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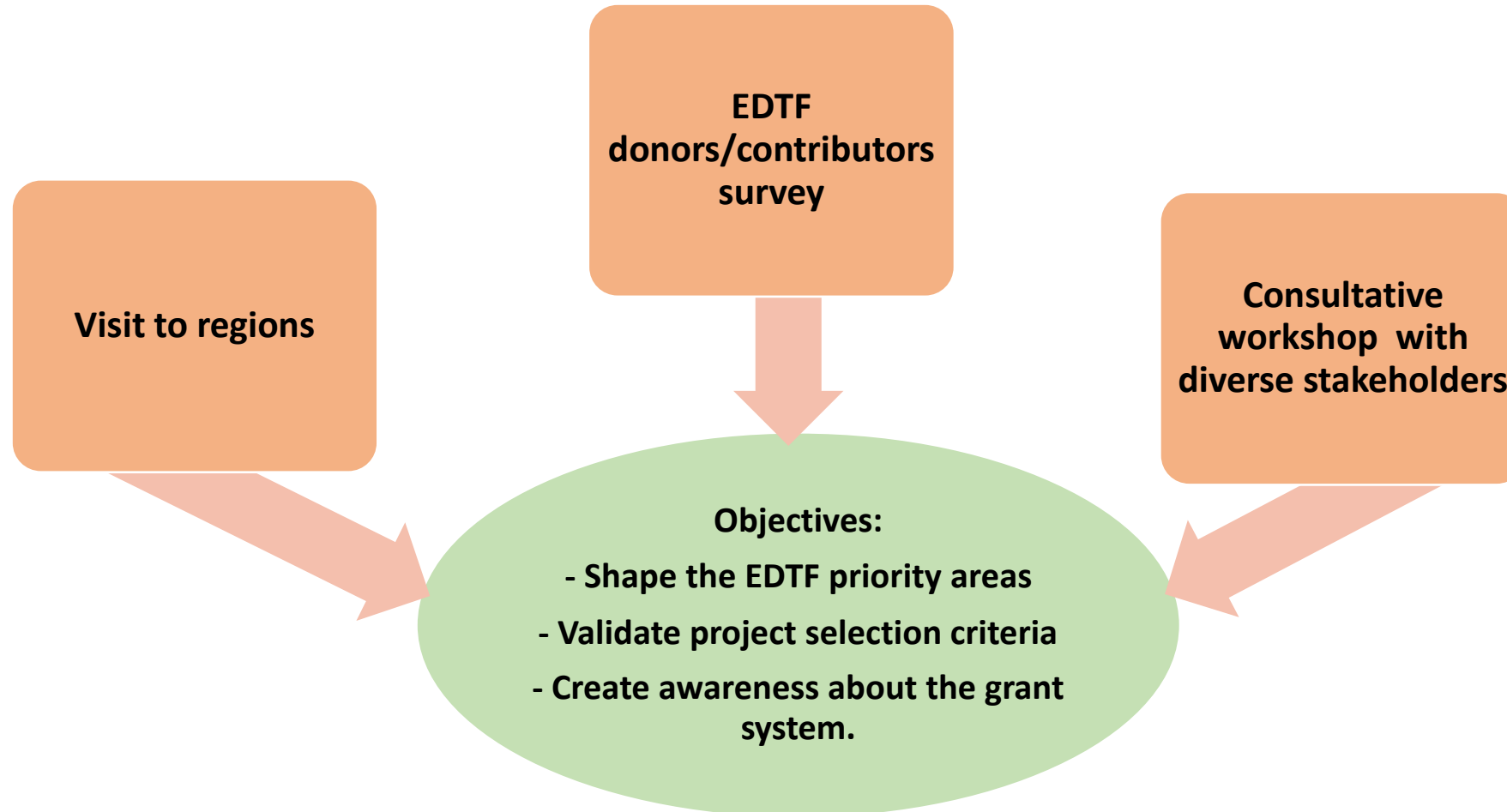
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# Ethiopian Diaspora Trust Fund

EDTF Call for Project Proposals and Project Review Processes: Overview

# Developing the EDTF Call for Project Proposal



# Developing the EDTF Call for Project Proposal

## Documents prepared

1. EDTF project selection criteria
2. Guideline for applicants
3. Standard Application form
4. Results Framework template
5. Key milestones template
6. Budget proposal template
7. Applicant Profile \_ management staff template
8. Applicant Profile \_ technical staff template
9. Applicant Profile \_ key administration and finance staff template
10. Declaration of honor form
11. Applicant's checklist
12. EDTF Call for project proposals - Indicative timetable
13. EDTF Project implementation agreement

