# Research officer daily diaries for Sirba, East Shewa, Oromiya

## Fieldwork 1

### Female research officer

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| Sun | 17 | I travelled from Addis and stayed in Debrezeit. |
| Mon | 18 | I and my research partner had a short meeting to plan for our work. Then, we went to the Ada’a wereda administration office and submitted the letter to the head. As the officials were very busy in different meetings, we had to wait there. We received the letter of support written by the wereda administration to the Udie Kebele administration and went to Sirba. Before I left to the kebele, I took an appointment with the wereda Women’s and Children’s affairs office head to get back on Thursday and have the interview. Although I tried to do the same with other wereda staff, they were not around and I received their phone number from the wereda head and left to the kebele. I met people there who assisted us to get good guides to start our job. In the afternoon I met my guide and discussed about the work and the respondents who are eligible to participate in the study. |
| Tues | 19 | I met the guide at 8:30am and she took me to the kebele administration office which took us 35 minutes to walk from Sirba. We discussed about the research and the possible assistance we might need from the administration. Then, we went back to Sirba to get the respondent who was knowledgeable about the community trajectories-Module 2. |
| Wed | 20 | The guide took me to a place where the Kebele cabinet and public work coordinators live. Then, I did the two interviews up to 2:pm. Then, I went back to the place where I was staying (A rented house in Sirba village). |
| Thurs | 21 | I went to the wereda and interviewed the women’s and Children’s office head. When I came back to Sirba, it was raining and could move nowhere else. |
| Fri | 22 | The internal roads were very muddy which became challenging to move a long distance. Anyway, the guide took me to the house of a successful woman farmer and one knowledgeable woman (Module 4) I did the interview. |
| Sat | 23 | I went to the house of the successful farmer to interview the wife (M.7-Wives). I broke off the interview and went to interview the successful FHH. |
| Sun | 24 | I continued interviewing the wife of the successful MHH. Then, I got rest |
| Mon | 25 | I continued the interview with wife of the poor MHH. |
| Tues | 26 | The guide took me to the kebele agriculture office in Udie which is in a different place to the main kebele office and I interviewed the group of DAs (Crop DA, Livestock DA, Natural resources DA and the Vet. |
| Wed | 27 | I interviewed the health extension worker and the NGO worker |
| Thurs | 28 | I completed the remaining questions with the economically successful farmer wife and the poor HH wife. In the afternoon, I did the remaining questions for the Successful FHH module |
| Fri | 29 | I did the interview with the rich young girl who is 13 and the middle wealth young girl who is also 13 years old. |
| Sat | 30 | I did the interviews in M-5 (Non –Farm Business), Middle wealth trader, |
| Sun | 31 | I continued with one of the middle wealth (above) M-6 and interviewed two young girls |
| Mon | 1 | I interviewed development team leader, cell leader and model farmer woman |
| Tues | 2 | I went to Udie and interviewed the returned International migrant |
| Wed | 3 | I went to Debrezeit where the head teacher lives and did the interview there. |
| Thurs | 4 | Interviewed returned urban migrant |
| Fri | 5 | Interviewed small trader and self-trader women. |
| Sat | 6 | I interviewed three young girls in (M-6) |
| Sun | 7 | I interviewed the local drink seller, started interview with Poor FHH |
| Mon | 8 | Continued interviewing poor FHH |
| Tues | 9 | Interview with wife of middle wealth farmer |
| Wed | 10 | Continued interview with the wife of Middle wealth farmer |
| Thurs | 11 | I interviewed the youth leader in Udie |
| Fri | 12 | I interviewed the farm products seller |
| Sat | 13 | I tried to contact some members of the 1-5 teams who were mobilizing the community to participate in the election of the next day. But they all were too busy to provide enough information about the election day. |
| Sun | 14 | Rest |
| Mon | 15 | I did the interview with the Women’s leader in Udie then i went back to Sirba. |
| Tues | 16 | I did the interview with the leading Business woman |
| Wed | 17 | I contacted the wereda office head on the phone who gave me an appointment to meet on Friday, 19,2013 |
| Thurs | 18 | Interviewed with two young girls (M-6) |
| Fri | 19 | I Interviewed the wereda Health Office Head (in Debrezeit) |
| Sat | 20 | I completed the interview which I had started (on Thurs.18) with the young girl aged 18 and started an interview (in the afternoon) with the Wife of Successful Businessman |
| Sun | 21 | I completed the interview with the Wife of Successful Businessman at her house in Udie |
|  |  | I travelled to Addis |

