

Green Tanning Initiative (GTI): Promoting technologies that reduce the environmental impact of leather processing and creating sustainable employment in the industry in Ethiopia

BACKGROUND

In Ethiopia, tanning is an important economic activity. The country is home to the largest population of livestock in Africa, and is the 10th largest producer in the world. The livestock sector contributes towards 16.5% of Ethiopia's GDP, and is important source of income for the rural population.

According to the Ethiopian livestock sector, close to 20% of the overall slaughter, hides and skin processing is undertaken in modern abattoirs and slaughter slabs. Meanwhile, 80% of the overall animal slaughter, hides and skin processing is carried out in people's backyards under unsanitary conditions that massively degrade the environment.

To address this, the GTI programme will offer local tanneries technical support in cleaner/eco-friendly production, improved labor conditions, business management, and trade expectations. The initiative will also share best industry practices with government institutions and other tanneries to reach scale.

OBJECTIVES

- To promote the adoption of Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) practices by 32 MSMEs (comprising 16,500 workers) in the leather supply chain and facilitate market entry at domestic & EU level
- To contribute to an enabling environment in the Ethiopian leather industry supportive of SCP practices and green growth targets set by the Ethiopian government

ACTIONS/ ACTIVITIES

- 2 abattoirs linked to 3 tanneries for quality control, quality based payment of hides and skins and traceability in the value chain & receive technical support to improve slaughter practices & facilities. 2 Collection Centres established in close proximity of tanneries to control and secure the uptake of quality hides & skins.
- 3 leather manufacturers/tanneries receive technical support in cleaner/eco-friendly production, labour conditions, business management and trade expectations.
- 4 Business to Business (B2B) match making sessions between local & EU buyers, tanneries & leather manufacturers to facilitate local & EU market entry.
- Best Practices, tools & lessons shared at tannery, national & network/continental level to influence policy on the importance of green business development & sustainable growth, and publish press releases & engage with trade media at EU & Ethiopia level.
- z1 Local service provider & 1 government institution receive technical support and transfer of technologies & skills to ensure embedding of interventions. 2 Business cases for sustainable leather developed & presented to finance institutions to facilitate access to finance for MSME's.

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Leather Industry Development
Institute (LIDI) - Partner
Ethiopian Leather Industries
Association (ELIA) - Partner



Duration:
36 months



Total budget:
1,299,246 Euros

Location:

Ethiopia (Khaliti Area, Oromia
and Modjo-edjersa regions)