# Developing the EDTF Call for Project Proposal

- An orientation session was organized to explain the project submission procedures and process



# The EDTF Call for Projects: launching

- ❑ **The first EDTF Call for Project Proposals was announced on 25 July 2019**
- ❑ **The call was announced via**
  - Press conference attended by local and international media
  - Press release circulated to local and international media
  - Local Amharic and English News paper advertisements
  - Email circulation to more than 400 local NGOs and the Ethiopian Chamber of Commerce
  - CCRDA website and other popular grant tracking websites



# The EDTF Call for Projects : Follow up & Communication



**Dedicated e-mail account and telephone number for potential applicants to request and receive information**

100+ emails

150+ phone calls



**Response to frequently asked questions on EDTF website projects page**



**The project submission status was announced via:**

Press release

EDTF website

Bulk e-mail to potential applicants

# The EDTF Call for Projects: Submission

- ❑ **EDTF project submission was closed on 16 September 2019**
  - 508 projects were submitted in hand delivery and by e-mail
  - 410 projects were submitted on line
  - 98 projects were submitted after the deadline – thus, excluded from any further process
  - After due diligence check 242 projects were found to be complete and eligible for review.
  - 242 Projects reviewed





# The EDTF Project Review Process

## **Documents developed for project review**

- Terms of reference for Project review team
- Project review scoring templates
- Guidance note for reviewers



# The EDTF Project Review: Process

A three-  
step review  
process

**Step 1:**

## Technical review of projects

- Combined score of 75 points required

**Step 2**

## Assessment of institutional capacity

- Out of 60 points
- Combined score of at least 40 points required

**Step 3**

## Assessment of budget proposal

- Out of 40 points

The quality  
threshold:  
150 points

# The EDTF Project Review: Process

## **Mobilization and Engagement of Project Reviewers:**

- 100% of the project review exercise up to this stage conducted by volunteers
- 116 volunteers were mobilized as potential candidates
- 88 volunteers were screened as suitable candidates and approved by BoD
- 10 dropped out before starting the review
- 78 engaged in the review of process
- 77 successfully completed the process
- 1 failed to deliver review result

# The EDTF Project Review: Process



**26 Project review team were formed with 3 members each**



**26 Orientation meeting with each review team**



**Each project proposal was reviewed by 3 people (with the exception of one team)**



**Each review team reviewed 6 – 13 project proposals**



**Continuous e-mail and telephone communication and follow up with the review team**

# The EDTF Project Review:

## Financial Worth of Contribution by EDTF Volunteers

- By a minimum estimate of 2 days spent in reviewing one project proposal:
  - **1,432 man-days** were dedicated by volunteers to EDTF project review
  - By an average local consulta fee of 300 USD per day the financial worth of the work contributed by volunteers is **429,600 USD** or **ca. 13,300,000 ET Birr**