### Male research officer

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| Sun | 17 | Travel |
| Mon | 18 | We first went to the Wereda Administration office, and had a discussion with the vice head and briefing about the research project and asked for a support letter to be written to the kebele. The head was in a meeting at Adama. We got the letter written by the representative and we moved to the kebele at Udea/Denkaka where we submitted the letter and found approval to start the fieldwork. This day no one from the kebele was free to give us time to start with module 3 and we went directly to the community where Sirba village is found, about 3 kms from the kebele office.  We discussed with community members informally to select guides and we were given suggested people and we found them. After the briefing about the purpose of the study we also told them that we may need different categories of people and we advised them to select us relevant and directly concerned informants. Agreement was signed and the same day they gave us some informants to start with the modules. |
| Tues | 19 | The second day we arrived at 9 and worked until 5 pm. I kept on working on module 2 which required the involvement of various groups from the community. These beginning days were times for me to observe the village, people, their interaction, their daily activity, though it was not farming season. |
| Wed | 20 | I arrived in the morning and kept on working on the same module but also on other modules for example when casual informants for other modules like module 8 and 9 were found. There was no problem or challenge in this day, and the work was concluded at 5:30. |
| Thurs | 21 | We were planning to start with the woreda module in the morning and move to the kebele, but they had meetings when I went to the woreda. I then went to the kebele and continued working with the community from 10:20-5:00. And the day was effective at the kebele though the plan failed at woreda. |
| Fri | 22 | I checked the woreda office in the morning at 8:40 but I was told they have another meeting with other woreda officials. I went to Sirba and continued working on the modules. When I was trying to talk with two young men who were working on welding and doing metal work on the road side at sirba, kebele officials were trying to stop these guys who just started the work. When I asked for the details, I was told that these guys came from Wenji town in the east, and had tried to organize themselves in a cooperative but they were considered non-residents and were not allowed for this. They were forced to get a license before starting the job, but they were arguing that we want to see if the business works in this place for few months and then we will get the license. The final decision was for them to get the license as soon as possible or their business would be closed. I was standing there interviewing the family who rented out the house to these guys and I just wanted to put it here as something encountered. |
| Sat | 23 | I went to the village directly as the woreda offices were closed. This was normal working day, I spent the day sitting at the veranda of one young man who allowed me to interview various people for module 9, module 2 and 8. I completed the day’s work and left the village at 5:10 |
| Sun | 24 | I arrived in sirba at 8:40 and I began working with one young man on module 6, and moved to other modules when he wanted to leave. I was invited for lunch in one of the households which allowed me more time to work than moving to Denkaka for lunch. |
| Mon | 25 | I went to the woreda office in the morning, and I found the vice wereda administrator. He advised me to come the next day at 7 in the morning to meet the head. This time I left to the water mineral and energy office and found the vice head of the office that told me to wait 30 minutes and gave me detailed information. After I finished this, I directly went to Sirba and continued working on the community modules. This day I spent most of my time on module 9 with various people. As it was tabular form and detail it took long time to write down the information. |
| Tues | 26 | I went to the woreda office early at 7 and found the head having coffee at the door of the office, I told him what I needed, but he said I have only 20 minutes to stay with you, I explained him that I need enough time to address all the questions, and he told me to wait a week, and meet him to have longer time. Then I left to the kebele and began working on the modules, and after 3pm my guide took me to local bars where tela and Areki are sold with roasted beans with too much sauce. I saw that many people are found in this place in the afternoon. I got three informants one after the other. This was a successful day. What I observed is a place where people interact and relax when they don’t have any work to do. Those who work on stone extraction also come and sit around the hut and chat and laugh. So it is a recreation centre for villagers. |
