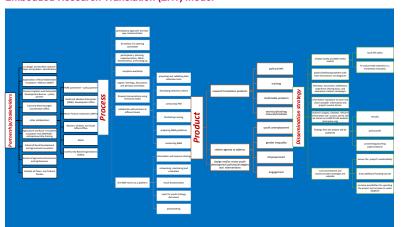


Figure 1. Map of the study area - shaded pink and indicated by a circle credit from cops is tied inputs

Figure 2. Challenges associated with access to financial n Source: Gumbi Bordede Woreda Bureau of Agriculture, 2022; LLRP, 2020/21

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Project implementation area or location-Oronia region (four districts of East and West Hamphe Zune), Ethinpia College and School Hosting Department-School of Rural Development and Agricultural Innovation











Project overall goal

The current research is an effort to identify youth aspirations, competitive advantages, and potential sources of sustainable livelihood opportunities, challenges, and ways of addressing them in pastoral and agro-pastoral areas of the East and West Hararghe zones.



Specific objectives

- Assess occupational aspirations of male and female youth in agro-pastoral areas of East and West Hararghe zones
- Evaluate existing policy strategies, practices, and development interventions in Ethiopia and identify factors that may enhance/constrain effective participation of rural youth in the study area
- Evaluate the impact of existing development interventions in improving livelihoods and empowerment of rural youth (economic independence, income, self-employment, access to and control over economic resources, and food and natritional security)
- Identify competitive advantages and potential sources of sustainable livelihood opportunities for agro-pastoral worth
- Design, implement and evaluate demand-driven capacity-building interventions that may enhance rural youth's entrepreneurial skills and capabilities, livelihood, and empowerment.



Target beneficiaries of the project

Youth and women in Oromia region (four districts of East and West Hararghe Zone), Ethiopia





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Data Collection Tool Preparation

Questionnaire

Focus group discussion

Key informant interview

Life history interview





Training for Enumerators and Facilitators





The Field Research Team: Supervisors, Enumerators, Facilitators





Distance (km) from HU to Study Woredas and Kebeles

Zone	Woreda	Distance (km) from HrU	Kebele	Distance (km) from HrU
			Urji	91.2
			Berzale	90.2
East Hararghe	Midega Tola	86.2	Roba	90.2
Lastriarargile			Dagdier	102.9
			Gulmayo	104.9
	Chinaksen	99.9	Lugo	101.9
			Sodoma	216.8
			Gorbo	212.8
West Hararaha	Miesso	207.8	Oda Bella	225.8
West Hararghe			Gololcha	279.8
			Godechele	266.8
	Gumbi Bordede	257.8	Hargiti	277.8



Enumerators, qualitative data collectors, supervisors, local research translation partners, translators, guides

			Enumerators, moderators, facilitators		Supervisors			
Zone	Woreda	Kebele	Survey	Qualitative	HU	Local partners	Translators	Guides/fa cilitators
		Urji	5	2	4	4	0	4
		Berzale	5	2	4	3	0	3
East Hararghe	Midega Tola	Roba	5	2	4	3	0	3
East Harargile		Dagdier	5	1	4	3	5	3
		Gulmayo	5	1	4	3	5	3
	Chinaksen	Lugo	7	1	4	3	7	3
		Sodoma	9	3	4	3	2	3
West Hararghe		Gorbo	9	3	4	4	2	4
	Miesso	Oda Bella	7	3	4	2	1	2
		Gololcha	7	2	4	4	2	4
	Gumbi	Godechele	7	3	4	3	2	3
	Bordede	Hargiti	6	3	4	3	2	3



Completed Surveys by Zone, Woreda, Kebele and Gender

			No. of completed survey		
Zone	Woreda	Kebele	M	Т	
		Urji	14	19	33
		Berzale	17	18	35
Fact Harardha	Midega Tola	Roba	17	16	33
East Hararghe		Dagdier	17	17	34
		Gulmayo	21	13	34
	Chinaksen	Lugo	14	18	32
		Sodoma	17	16	33
West Hararghe		Gorbo	17	17	34
	Miesso	Oda Bella	16	17	33
		Gololcha	17	15	32
		Godechele	18	15	33
	Gumbi Bordede	Hargiti	16	17	33
	Total		201	198	399



Completed Qualitative Responses by Type of Data Collection Tool, Woreda and Gender