# The EDTF Project Review: Process

## □ Challenges

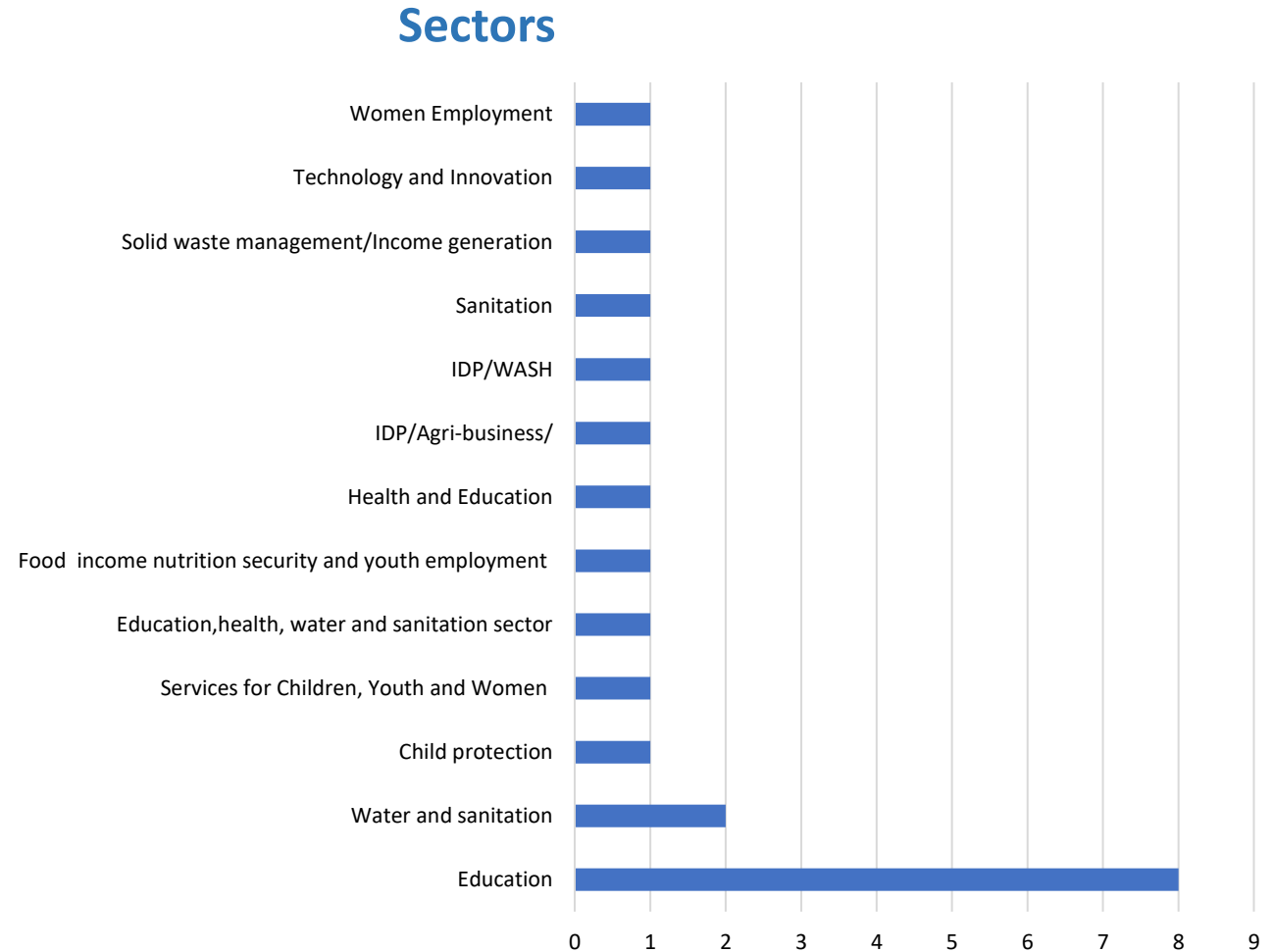
- Difficult and time taking to mobilize suitable volunteers
- Document transfer system: large volume files
- Team coordination (due to geographic location and time difference)
- Change/shift of commitment by few reviewers
- Institutional capacity review was only document-based due to large number of projects
- Delay due to few PRT members

# The EDTF Project Review: Results

- 242 projects reviewed
- 67 projects met the EDTF quality threshold of **150 average points** or above

