

## Revival of Haramaya lakes

Haramaya is one of the woreda of east Harerege zone having four lakes around. Haramay Lake shares its name for the woreda and the great university within the woreda, Adele, Tinke, Harajitu and Haramaya lakes were dried from 1996 up to 2012 and become bare land that can be crossed by car tracks said Mr. Shukr Mohamed Haramaya woreda Agricultural office Head.



*Figure 2 Haramaya Lake dried and become bare land*

Mr. Shukur further explained that “before the lakes dried used for town water supply, water source for Harer Beer

water source for Haramaya University, fishing and water transport from kebele to kebele, but due to siltation and miss use of water resource all the four lakes were dried for more than six years” and “With this filthy situation SLMP joined the woreda and planned to contribute for riving of the lakes by implementing soil and water conservation practices through organized platforms from woreda up sub kebele level on 10 micro watershed, which is a source of supply of water for the lakes”



*Figure 1 Adele micro watershed treated with soil and water conservation practice*

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Mrs. Qemru Ahmed From Haramya micro watershed says “we are living on the upper catchment of the micro watershed and we face water shortage during dry season and only focused on perennial plants for survival but soil and conservation practice implemented by SLMP changed our production and productivity in addition comfortable environment we get or life”



Figure 3: Revived Haramaya Lake and upper catchment change

Mr. Abdela Etefo Shares the same idea, says “know we have hand dug weal and produce fruit and vegetable for market and our hope come back with soil and water conservation work”

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Figure 4: apple production on the upper catchment of Haramaya Micro watershed

*Dr. Jemal Husen Harmaya woreda Administrator says our lakes come back due to natural resource management in the surrounding micro watershed I says “ If we protect the natural resource it will protect as from disaster” all this is with SLMP and other programs effort on soil and water conservation. For the Future we want to strength the conservation practice and protecting the lakes form pollution and hopefully SLMP will continue leading role.”*

*Mr. Abdul-Aziz Mohamed was a farmer near to Haramaya lake and says “ we born again, before four years we dig*

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more than 20 meters to get water but know We get water from the hand dug wells maximum five meters long to produces potato, other vegetables for foreign market and get better income said farmer Abdulaziz and gives thanks for SLMP by considering the focal person near his farm.”



*Figure 5 potato production near to Haramaya lake, Haramaya Woreda*

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