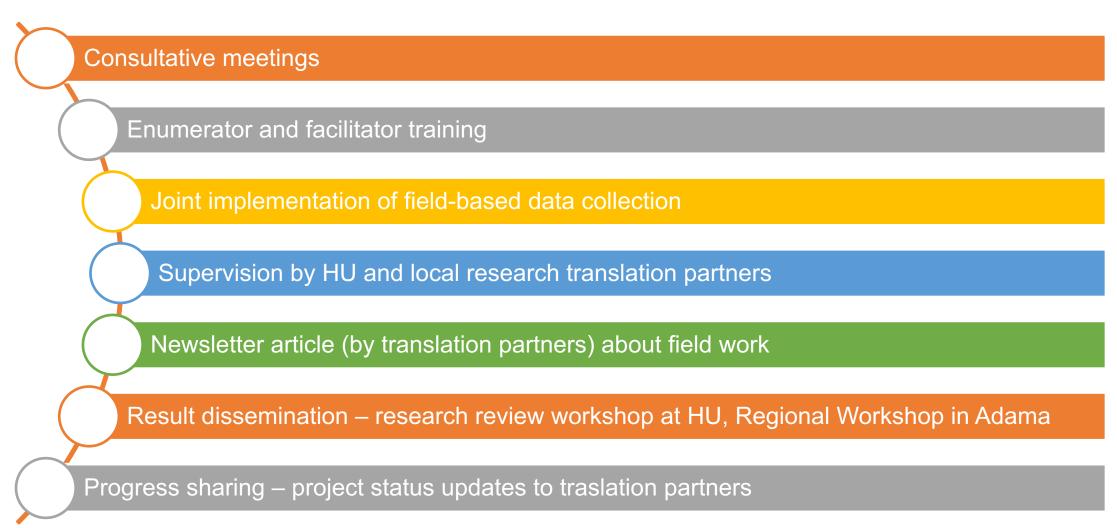
		Qualitative data			No. of Participants by Gender		
Zone	Woreda	KII	LHI	FGD	M	F	T
	Midega Tola	8	10	6	14	10	24
East Hararghe	Chinaksen	4	5	0	7	2	9
	Miesso	9	8	5	16	6	22
West Hararghe	Gumbi Bordede	9	9	8	16	11	27
Total		30	32	19	53	29	82





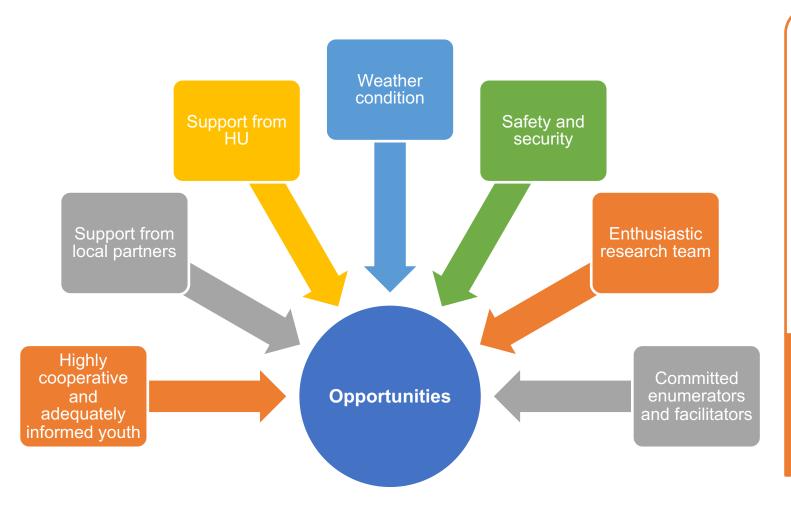


Summary of ERT Products and Dissemination





Opportunities, Challenges, and Measures Taken

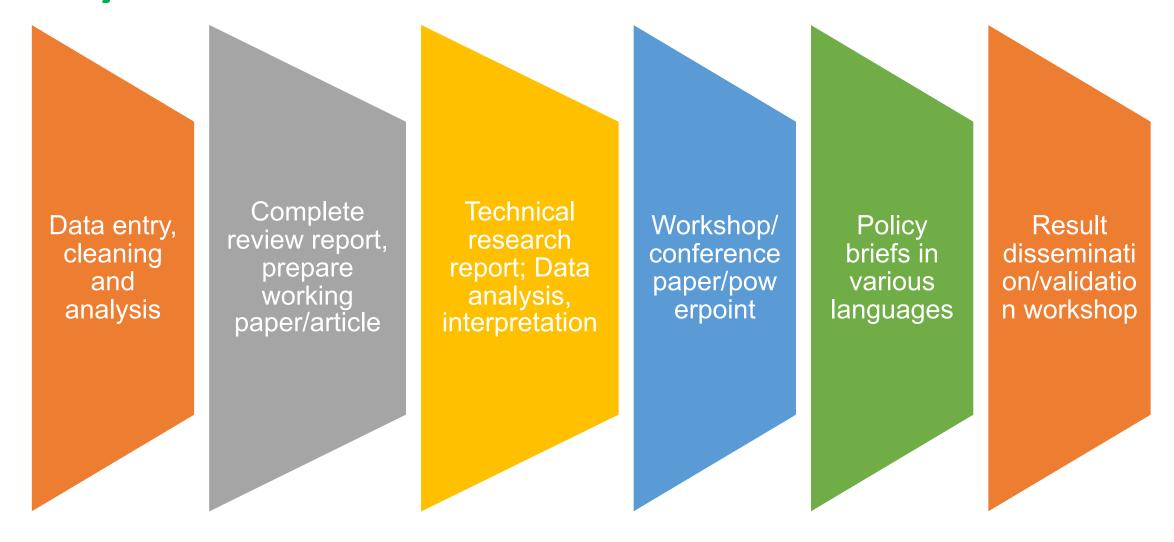


- Delay in IRB approval
- COVID-19
- State of emergency
- Road (Roba Bordede)
- Very hot weather
- Vehicle repair & maintenance
- Female enumerators and facilitators
- Some enumerators went back to HU before completion
- Security (Gololcha Bordede, Lugo Chinaksen)

Challenges and Measures Taken



Key Action Items for Next Quarter



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