# Sectoral Distribution of Top 21 Projects – Unadjusted

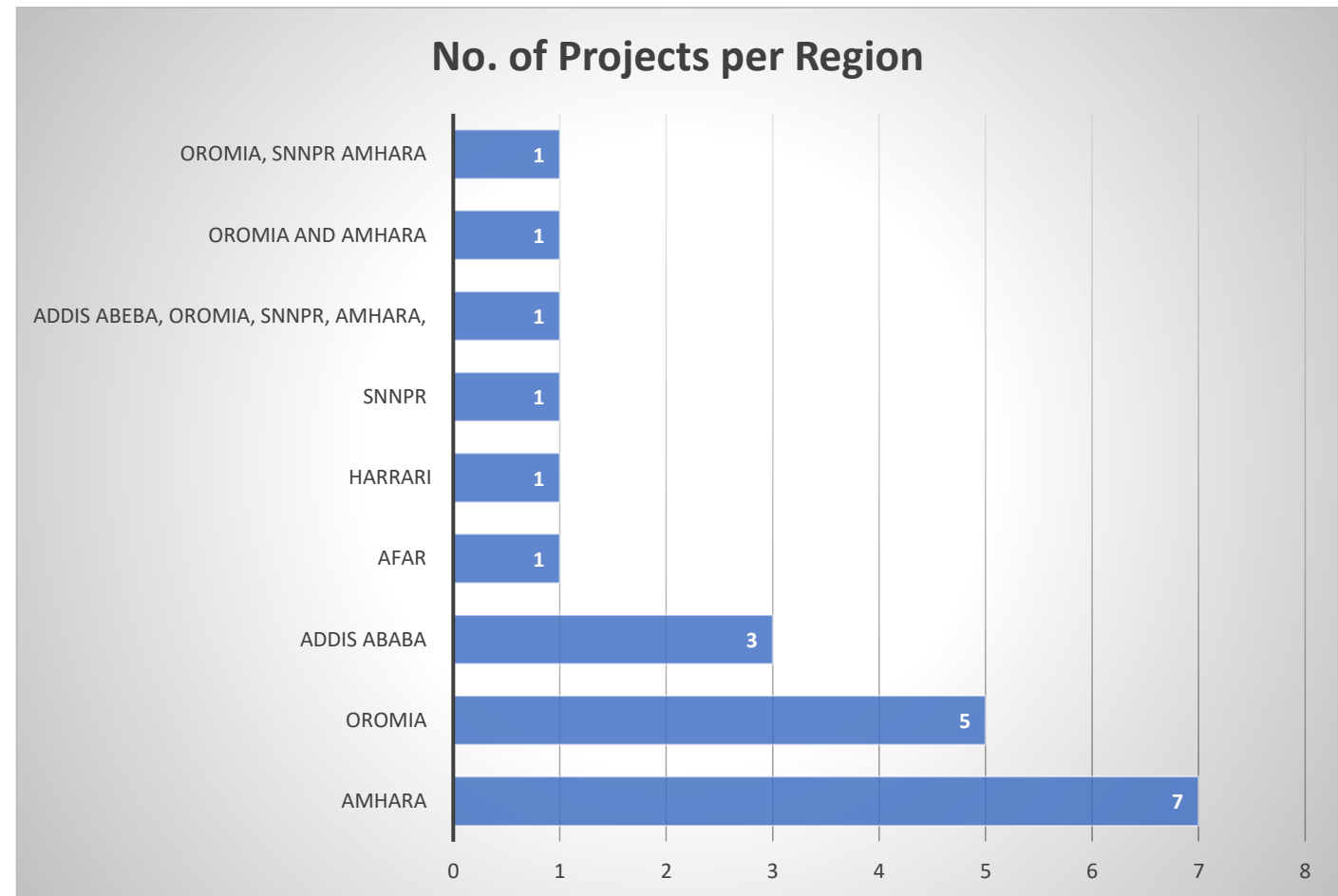
Sectors	No of projects
Education	8
Water and sanitation	2
Child protection	1
Services for Children, Youth and Women	1
Education, health, water and sanitation sector	1
Food income nutrition security and youth employment	1
Health and Education	1
IDP/Agri-business/	1
IDP/WASH	1
Sanitation	1
Solid waste management/Income generation	1
Technology and Innovation	1
Women Employment	1
Total	21





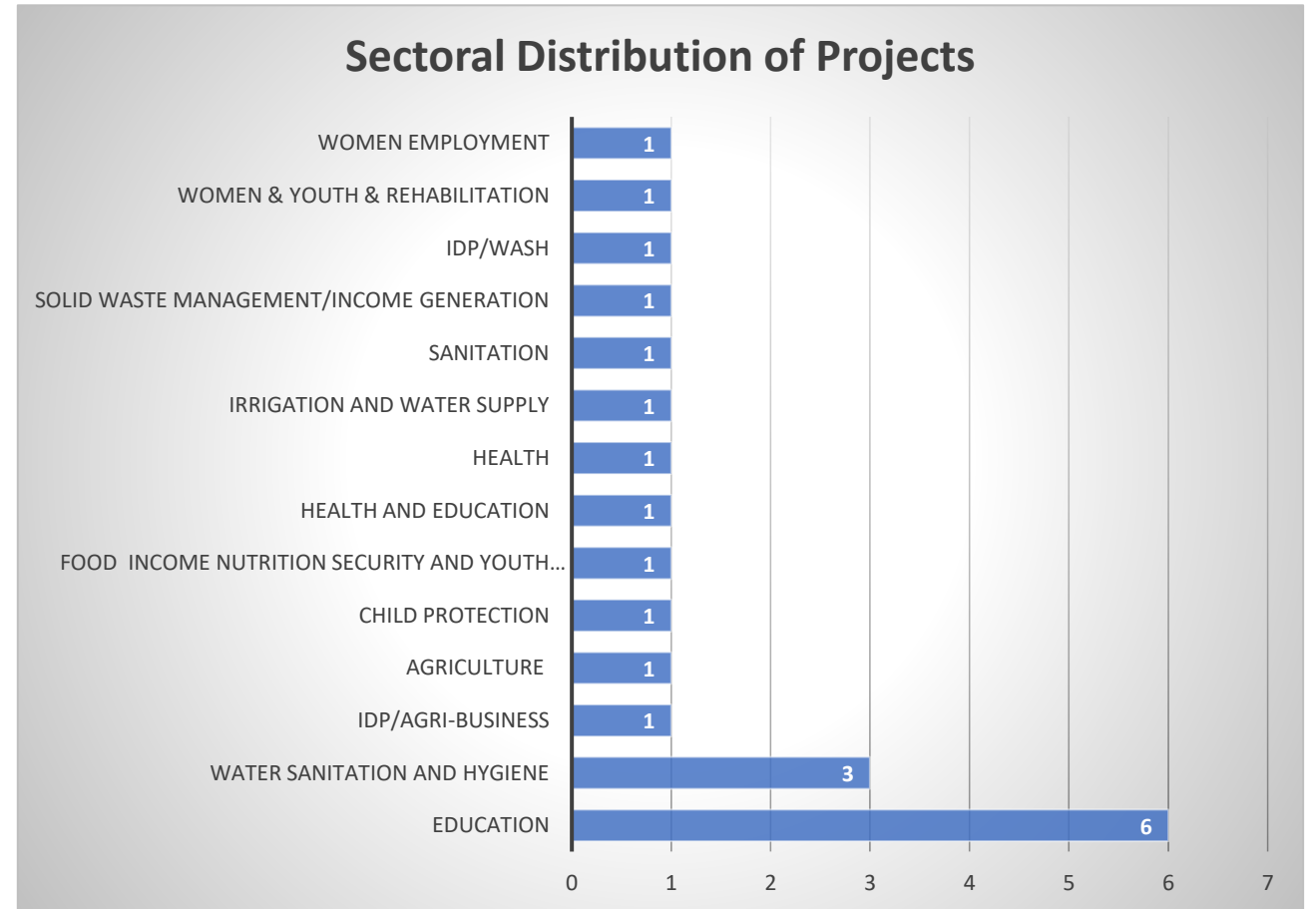
# Regional Distribution of Top 21 Projects: Unadjusted