| Wed | 27 | I began work at 9:30 with the household module and stayed half day on it. In the afternoon I worked with other people, whom the guide brought to me. This day I came across women gathering in front of a house under a tree eating and drinking. I was passing by and they said come and sit with us, I told them I am going to my appointment, but one of the woman was talking to me loudly saying ‘You were just invited to eat, we didn’t ask you a favour’. At this time I understood that they were offended and I came nearer and explained as I have someone who is waiting for me at the time and apologized and said thank you for the invitation. I worked until 4:20 and left the village. |
| Thurs | 28 | I arrived at 8am, and went to the middle wealth farmer where I was to continue my interviews, and after two hours I left as the man had to leave me. Then I continued with module 6 and spent time with different youths at 13 and 16 years old at the backyard of a house where a good shed was found. The problem about staying a long time with the youths was that most of them have to go to school or their parents want them to do something, and they don’t like their children sitting around for so long. The other thing I faced was that some of them are shy and it required more energy to motivate them to talk. I completed the day’s work at 4:50 |
| Fri | 29 | I came early at 7:50 and met the guide who took me to a customary leader’s home. I worked on module 8 first and moved to module 7 for two hours and then with the youth until 5:40. It was a successful day as people were found easily and I could work much. What I heard was that the customary leader would not talk to me properly as he would be drunk, but the guide said if we go early maybe he will not drink so we went early and we found him with a good mind. But according to the kebele chair and also the guide this man drinks every day and even when he ploughs his land he is drunk. |
| Sat | 30 | I arrived at 9:00, and began working on module 7 with the poor farmer, at the veranda of a Tela house. I bought him tela and his wife also came and sat with him then he gave his tela to her. At this time I recognized that she wanted to drink and I ordered extra tela. We kept on working but in the middle there was another young man who had been drinking in front of us, 3 meters away, and he began to shout and give explanation for the questions I raised, and kept on asking me questions. I thought that the place was becoming inconvenient and gave my informant another appointment and left, to other informants for module 6. I worked with various informants till 3 pm and moved to module 9 till 5pm. |
| Sun | 31 | I arrived at 9 am and continued working with the youth I started interviewing on Saturday. I added a new 19 years old informant which continued till lunch time, and in the afternoon, I met the poor household head and we sat under a tree in the farms and stayed for two hours there, but very strong wind came and we couldn’t stay on the open flat land, and we moved to his house and continued to finish the interview. When we were sitting in the farm I saw that a huge number of camels were covering the farms and eating acacia trees. I asked who owns the camels and he said there are investors who are engaged in camel production and export supported by the government. But I heard from other informants that these camels were owned by the Keryu ethnic group who bring them when harvest is cleared. |
| Mon | 1 | I went to the woreda office to see if I could get him, but the head was not there as usual. Then I asked where the credit office is located, and found the right informant and did part of module 1. This took me 1 hour and I left to the village and began working at 11 am. I continued working on module 7 and began interviews with the rich households and we spent just an hour and left him when he had to go somewhere. I continued working on module 6, and 5. I worked up to 4:30 and returned back. |
| Tues | 2 | I arrived at 8:40 and began working on part of module five till 10:25 and went to the rich farmer’s house where I spent most of my day. This day no one was at home, children went to school and his wife went to Debrezeyt to visit relatives, therefore we had the chance to sit for long hours without interruption, we were just left with a few points to conclude and he told me to finish the next morning. What I observed is that he has been taking care of the house, the cows, the bull fattening and cleaning the cattle’s house. This gave me a sense that families cooperate and men do various things at home. |
| Wed | 3 | I went to the village and finished with the rich farmer till 9:35 and I began working on module 6 and in the late afternoon I interviewed a few people on module 8 and 9. I completed the work around 5 pm. |
