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Deadline for submitting Comments: October 18, 2011

Subject: **Request for Comment on Draft Program Description of Pastoralists Resiliency Improvement and Market Expansion (PRIME).**

Ladies/Gentlemen:

USAID/Ethiopia invites comments and suggestions on a draft Program Description for the implementation of the USAID/Ethiopia's **Pastoralists Resiliency Improvement and Market Expansion (PRIME)** program. This new PRIME program will improve resiliency and adaptive capacity of pastoral communities to climate change through market expansion. PRIME will be implemented in selected pastoral and agro-pastoral districts (Woredas) of Somali, Afar and Oromia Regions of Ethiopia.

USAID/Ethiopia invites comments and suggestions on the attached draft Program Description (PD) from organizations eligible to compete, experts in the area and other interested parties. Eligible organizations are strongly encouraged to review the document and provide comments. The deadline for submitting written comments and suggestion is indicated above.

The purpose of posting this draft PD is to enhance the quality of the PD. Therefore, comments and suggestions received may be considered during the finalization of the PD. This is not a Request for Application (RFA). Please do not submit an application in response to this draft PD. USAID/Ethiopia will not be able to respond to questions or requests for clarifications resulting from this pre-solicitation notice or the PD. Furthermore, USAID/Ethiopia reserves the right to defer issuance of an RFA or not to issue an RFA if such action is considered to be in the best interest of U.S. Government.

Please submit your written comments and suggestions electronically to caddis@usaid.gov with a copy to Mr. Assefa Abebe at asabebe@usaid.gov and Mr. Mohamed Abdinoor at mabdinoor@usaid.gov.

Sincerely,

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