Region	No. of Projects
Amhara	7
Oromia	5
Addis Ababa	3
Afar	1
Harrari	1
SNNPR	1
Addis Ababa, Oromia, SNNPR, Amhara,	1
Oromia and Amhara	1
Oromia, SNNPR Amhara	1



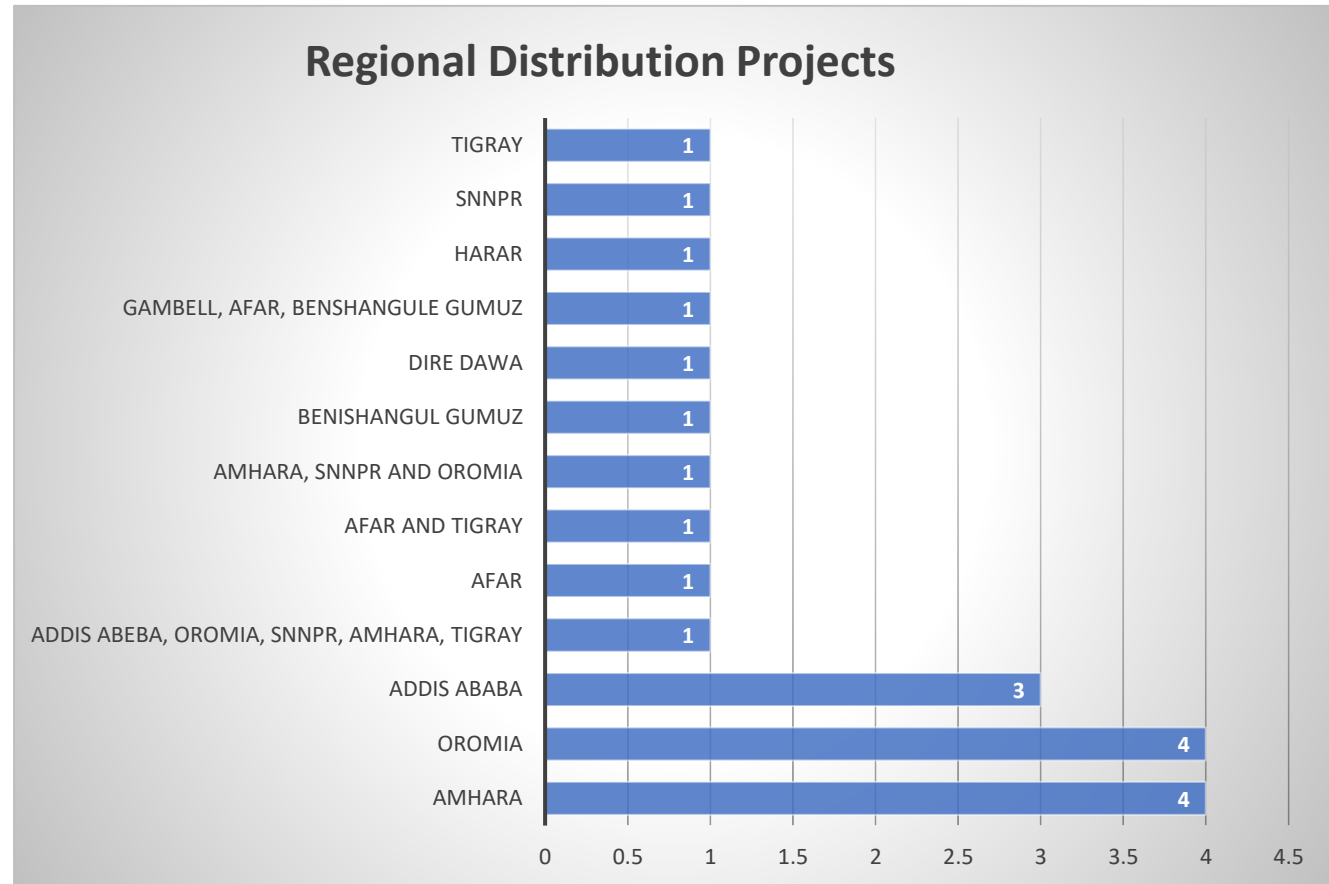
# Sectoral Distribution of Top 21 Projects: After Regional Equity Adjustment

