

JIMMA UNIVERSITY (JU): THE PROPOSED COLLABORATION

**Coordination of research implementations in the Gilgel Gibe Hydroelectric dam area**

**RESEARCH COORDINATION TEAM**

***Fact sheet***

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<b>Project leader:</b>	Makonnen Assefa, Professor, Dean of the School of Graduate Study and Director of Health Sciences Research Institute.
<b>Faculties involved:</b>	Public Health Faculty, Medical Faculty, Business and Economic Faculty and all faculties involved in other IUC projects.
<b>Project capacity:</b>	Delegates from the different projects together with one Professor, Associate Professor and Lecturer.
<b>Core needs/problems:</b>	Lack of transportation service and lack of qualified staff at PhD level.

***Specific objectives of the project***

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1. Create a joint forum to learn from each other in different project teams
2. Avoid duplication and synchronize activities/tasks in the different projects for mutual benefit
3. Monitor implementation and progress of projects
4. Follow data generation, storage, management and analysis
5. Develop GIS system for Gilgel Gibe area to connect data generated by different projects spatially and temporally.
6. Socio-economic assessment of interventions of different projects

***An opportunity to collaborate***

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***General notions:***

Based on the memorandum of understanding, different stakeholders such as the community, local government, non-government development sectors and international organizations will be partners in the project. Flemish colleagues are invited to be involved in this project together with the Field Research Center. They can also send their masters and doctoral students to undertake their theses in the project area.

***Expertise required:***

<b>Specialisation:</b>	Socio-economist, database specialist, GIS specialist.
<b>Critical capacities:</b>	Longitudinal study project management, transportation, and inter-disciplinary requirements.
<b>Nature of collaboration:</b>	Remote support with occasional visits to the project site and meetings with project team members, data analysis and report writing and advisorship for PhD and MSc fellows.