| Thurs | 4 | I arrived at 9:10 and continued working with various people on different modules. In the afternoon, I went to visit where stone is produced and talked with one of the cooperative members. I came back after I completed my work for the day at 6. |
| Fri | 5 | I worked with the middle farmer household head till 12 and after lunch I went looking for a monk but he was not in his house. We went with the guide to different places, but finally people told us that he is in one of the Areke Houses. We got there and found him drinking Areke in a small hut with another two people one of them who has mental problems only when he drinks. I sat next to the monk and told him why I wanted him, then we began discussing. The sick man was disturbing us by talking meaningless things with a loud voice, but I tried to manage to complete the interview. There was one part which asked what the church is doing to reduce bad habits like drinking among the youth, but I was confused how to ask him while drinking Areki and interviewing him in such a place. Therefore I passed that question and elaborated why I didn’t ask it on the module. I paid for the Areki price of the monk and my guide, which was only 4 birr. |
| Sat | 6 | I arrived at 9:30 and began working on the modules, mainly module 6 and part of module 7. After 3pm I went to a Tej house where the guide hoped to get many people. I began working with a man who is an irrigation association member and another man on module 2 and 9. However after 4:10 the Tej house became crowded and inconvenient for interviews and I left. The other thing today is that my attempt to find an economically successful household failed because the informant I was given was an old man engaged in grain trading but he is doing it on a very small scale and uses the business to sustain with it, so I left the house after I began the interview by saying sorry. |
| Sun | 7 | I arrived at 9:05 in the village and met my guide with whom I travelled to Ude village to meet the kebele manager. He was in some data collection with other people as the woreda wanted to have it, so we gave him a call and he came to the office where I could get a chance to interview him and I was able to get the outer structure of kebele map which was made for the Health Extension program hh mapping. We walked back to Sirba using internal roads which allowed me to view the terrain of the two villages better and also the mountains. I saw young girls and boys moving to school while listening to music and also religious songs on their mobile, I continued working after lunch and worked with one poor widow who works in a local hotel in her own living room, and with other people on module 2. I completed the work at 5 and left the village. |
| Mon | 8 | This day I was a bit sick and went to the clinic in the morning and after getting tablets I went to the village and began to interview the kebele chairman. I spent an hour with him and he said call me and we will arrange to finish it up. I continued working with others and it was a successful day and I was able to work till 4 pm and returned home to have rest. |
| Tues | 9 | I arrived at 9:10 and I began working with young men in the morning. In the afternoon I discussed with four community members on module 9 and 2. I finished the work at 4:50 and left the village. There was rain and strong wind sometimes and what I observed this day was that a big eucalyptus tree had fallen at night as a result of the wind and this had destroyed the main electric line on the main road side, with the poles down. The kebele assigned two young men to keep children and livestock away from the wire that fell on the ground, and the kebele contacted the Electric office at Debrezeyt to come. They arrived in two hours, but they disconnected the line and left the poles as they were, because of this part of the village was not getting power. |
| Wed | 10 | I arrived early at 2:05 and began working with various people to fill gaps in module five, module 9, and 2. I worked on this up to 4 pm and lastly I went to the middle wealth farmer to give me appointment, he said the next day after lunch, and I agreed and left the village. |
| Thurs | 11 | I arrived at 9:15 and began working with the kebele chairman under a tree in one of the compounds where there is a Tela house. We spent a long time talking but around 11:10am a pick-up loaded full of policemen arrived and began to rush into the village and surrounded some houses. At this time the interview was interrupted as the chairman also went to the policemen. I heard that they were informed that one young man who had been a driver robbed and killed a driver of an Isuzu truck and unloaded the commodities into his house. The information reached the police when his friends with whom he cooperated were caught. When the police searched his house, the goods from the Isuzu truck were all found in his house, but he was not there. The police brought a car and took the goods as evidence, and took and arrested his wife. In the afternoon I worked on module 7 with middle farmer and other community members on module 8, and returned back home at 5:45. |