Sector	No. of Projects
Education	6
Water Sanitation and Hygiene	3
IDP/Agri-business	1
Agriculture	1
Child protection	1
Food income nutrition security and youth employment	1
Health and Education	1
Health	1
Irrigation and water supply	1
Sanitation	1
Solid waste management/Income generation	1
IDP/WASH	1
Women & Youth & Rehabilitation	1
Women Employment	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>



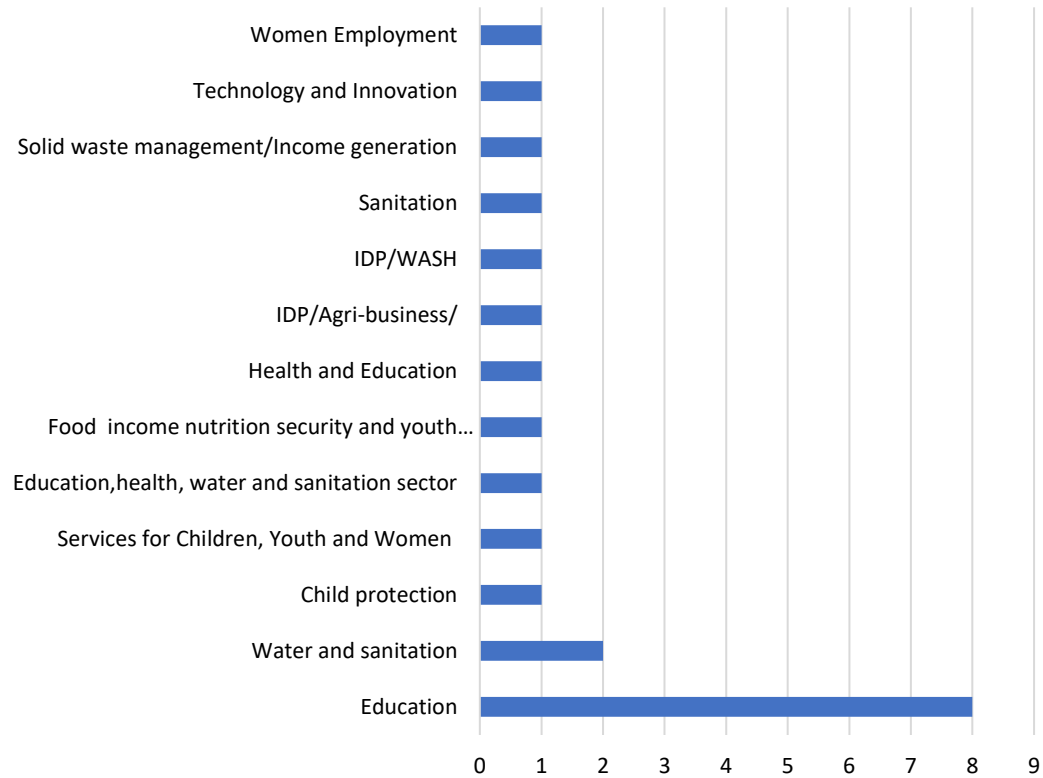
# Sectoral Distribution of Top 21 Projects: After Regional Equity Adjustment

Region	No. of Projects
Amhara	4
Oromia	4
Addis Ababa	3
Addis Abeba, Oromia, SNNPR, Amhara, Tigray	1
Afar	1
Afar and Tigray	1
Amhara, SNNPR and Oromia	1
Benishangul Gumuz	1
Dire Dawa	1
Gambell, Afar, Benshangule Gumuz	1
Harar	1
SNNPR	1
Tigray	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>

