



VLIR

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Development Cooperation

ETHIOPIA



JIMMA AND ITS SURROUNDING







SEKA WATER FALL (JIMMA)

HIGHER LEARNING INSTITUTIONS

- Expansion of higher education in Ethiopia
 - Existing ones =8
 - New 13

JIMMA UNIVERSITY

- Jimma Institute founded in 1983
- Achieved university status in 1999
- Location
 - Jimma University is located in Jimma town-335 km from Addis Ababa
 - Enjoys rural scene and urban culture
- Infrastructure
 - It is expanding recently investing heavily on buildings

- Staff and students
 - 1425 (264, 239, 33)
 - 9511(401, 1024)
 - (numbers, academic level, retention, workload etc.)
- ICT and library
- Financial and administrative offices
- Research capacity
- Funding base (Intramural and extramural)
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Position of Jimma University

- No systematic national ranking
- Quantity and quality- good standing & reputation

MAIN GOVERNING BODIES OF JU

Ministry of Education

Board

President

Senate

Vice President for
Research &
Academic Affairs

V/ President for
Finance &
Administration

Academic
Commission

Department/School Council

Societal and policy impact

- Works closely with MoH, MoE and DPPC
- Community diagnosis and intervention
- Assist policy makers to make informed decision

PAST & PRESENT LINKAGES WITH FLANDERS

- Past and/or existing linkages with Flemish universities
 - School of Environmental Health
 - 1 person every year
 - Lab equipment worth 10000 Birr
 - Sandwich PhD program

Strengths and weaknesses

- Strengths
 - Community based training
 - Urban and rural setting training
 - Clear strategic plan
- Weaknesses
 - High staff turn over
 - Inadequate research facilities
 - Low number of terminal degrees

PREPARATORY WORK TO DATE AND EXPECTATIONS

- **Compilation of the application file:**
 - Flemish Coordinator: Prof. Luc Duchaeu
 - Jimma University Coordinator: Worku Legesse
- **Division of tasks:**
 - Managerial position advertised.
 - New local coordinator to be appointed
 - Research teams identified

Justification of the for IUC cooperation

- Past south-north collaboration proved successful
- Past support of VLIR to Jimma succeeded
- Government commitment to Jimma very good
- South-south link can be initiated
- Expectations regarding the orientation week
 - **Inception phase objectives clarified**
 - **Tentative action plan drafted**
 - **Fund management mechanism described**

Thank you