| Fri | 12 | I tried to meet the woreda head early in the morning but he was not at office, I waited him for 35 minutes but he didn’t come. I was about to interview the vice but he said he was going to leave for fieldwork in rural kebeles. Therefore I continued my way to the kebele and started working on the youth module and this has taken time up to 3:30 and afterwards I met three people to talk on community mapping. We sat down and discussed after I drew the boundary of the whole kebele and divided it into three villages which I took from the kebele wall. Together with the guide they cooperated and helped me to sketch what is found inside sirba and partly in the other villages, after finishing this I returned back at 6 pm. |
| Sat | 13 | I went directly to the kebele and began working with the chairman from 9:45 up to 12, and we completed module 3. In the afternoon, I worked on module 8 and clarified the map with two other people. I completed the day’s work at 4:25 and left the village. |
| Sun | 14 | I arrived around 9 and began working with one youth who is 13, and spent half day with him by taking short breaks in the middle. It was election day and as we were advised to stay away from the voting area, I preferred to select a kid and work until the election is completed. In the afternoon I talked with other youths with whom I was left with a few points to conclude, and I finished the work at 4:00 and returned home. |
| Mon | 15 | I arrived at 9 and began working on filling gaps in all the modules and interviewed different people for module 8 modules 2 module 9 and finished the work at 4:20 and left the village. |
| Tues | 16 | I began interviewing the successful businessman from Ude village after it was said to be ok to take one from other villages but in the same kebele, if not found in Sirba. As he was busy with his business I had the chance to stay with him a maximum of 40 minutes the first day. Then I returned to Sirba and talked with cell and development team leaders for module 8, and returned home at 3:35. |
| Wed | 17 | I continued working on module 7 with the business household in the morning and we were able to stay about 40 minutes again and I left to Sirba and worked on module 6 and 5 until 4:00 and returned home. There was an accident with a little girl who choked and died while playing around her mother who had been cooking. This has caused sorrow. |
| Thurs | 18 | I gave a call to the business household but he said he can’t meet me today because he is about to buy bulls from Mojo market and I had to directly keep on to Sirba, where I completed module 6, module 9 and finalised the map after checking with a few people. I worked 9:00-4:10 and left the village |
| Fri | 19 | I tried to meet the woreda leader but still he was not in office, and left to the field and arrived at Denkaka and finished module 7 with the business man. I went to Sirba, I finalized module 2, module 5 and took some pictures and left the village at 3 pm. |
| Sat | 20 | I arrived at Sirba at 10 am and worked with some people to fill all minor gaps I had in all the modules, and I thanked the kebele chairman by phone, I paid the Guide’s salary and returned home at 3 pm. I couldn’t complete the wereda module and my only chance was to find him on Monday before the debriefing day which is going to be on Tuesday. |
| Sun | 21 | I stayed home by drawing the map on bigger paper. |
| Mon | 22 | I went to the woreda administration office at 7 in the morning and found the vice who was busy again getting ready to go to the field, preparing his motorbike to ride to the woreda for work visit. I told him this is my last day and as I have to talk to someone, he took me to the program officer for development activities and this person gave me enough time and detailed information based on the questions I forwarded from the module. And this way I concluded the fieldwork. |

## Fieldwork 2

### Female research officer

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| Wed | 30 |  |
| Thurs | 31 |  |
| Fri | 1 | Travel to wereda and facilitated the authorization |
| Sat | 2 | Travel to site meet the guide and kebele officials |
| Sun | 3 | Taking community pictures and have appointments for interviewing |
| Mon | 4 | Interview with Poor FHH  Interview with Wife of Successful farmer |
| Tues | 5 | Interview with successful FHH  Interview with good informant |
| Wed | 6 | Interview with Wife of Poor HH  Interview with Young woman-on Migration |
| Thurs | 7 | Interview with the gomista in Udie(on gaps)  Visit the health post, |
| Fri | 8 | Interview woman-on female circumcisions (on gaPs), |
| Sat | 9 | Interview with Young girls (19)  Interview with Leading business woman  Interview with 1-5leader |
| Sun | 10 | Rest |
| Mon | 11 | Interview with DAs, HEW, |
| Tues | 12 | Interview with Wife of Successful Business man |
| Wed | 13 | Back to Addis |

### Male research officer

Not available.