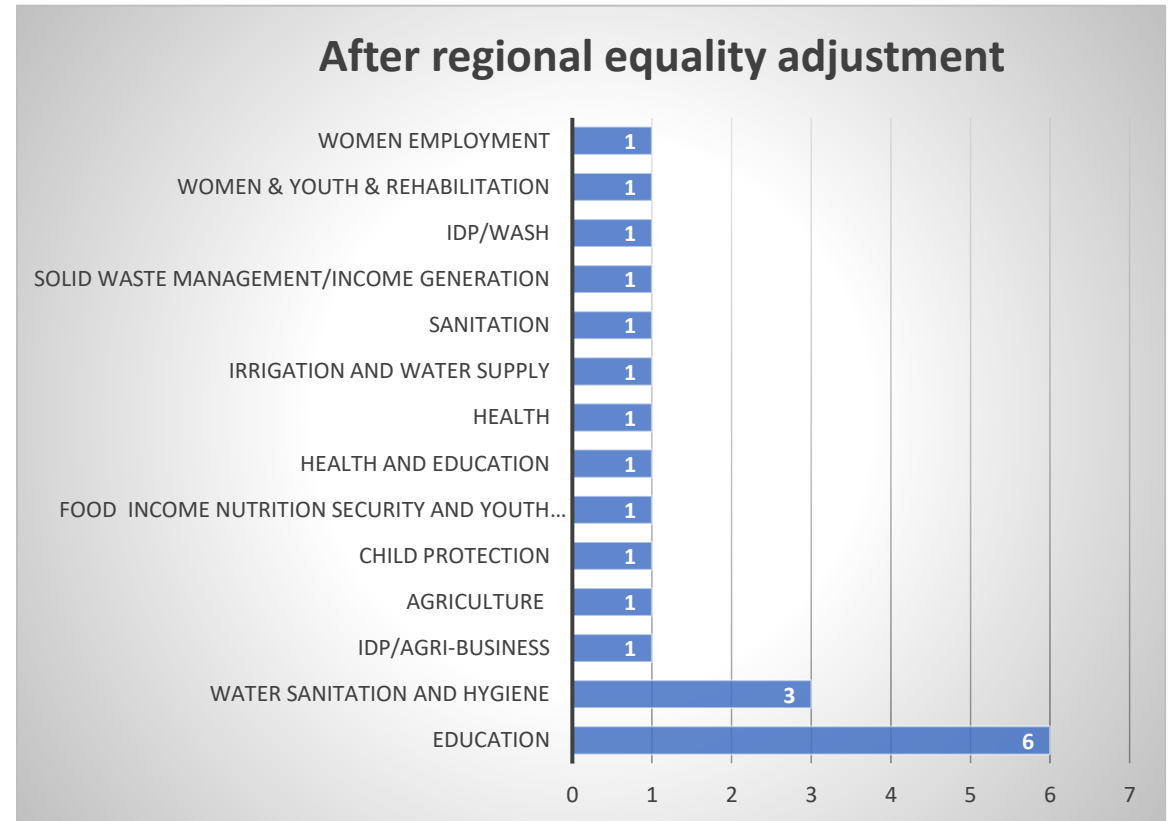


# Comparison: Sectoral Distribution

Before regional equality adjustment

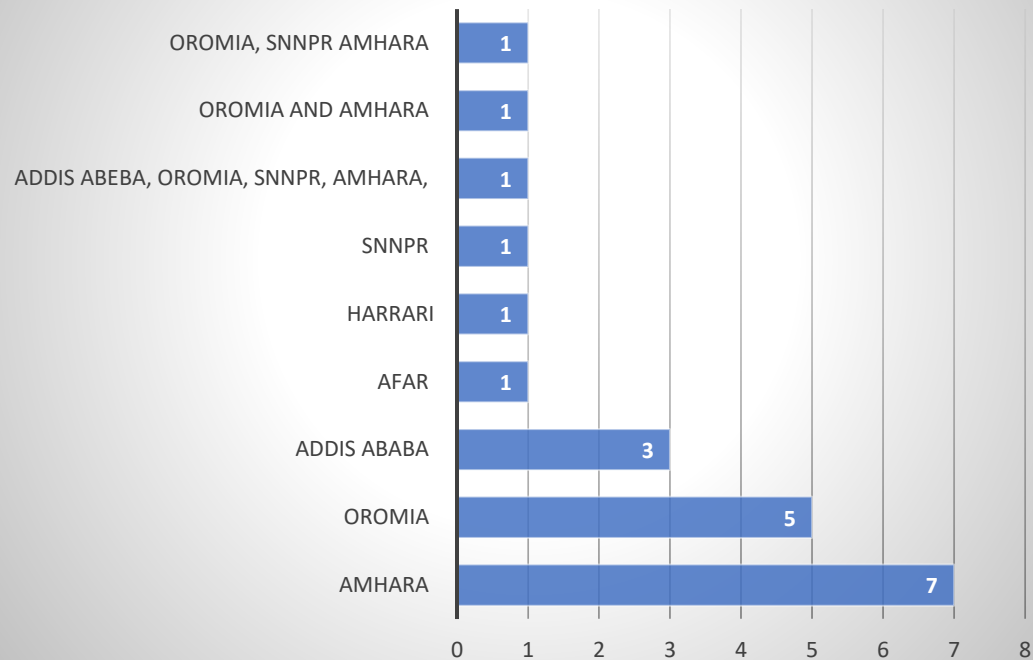


After regional equality adjustment

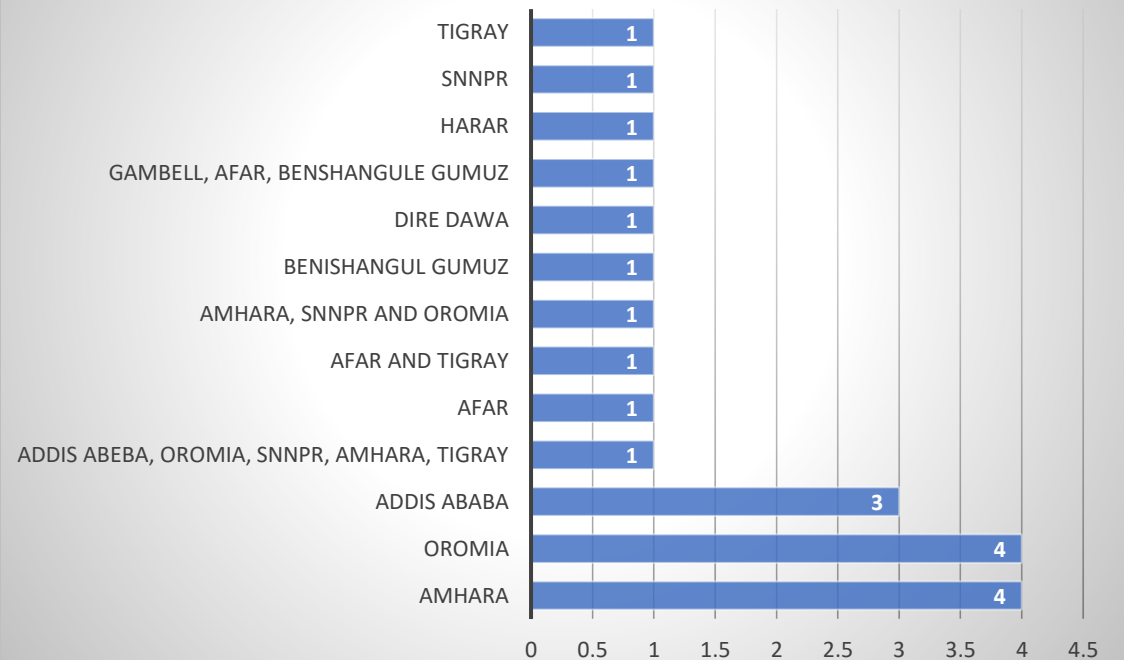


# Comparison: Regional Distribution

## Before Regional Equity Adjustment



## After Regional Equity Adjustment



# Observations and Recommendations from Review Teams

- General quality of many project proposals was poor
- The majority of project proposals submitted may not result in sustainable solutions
- Sustainability of project results and benefits is a general concern
- EDTF should consider clear focus on few high impact and visible areas and flagship projects
- Training for applicants in project proposal preparation and project development is needed

# Next Steps

- Approval of shortlisted projects by the EDTF Board of Directors
- Announcement of shortlisted projects
- Commissioning of institutional capacity and budget review
- Selection of 15 or 16 projects based on the results of the review  
(UNDP has finalized the review and will announce the results on Monday or Tuesday)
- Signing Implementation agreement with the selected grantees
- Disbursing first instalment of grant
- Follow up, monitoring and evaluation



# Issues that Require Guidance and Decision from the Board of Directors

## 1. The issue of Somali region projects not meeting the quality threshold

Including Somali in the shortlist in consideration of

- One of the regions with the highest diaspora abroad and remittance
- An emerging region
- The only region excluded

Vs.

Adhering to the official project eligibility and selection procedure

## 2. Possibility of more regions being excluded based on the result of the upcoming organizational capacity and budget review. Do we still go for regional equity or merit?

**Thank you for your attention**