

Ethiopia's Productive Safety Net Programme — Public Works Payments for Watershed & Rangeland Rehabilitation

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Ethiopia

Quality score: 33/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Ethiopia's government pays food-insecure rural households in cash or food for public-works labour on soil/water conservation and area-closure regeneration; Phase 5 alone treated 1.2M ha across 11,800 watersheds, though payment delays are a documented weakness.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	1/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	0/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	2/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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