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1.2 Summary of the Action

Ethiopia is currently facing a complex crisis due to prolonged drought and internal conflict, impacting the well-being of millions of households and leading to displacement. Within the framework of the third set of Individual Measures, this action focuses on strengthening the capacity of vulnerable communities and local authorities to manage and adapt to natural and man-made disasters with the following overall objective: to improve drought resilience through integrated water resource management at basin level, and strengthen households, communities and local authorities' capacities to manage climate-related disaster risks, reducing their vulnerability to climate shocks and dependency on humanitarian assistance in the event of a disaster.

The action will support the Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) projects of Italy and the Netherlands. Focussing originally on building the capacity of water river basin institutions, our action will promote an integrated water resources management, so to reduce the effects of climate change (drought and floods), and ensure sustainable and equal access to water, mitigate resources based conflicts between communities, and support nature based solutions. The water management component will be coordinated also with activities supported by Denmark, in a Team Europe spirit.

Decentralised Disaster Risk Management (DRM) support will cover drought and conflict affected regions of the country, with a focus on enabling an early response system, and managing disasters related displacements. This support will cover regions at high risk of disaster, and regions where a DRM strategy is not yet implemented (Tigray, Afar, Benishangul and Gambella). The Regional DRM institutions will commit 50 % of the (matching) funds to the early response and preparedness actions. EU support will be coordinated with Spanish support to the development of Woreda Disaster Risk profiles, and Mitigation and Adaptation plans.

With an indicative total budget of EUR 65 000 000, the action has an indicative duration of 60 months from the date of the adoption by the Commission of this Financing Decision.

2 RATIONALE

2.1 Context

Ethiopia is a country with large differences across its regions, which is reflected in the country's climate vulnerability. The lowlands are vulnerable to increased temperatures and prolonged droughts that may affect livestock rearing. The highlands may suffer from more intense and irregular rainfall, leading to erosion that, together with higher temperatures, may result in lower agricultural production. These patterns, combined with an increasing population and worsened by the recent internal conflict, may lead to greater food insecurity. Future climate change related hotspots (for food insecurity) are likely to include areas in Afar and Tigray, southern Oromia, the central Rift Valley, and the eastern lowlands which were affected by an estimated 4.7 million IDPS in the last two years.