



# Agri-MSMEs Development for Jobs (AMD4J) Project Ethiopia

GCA is working with AfDB and the Government of Ethiopia on the Agri-MSMEs Development for Jobs (AMD4J) Project project to promote sustainable job creation with systemic entrepreneurship investment support for youth and women led MSMEs in the agriculture value chains in the country. The project has two program outcomes: 1) Job creation promoted and 2) Youth Entrepreneurship Investment Fund/entity established.

## Adaptation Need

Ethiopia faces frequent climate-related shocks including droughts and floods, impacting agriculture, water resources, and food security. These shocks could reduce Ethiopia's GDP by 10% by 2045, affecting 1.5 million people annually due to water scarcity and significantly impacting agriculture and infrastructure. Agriculture is a climate sensitive sector and a key source of income and livelihood for the population of Ethiopia including youth and women, and climate change impacts adversely affect production and productivity. These impacts on the sector pose the risk of youth shying away from engaging in agricultural activities and related enterprises.

## GCA's Added Value

GCA will conduct a national labor market assessment in Ethiopia to identify skills gaps, labor demands, and enterprise strengthening strategies that can enable the creation of adaptation jobs for youth and women in the agriculture sector. The findings will guide the design of a tailored capacity-building component, employing GCA's Pre-Incubator Toolkit to deliver technical assistance, business development support, and training to emerging entrepreneurs, strengthening their ability to integrate climate adaptation into their business models and contribute to resilient employment generation.

Total Investment Value Influenced

**\$66.11M**

Beneficiaries

**N/A**

IFI Implementation period

**2024 - 2029**

Program

**Youth Jobs and Entrepreneurship**

Partners

**African Development Bank**

Status

**In progress**

Countries



## SDG contribution



### PROJECT GOALS

## Mainstreaming Adaptation and Resilience

To address these vulnerabilities and enable a climate-resilient future, GCA is mainstreaming adaptation and resilience by strengthening the capacity of enterprises and the workforce to cope with climate impacts while securing sustainable livelihoods. Youth and women will learn to incorporate climate adaptation into their business models and become contributors to resilient employment and agricultural transformation.

## Expected Outcomes

GCA's support for the African Development Bank will reinforce the project's outcomes:

- 8,000 jobs created with a target for 30% adaptation jobs
- 8,000 Agri-MSMEs and start-ups with access to financial support.
- Youth and women beneficiaries trained on entrepreneurship and business development

TIMELINE

# GCA Support Status

Technical Assistance Preparation

October, 2023

GCA Support Implementation

May, 2024

GCA Support Completion

Monitoring

FINANCE

# Project Investment Value

Total Investment Value  
\$66.11M

IFI INVESTMENT VALUE

\$52.86M

OTHER INVESTMENT  
VALUE

\$13.25M

## IFI partners



African  
Development Bank

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